



(balding guy on the right)

10 QUESTIONS (6/16/08)

1) NAME & NICKNAME(S):

Dave Jeseritz (no nicknames, but people have called me plenty over the years while at work)

2) AGE (OR AGE GROUP):

43 years old.

3) FAMILY / PETS / LOVED ONES:

Wife-Lori and two boys-Chris (18) and Andrew (14), dog-Max, cat-Princess, and 15 chickens without names.

4) SCHOOLING:

Grew up on a farm in Cottonwood, MN. Have an AS degree in Law Enforcement from Mankato State Univ. I am currently taking online courses for a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with emphasis in Criminal Justice. FBI National Academy Graduate in 2006.

5) OCCUPATION:

Lieutenant with the Helena Police Department

6) HAS BEEN RUNNING WITH THE VIG GROUP SINCE _____, AND GOT INVOLVED BECAUSE:

Spring of 2006, and I think Corey Livesay was the one to recommend the group, as I was working on getting in shape for the FBI Academy and my first ½ marathon.

7) NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS (RUNNING OR OTHERWISE):

I was not born to run. I hated my one year of track in H.S. and only ran 1.5 mile runs to pass various L.E. tests. In 1996, I had to get in shape for a nine mile run at the FBI academy in Virginia, so I decided that I would try the Gov. Cup ½ marathon to prepare for it. I've done three in a row now and I call this weird obsession my mid-life crisis. I'm learning to enjoy running, but fight a constant inner battle to be lazy and eat greasy foods. My most memorable moment was running in the Arlington 5K. The run honored those who lost their lives on 9/11. Sharing the experience with fellow officers from across the U.S., along with friends and families of the victims was a very moving experience. Our route took us past the Pentagon.

8) GOALS (RUNNING OR OTHERWISE):

I would like to motivate myself enough to train and run next year's half-marathon at the Gov. Cup in under 2 hrs.(2:05:34 this year) I have achieved PR's each year so far, but I figured since I haven't really run for 40 years, it's taking me a while to get my running legs;-)

9) PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE / PERSONAL MOTTO:

No personal motto or philosophy to share, but I do admire the heck out of every one of my fellow Vig runners. Your dedication to running and staying healthy, along with your spirit and support for each other is truly inspiring to me. My hat is off to each of you!

10) OTHER INTERESTING TIDBITS:

I will be married 23 years this August to my wonderful wife, Lori. My oldest son just graduated Capital High and is going to pursue a Civil Engineering degree at South Dakota State in Brookings. My youngest will be starting high school. I have been with the police department 19 years in July. I used to do security for the MN Vikings while going to college. (Tommy Kramer's drinking days)
I collect John Deere toy tractors and own a real John Deere B tractor which I periodically take out of the shed for a spin around the neighborhood. I am proud to see my wife and kids working out at the gym, running in the Gov. Cup and committed to staying healthy. I envy my wife for being able to eat anything she wants and not gain a single pound...when all I have to do is look at food to gain weight.
I'm not a social butterfly and I don't usually share personal information, so this bio was a stretch for me. If you don't know me at the track, that's why.

update on Dave, appended by Pat:

New police captain rose thru ranks

By [ANGELA BRANDT](#), *Independent Record* - 07/21/08

In his nearly two decades with the Helena Police Department, Dave Jeseritz has risen through the ranks from patrol officer to sergeant to lieutenant. As of this month, he is captain.

Jeseritz said being chosen as captain is an honor and a privilege.

"The city has given me a lot over the years. It has been a good career," he said.

Jeseritz wasn't even out of his first-year probationary period when he received his first accolade for helping rescue a man from a burning building. For his efforts, he was given a silver medal award from the Montana Association of Chiefs of Police in 1989. Although the incident was quite some time ago and the details are quite hazy, Jeseritz does recall the name of the man he rescued - William Broderson. Jeseritz and his field training officer raced into the smoke-filled apartment on Sixth Avenue and Warren Street and pulled out Broderson, who was unconscious.

Jeseritz explained that when on the job, he doesn't process things like risk the way he would when not on duty.

"To me, there's no hesitation. We did what we needed to do and that was the right thing to do," he said. "It's a different world when you are doing police work."

Helena Police Chief Troy McGee said Jeseritz was chosen because of his experience to replace former Capt. Mike Anderson, who retired earlier this year.

"He has shown a lot of incentive over the years, especially in improving his training," McGee said.

Jeseritz had to endure an extensive interview process for the position but McGee said he performed well and gave forward-thinking answers.

"He seems to be grasping the bigger picture of the city, which is important," McGee said.

Jeseritz currently oversees the Support Services Division, which includes the 911 dispatch center and records department. His

replacement as lieutenant has not been chosen yet.

The captain's responsibilities will be revamped later this year, according to McGee.

Jeseritz, 43, didn't always plan on being a law enforcement officer. Growing up on a farm in Minnesota, he was headed for a life in agriculture. His family raised crops of soybeans and corn in addition to dairy cows, cattle and sheep.

Circumstances changed the course of his life and pushed him toward policing. In 1985, he married his wife, Lori. The next year, his father died in a farming accident.

Jeseritz stayed on the farm while his wife went to college 90 miles away. After one quarter, Lori told him the situation was not working and encouraged him to attend school as well. He agreed and chose law enforcement after meeting some folks in the field who thought it would be a good endeavor for him. Jeseritz said he took a few classes and got hooked.

"It seemed to fit, and the rest is history," he said.

Jeseritz sees many parallels between law enforcement and farming, including that with both he never knows what he will be doing from one day to the next.

"I need diversity, and policing and farming are diverse," he said.

He earned an associate of science degree in law enforcement from Mankato State University in Minnesota in 1989. After sending out a slew of resumes later that year, he and his wife landed in Helena, where Jeseritz was hired as a patrol officer.

Detective Craig Campbell, who has worked with Jeseritz for 18 years, said the new captain is one of the officers who always took it upon himself to learn all aspects of policing from the start.

"He really took advantage of the expertise around him," Campbell said.

Campbell said Jeseritz showed his great leadership during his work on a homicide in 2005.

"Dave was the coordinator of the investigation, and it wouldn't have been the same without him," he said. "He was there earliest in the day and would stay the latest."

Campbell said the new captain would take on the smallest tasks and

wouldn't hesitate to ask questions.

"He is the best person for the job because he is well rounded," Campbell said, citing his experience in patrolling, investigation and support services.

Jeseritz said he is surrounded by wonderful workers, including the dispatchers and officers.

"You're successful because you learn from some of the best officers the city has and has had. There are a lot of good folks here," he said.

City Manager Tim Burton said Jeseritz is very intelligent and has great character.

"He's an absolutely top-qualified candidate. Dave is a hard-working, professional and well-trained officer," he said.

Burton added Jeseritz has a great sense of humor but is serious when he needs to be and treats people with respect.

According to Lou Antonick, emergency management specialist with the General Services Division, who works with Jeseritz as a Capitol Complex liason, said the new captain is very proactive.

"I think they made a great choice putting him in that position. Whenever we have a need - he's always there with answers and discussion," he said.

"It's a great thing for him and it's a great thing for the Helena Police Department," Antonick added.

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