



# Missing In America Project

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**Refer: SGT Bokavich, Casey**

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I have known SGT Casey Bokavich for the past five years. This has been through the Missing in America Project escorts and missions to give honor and respect for our unclaimed and forgotten veterans as well as for funeral escort duties throughout the State of California road system. MIAP has CalTrans Permit # 0212-NTK-0507 that allows MIAP to conduct road control, border to border within the State of California to ensure a safe flow of traffic.

Since the passage of the Redding *City Ordinance No. 2414* Chapter 11.48.010 to allow veterans funeral escorts, SGT Bokavich has been the point of contact between MIAP and Redding Police Department. SGT Bokavich has demonstrated his attention to details in the performance of his duties. The seriousness and experience that he brings forth in accomplishing his duties is outstanding. He is also able to handle all situations at the spur of the moment, with sound judgment and confidence.

Since that time, we have conducted many KIA's and services for unclaimed veterans at the NCVC (over 330 Veterans interned), that I think that we have firsthand knowledge and experience in working with SGT Bokavich. I am confident in the following capabilities that he demonstrates:

1. His ability to train and supervise all under his command. The five annual escort training classes provided by RPD have all been excellent, complete with a safety inspection, background investigations and proof of motorcycle endorsements and insurance.
2. I have observed his ability to deal with other Law Enforcement agencies, family members, Clergy, Next of Kin, Funeral Home Directors and employees to ensure that every minute detail is considered and optimized. All of this to the total

- satisfaction of the families or to MIAP (if unclaimed veterans and dependents) to give honor and respect to the veteran and the family.
3. He has volunteered his time to the local community and has provided training and instruction to all MIAP team members and others on Funeral Escort Protocol and procedures.

SGT Bokavich has conducted himself in the utmost professional manner at all times. He is a credit to the Redding Police Department, law enforcement, himself and to our community. He is an outstanding individual. We trust him completely to represent you and the Redding Police Department in a professional and honorable manner.

We are convinced that after 5 years of observation with different encounters and experiences that have presented themselves in the conduct of our escorts that there will always be a positive result that will bring pride and honor to everything that SGT Bokavich undertakes.

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