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Thompson the right choice

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EVANSDALE --- As a combat vet, I find it easy to select my next sheriff of Black Hawk County. My vote is based on commitment to an ideal of service --- not just serving the public, but giving selflessly of your time, your energy and your efforts. I feel strongly that public service is about selflessly committing yourself to an ideal that is bigger and greater than the sum of all that you are, and all that you will ever be. I see the commitment to service in the words and in the deeds of Tony Thompson. He too is a combat veteran, having served in Panama, the first Gulf War, and Bosnia. He now trains and teaches other soldiers how to lead men and women into combat at the Iowa Military Academy, having seen and experienced it himself. He trains others to selflessly charge into harm's way on the Sheriff's Office SWAT team. He educates children on the dangers of drugs. He works the streets of our county arresting illegal drug users and dealers, people who otherwise threaten our safety and security. He willingly lays his own life on the line for safety of others. There is no greater gift or focus that a public servant can bring to this election, and I am greatly appreciative of his efforts. He brings this focus in all facets of his life. I for one am convinced that there is no other reasonable choice for the next sheriff of Black Hawk County other than Tony Thompson.