

I'm Travis Stolley and I'm running for Sheriff here in Boundary County. I was born and raised in Boundary County and outside my time spent in the Marine Corps, this has been my home.

Upon graduating from Bonners Ferry High School in the spring of 2005, I joined the United States Marine Corps in October that same year. While in the Marines I was deployed overseas a total of four times serving in Iraq twice, Afghanistan once and deployed on the USS Iwo Jima in the Persian Gulf.

My primary job was as a Huey (UH-1N) and Cobra (AH-1W) "flightline" mechanic as well as an Aerial Observer/Door Gunner on the Huey. As a mechanic I worked on the rotor and engine systems of both airframes ensuring they were safe for flight. As an Aerial Observer my primary duties included assisting the pilots while in flight ensuring a successful mission as well as manning the crew served machine guns.

I served for a period of eight years and nine months and ended my service shortly after obtaining the rank of E6 - Staff Sergeant in August of 2014.

I married my wife of 17 years Jessica Stolley, in 2006 after dating her throughout High School. My son, Alex Stolley, was born while I was deployed on the USS Iwo Jima in 2008. My daughter, Kaylee Stolley, was born a short time before I deployed to Afghanistan in 2011.

We moved back to Bonners Ferry the summer of 2014 which I have jokingly stated was the easiest and hardest decision I have ever made. It was time to focus on my family and be there as a father and husband, which was the easy part. It was extremely difficult to pick up and change careers and start over. The only thing that made it easier was that we could do it here in Boundary County. I have been all over this world but there truly isn't anyplace like home.

Once back home I took a couple of odd jobs working as a grain truck driver for Tim Dillon out at Houck Farms and then for Tom Mackey with Northwest Tree and Reclamation. I owe a lot to both men as they gave me the opportunity to adjust as my family and I transitioned back to "normal life."

I had obtained my Airframes and Powerplants license while still on active duty, which allowed me to work on aircraft as a civilian but for one reason or the other that career path didn't work out. As I was searching for a more permanent job, I discovered that the Bonners Ferry Police Department was hiring and decided to pursue a career in Law Enforcement. It was not a job that I had ever really considered doing but once I began working for the BFPD my eyes were opened to a whole new world.

I was hired at the Bonners Ferry PD the fall of 2014 and worked as a Patrol Officer and School Resource Officer. I had a short stint with the Boundary County Sheriff's Office before returning to the City PD eventually obtaining the rank of Corporal before leaving

the City Police Department for good, once again for the Boundary County Sheriff's Office.

While at the Boundary County Sheriff's Office I worked as a Patrol Deputy before obtaining the position of Detective in 2021 where I served in that capacity until stepping aside to focus on my family and business in August of 2022.

I have been involved with many different programs in our community to include youth wrestling and middle school wrestling. I am currently coaching at the High School level for the Bonners Ferry Badgers.

I was a Hunters Education Instructor from 2015 until 2022.

I am currently a member of the Sheriff's Office Dive Team. I am a Level One Reserve Patrol Deputy for the Boundary County Sheriff's Office, where I assist both the Patrol and Detention divisions, as needed.

I am lucky enough to live on a farm where my children raise 4H animals and we have horses which I enjoy riding and hunting off of. In my opinion there is no better way to relax than to explore our county on the back of a horse.

I am also a hay farmer growing grass and grass/alfalfa hay on the north bench.

While away from the everyday hustle of working for the Sheriff's Office I have had time to contemplate the next chapter of my life and "take a look around." During these past few months, it has become very clear to me that we need to come together as a community. I care about what happens in our community so with the encouragement of others and the support of my family, I have decided to put my hat in the ring and run for Sheriff.

I currently hold the following professional qualifications/certifications.

- Field Training Officer
- Idaho POST Intermediate and Advanced Certificate
- Certified Idaho POST Instructor
- Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science - Concentration in Wildlife

Management

- Underwater Criminal Investigator (UCI Diver)
- Public Safety Diver
- DARE Instructor

My Platform

- Accountability
- Honesty
- Transparency

- Work Ethic
- Working Together

Accountability – Law Enforcement is held to a high standard, as they should be. When that standard or expectation is not met there should be accountability. In my experience the lack of accountability tends to bring down the overall performance of the agency.

Honesty – It should go without saying but I have zero tolerance for dishonesty. I will uphold that standard without exception.

Transparency - I will bring transparency to our department by being open to questions from the community and honest when it comes to answering them. This includes the good and the bad. Unless it's an active investigation where, for obvious reasons, information must be released responsibly. I'm a firm believer of owning one's mistakes, correcting that mistake and moving forward.

Work Ethic - I will bring a work ethic and professionalism and expect the same from those in my charge. The Sheriff is responsible for drivers licensing, search and rescue, waterways, civil division, dispatch, as well as detention, patrol and investigative functions. That is a huge service provided to the community. I expect those working to show up, be professional and do their jobs.

Working Together - I will work hard to bring our local agencies together. The Sheriff's Office, Police Department, Boundary County Schools, Kootenai Tribal Police, Kootenai Tribe, Border Patrol and Customs, the Boundary Community Hospital.. the list could go on.

These are all agencies that need to have a solid relationship based on mutual respect and trust. It's my opinion that right now we could improve those relationships from day one. We would do that by holding ourselves accountable to some of the values I've already mentioned.

We all make up different aspects of public service and it is a huge priority to me to build those working relationships.

My goal would be to gain the trust of the community so that when a service is needed from your Sheriffs Office, you get the service you expected.

I look forward to the opportunity to talk with anyone about why I believe I am the best candidate for Sherriff.

Travis Stolley