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From: Robert Camarata <rcace44@gcmuni.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 1:08 AM
To: Mayor <Mayor@WATERLOO-IA.ORG>
Subject: Keep the Griffin patch.....

Dear Mayor Quentin M. Hart:

I'm writing to you in support of the Waterloo Police Departments Griffin uniform patch. That patch has been worn proudly and with the most honorable service by Waterloo's Police Officers since 1964. I served Waterloo as a Reserve Police Officer in the early 1970's, was a 57 year resident of Waterloo, a 37 year retiree from John Deere's, and in the early 70's wanted very much to wear the Griffin patch one day myself. That never happened for me, but I did serve many nights with Regular Police Officers who did wear it, and they wore it with great pride. Several took the time to explain to me what a Griffin was, and that it symbolized protection in ancient times, as it does today. Stripping that patch away because of the complaints of a few malcontents is a slap in the face for all who have served wearing the Griffin over the last 56 years. That includes three officers who gave their lives wearing the Griffin patch, Wayne Robert Rice (July 12, 1981), Michael Wayne Hoing (July 13, 1981), and more recently Adam Dean Liddle (October 29, 2015). Is it possible we have forgotten them? It's their patch too, they took a lot of pride in it, as their comrades' in arms do today,... and they deserve to keep it!

Respectfully yours,

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