

I would like to endorse Tom Ballinger for sheriff because he is one of the greatest men I know and the community he serves would be blessed to have him as their sheriff. I've known Tom for over 21 years and I think of him as one of my trusted friends. I met Tom in 2002 when I arrived to my unit at Fort Riley, Kansas. He was highly respected in our unit and he was always looked to first for answers and leadership. I was fortunate to be chosen to be his driver/operator on his Bradley Fighting Vehicle. It was an honor to serve with Tom or as his soldiers called him Sergeant B. Tom was an excellent squad leader and always led by example. We loved him like a father because he always took care of us and he was always willing to get to work right beside us and never asked his soldiers to do anything that he wasn't willing to do. Tom was always picked by our leadership to lead every mission because he was trusted to make the right decision in tough situations. It has been many years since our fighting days but Tom and I have kept in touch. He has always been there for me and I can call on him anytime if I need advice or a shoulder to lean on. Tom is an awesome man, leader, father, and friend and I know Tom would serve his community with the same integrity and impeccable work ethos as he served the US Army.

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