

I am writing this endorsement on behalf of Doug Bedford running for Sheriff in Johnson County, KS.

Doug and I served in the same Platoon at SEAL Team 3 from 1990 - 1992. To my knowledge this was Doug's first Platoon, but you could not tell that by his actions. Doug was a constant professional from day one. Doug served with Honor and Integrity at work and at home. He excelled as a leader that everyone wanted to follow. If Doug oversaw something, you knew that it was going to get done.

Many times, Doug was handpicked to carry out advance trips to various countries to set up all logistics for the force that was soon to arrive. This included his role as a liaison with host nation officials, a job that is usually given to more senior leaders or officers. Doug represented our Command and our Country in the most professional way. Everyone wanted a SEAL Platoon full of "Doug's". He constantly bestowed the Navy Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

Doug's Loyalty to this Country was beyond reproach during his active-duty time in the Navy and continued when he got out and became Deputy and Former Undersheriff for Johnson County. We hated losing Doug from the Teams but always knew that he would continue to fight for this great country and his family.

To me, they don't get any better than Doug. He has done it all. A silent professional who has had an impeccable career so far and will continue to do so. I couldn't think of a better person than Doug Bedford to be Sheriff of Johnson County, KS.

Please feel free to reach out to me for any further comments.

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