



CALL TO DUTY

How a Dallas Attorney Landed a Post on Security Detail at the 2013 U.S. Presidential Inauguration

DEFENSE ATTORNEY PETE SCHULTE WORKED FOR THE MCKINNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR SEVEN YEARS WHILE EARNING HIS LAW DEGREE.

In 2005, when he began practicing, he decided to maintain his law enforcement license and remain in the Brazos County reserve. Never in a million years did he think that would lead to serving his country at a presidential inauguration—until he got the call from Brazos County Constable Isaac Butler Jr. about a year ago, asking him to be a part of the security detail. The presidency had yet to be determined, but Schulte said it didn't bear any relevance on his decision to accept the invitation. He joined approximately 70 other officers from the Brazos County region.

On Jan. 20, Schulte was deputized as a U.S. marshal. The experience proved surreal. "There were uniforms from every state reporting for duty," Schulte said. "One of the highlights was being able to wear our Texas uniforms and cowboy hats in Washington, D.C." He takes pride in being the only lawyer in the group—who he knows of. "The big joke was that even though I was a lawyer, I was still doing that type of work."

There were 2,600 officers from across the country on security detail at the inauguration, and Schulte was stationed at the parade on Pennsylvania Avenue, where it was his job to

assist with crowd control. For the most part, people were cooperative yet celebratory. At times Schulte felt overwhelmed to be in the company of so many people who had come together for one purpose. "People were patriotic—standing there you could feel the love people have for America."

Schulte said an estimated 200,000 people went by him as they exited the parade. "There were people from all walks of life; it was really cool to witness that." But it wasn't until after the motorcade left and the crowds moved toward the end of the parade route that he and a couple hundred police officers were able to appreciate the atmosphere. "That's when I had time to actually look around and take it all in."

The experience made an impact. For Schulte, the outcome of the election wasn't at the forefront of his mind, it was the importance of the office. "It was great to see our democracy at work," he explained. "In other countries, you try to change power and wars break out."

For being part of the security detail, Schulte received a badge in a presentation case that he keeps in his office. The event is one he'll never forget. "There aren't any words to describe it all really," he said. "By far it was one of the best experiences of my life."

Above: Pete Schulte and Austin Chief of Police Art Acevedo at the swearing-in ceremony (left) and with Washington, D.C., Chief of Police Cathy Lanier (right).

A Real Pawn Star

How a Passion for Collecting Turned Into a Guest Appearance on a Popular Television Show

LUBBOCK ATTORNEY DAVIS SMITH BOUGHT HIS FIRST MEDIEVAL WEAPON AT A WEAPONS FAIR IN GERMANY. He had always admired the weapons he saw in museums during his travels, but he never knew he could take one home. In fact, when he bought his first piece, he had no intention of actually making a purchase. “Prices weren’t too bad, so I started to look at various collections—and I bought a few things.” To him, medieval weapons are just like art—something to be admired and displayed.

Since then, his collection has grown. He gravitates toward armor (shields and swords), and his goal is to find a homogeneous suit—a suit of armor in which all the pieces were made to go together. But prices are high and fakes are everywhere, he explained, noting that you can tell a real one by the steel. “Blacksmiths back then had to work really hard to get the right kind of steel.”

At the urging of a friend and fellow medieval weapons collector, Smith emailed a photograph of one of the pieces in his collection to *Pawn Stars*, a popular television show on the History Channel. His collection quickly caught a producer’s attention, and his phone rang immediately. He was not sold on displaying his collection but finally relented. “I like arguing with people,” he said. “I wanted to see if they had an expert who actually new what he was talking about.”

Agreeing to be on the show was one thing but transporting his eight-foot-long poleax was another. Although the axe itself weighs only 28 pounds, Smith had a box made in Europe to comfortably transport his precious piece.



Lubbock attorney Davis Smith displays his medieval crossbow.

After arriving in Las Vegas, Smith spent about five hours in the shop, three of them actually filming. “It is a real pawn shop. If you sell them your item, you actually sell it,” he said.

When it came down to negotiating over price, Smith’s experience as a personal injury lawyer worked to his advantage. “I argue for a living,” he said. “When I start doing numbers, I just start hammering.” Rick Harrison, co-owner of the shop where *Pawn Stars* is filmed, can attest to Smith’s haggling skills. When the camera turned off, he turned to Smith and said, “Man, you’re really good at this.”

At the end of the day, Smith decided to keep his axe. “If I bought it, it means I really like it and I want to keep it,” he said. “Plus, the only thing I would do with the money is buy another weapon.” Smith has made other appearances on *Pawn Stars*, bringing with him a medieval crossbow and two poleaxes. In his third and final appearance, he plans to bring a medieval German horseman’s axe.

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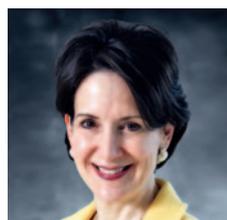
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