



HONOR
the Past.



INSPIRE
the Future.

A national first. A community mission.

Introducing Quad City Back the Blue Flight

A National First

Quad City Back the Blue Flight is launching the first Blue Flight from the Quad Cities to Washington DC recognizing our:

- Working, active law enforcement
- Retired law enforcement officers
- Officers killed in the line of duty

Officers will travel together on a chartered plane to Washington DC. They will each have a unique experience sharing their stories and visiting places such as:

- The National Police Officers Memorial where local police officers are honored
- Visit the Police Memorial Wall and National Law Enforcement Museum
- Visit the National Spy Museum
- Visit a local police precinct in DC
- And other historic and service-related sites

Building Safer Communities

This flight is more than a tribute – it is a catalyst.

Our community is facing a serious shortage of law enforcement officers. There are not enough qualified applicants to fill the need.

By publicly honoring service, Back the Blue Flight:

- Elevates positive stories of law enforcement
- Humanizes the profession
- Restores pride and visibility
- Creates meaningful community conversation

Recognition leads to awareness.

Awareness leads to inspiration.

Inspiration leads to future officers.

A Profession Under Strain

The Bigger Picture

Because of the shortage of new applicants, today's officers face:

- Mandatory overtime and increased workloads
- Burnout and declining morale
- Safety risks from limited staffing
- Growing challenges to work-life balance

These pressures accelerate departures and make recruitment harder.

Back the Blue Flight is law enforcement agencies throughout Scott and Rock Island County taking a first step toward changing that narrative.



What Comes Next

This Is Just the Beginning

Back the Blue Flight plans to expand into:

- Community education initiatives
- Youth outreach and career awareness
- Storytelling campaigns featuring officers who once dreamed of serving – and now do

These efforts will build understanding, respect, and renewed interest in law enforcement careers.



I was introduced to QC Back the Blue Flights when they came through the Venture School Program. Through the customer discovery process they identified a strong need to help show support and appreciation for officers, with the payback being greater ties to their community, their department, and the people they serve. I'm excited to see where the program goes and helps strengthen our officers and our community!

Connor Flaherty,
Venture School Instructor

Help Launch a Movement

Funding Goal: \$150,000

Purpose: Fund the inaugural Back the Blue Flight

Your support will:

- Honor those who served
- Restore pride in the profession
- Inspire the next generation of officers

When we recognize service, **WE PROTECT OUR FUTURE.**



Learn more about how **YOU CAN HELP OR GET INVOLVED.**

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