

“Legion Names 2019 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year”

(Grandview, WA) – At their Annual Veterans Day Brunch and Public Safety Awards, Grandview’s Fred E. Hayes Post 57 of The American Legion presented their Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award to a Benton County Deputy.

The award was presented to Deputy Dean Perry of the Benton County Sheriff’s Office on November 9th by Post Commander Robert Gates.

The Award was presented with The American Legion Valor Medal recognizing 16 years of service in the law enforcement field, first as a member of the Pasco Police Department and member of the Tri-Cities SWAT Team as an assistant sniper team leader and more recently as a deputy with Benton County.

The Post also presented Deputy Perry with The American Legion Gold Heroism Medal for saving the life of a two year old unconscious drowning victim on August 7th of this year. The child made a full recovery thanks to Perry’s efforts.

Deputy Perry is a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in both Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He also served in Northern Iraq after Desert Storm with both French and British forces.

In recognition of his military service, the Post also presented him with a certificate honoring his service as a U. S. Veteran.

The local Legion Post recognizes outstanding members in public safety annually during their Veterans Day celebrations. It was noted the Post casts a wide net in seeking nominations. “We included Prosser and Benton County this year since the Prosser Post disbanded and their members joined us,” said Post Executive Committeeman Richard Zook. “We were very pleased to get this nomination from Benton County.” The Post has previously presented the award to Grandview and Hanford Law Enforcement personnel, two of which becoming recipients of the state award.

“We will be nominating Deputy Perry for the state award this next year.

The Grandview Post recently celebrated 100 years of service to veterans, military, families, youth and the community. They meet the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Grandview Community Center. More information is available by calling 509-882-1984.