



## Dan Johnson

**Current Job/Position:** Chief Deputy and General Counsel of the Richland County Sheriff's Department; U.S. Army Reservist

**Number of years doing this job:** 8 years at the Richland County Sheriff's Department; 8 years in the U.S. Army Reserves.

**How does your company give back to the community?**

In both the sheriff's department and the Army, my job is to protect and serve members of the community and the country everyday.

**What was your first job?** I was a pizza-nista (i.e., I made pizza).

**What is the key to your success?** God, my parents and my mother's belt...

**What's the strangest thing that's happened on the campaign trail?** While attending a local service the minister literally dropped his teeth while delivering the message.

**What advice would you give someone else who wants to run for public office?** Work hard and associate yourself with good people.

**Where did you go to school?** I attended high school in Laurel, Maryland then I went to The Citadel and the University of South Carolina School of Law.

**Do you have children?** No.

**Pets? What kind? Names?** I have a cat named Mingo.

**A green thumb or black thumb?** I think I have a green thumb. I'm really great with a cactus.

**What do you do to relax?** I love coaching my football team. It gets me outside and I can interact with the kids.

**What personal obstacles have you overcome?** I went to a speech therapist as a kid. I had a slight lisp.

**When folks visit from out-of-town, the one place you always take them is:** To the Vista; it offers a variety of things to do.

**What is your guilty pleasure (something you enjoy that may take away from your cool image!)?** I like to bake cookies and I'm told they're actually pretty good.

**Where is your favorite place to be in the Midlands?** The Vista.

**Favorite TV show?** The Amazing Race. I actually made it to the finals in Los Angeles.

**Favorite song to sing in the shower?** "There is Sunshine in My Soul Today." I learned it in the 6th or 7th grade.

**What/when was your first concert?** My father got free tickets to a Frank Sinatra Concert and he told me and my mother that we had to go. Looking back on it now, it was a memorable experience.

**MySpace, Facebook or Twitter?** I prefer a legal pad, but as a result of campaigning, I am now a social networker.

**What is the last book you read?** Rediscovering Black Conservatism by Lee H. Walker

**Last movie you saw at the theater?** Avatar.

**Current playlist on your iPod or car stereo?** Random mix of everything, but not too much country music.

**What is the strangest item in your office? What's the story behind it?** Actually, I have two: An English Bobbie Hat, it was given to me by my counter-part in the

Metropolitan Police Department in London, England during a law enforcement exchange program and a Rajasthan Turban given to me by the Maharajah of Rajasthan.

**What else should we know about you?**

I'm an Adjunct Professor at USC. I love sports and I'm proud of my service in the United States Army.

**Additional shout-outs:**

I have to give one to my mother. She's always first. Then there's Barack Obama, General Rosa at The Citadel, Steve Benjamin, Steve Spurrier, The Seven Oaks Park Falcons and the Dalia Lama!



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