Vetting. Think About It.

Bruce Doucettette has been running around all over creation, handing out Marshals Oaths and credentials in states where he has no office as a Justice or a Judge.

He has been promising people badges who never went through the vetting process to become a Continental Marshal OR to serve in the state militia, either one.

Is it safe or sane to do this?
No.
It's not.

You would think that we were kids playing a game and everyone gets a Marshal's star and a little plastic holster.

What if that man who suddenly has a badge and who is claiming to be a Marshal—- is seriously unhinged? Has a criminal record longer than his arm? An IQ of 50? Isn't an American state national? Is motivated by vengeance? Isn't who he says he is? Is so ignorant he stinks?

Marshals and Judges, both, need to know their jobs and their history and their law. And they also have to obey the law they purport to uphold.

You can't just stand on a street corner and hand out badges and think that's okay. You can't put people in positions of public trust without vetting and training them.

So there's another reason why Bruce and I are parting ways and why I don't approve of Michael R. Hamilton's equally reckless recruiting ideas, either. If he had his way, we'd all just pay him $50 and he'd make up credentials identifying us as the President of the United States.

Why would he care? He made $25 a pop selling you meaningless credentials you didn't earn.

Do you want men you can trust in positions of authority over you, or do you think it's okay to put a stamp of approval on just anybody who wants to play "Marshal" or "Justice" for a day?
And can any of you tell me how these practices by Doucette and Hamilton are going to do anything but endanger good people? Both those who are willing to serve, but don’t have the training for it, and the public, too?

I have come too long and too far to stand here silent, knowing that what these two men are doing will serve to discredit the effort and endanger everyone involved.

I have to object. Loudly.

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