

Cancer Survivor Honored by Trump Now Sworn-In as State Trooper by Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders

The 13-year-old boy who caught the nation's attention during President Donald Trump's Joint Address to Congress earlier this month is continuing on his extraordinary journey of becoming a member of as many law enforcement agencies across the country as he can.

Recently, Devarjaye "DJ" Daniel traveled to Arkansas where Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders swore him in as a state trooper.

"We had the best day too DJ!! Being an Arkansas State Trooper looks good on you," she wrote on X.

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– Sarah Huckabee Sanders (@SarahHuckabee) March 19, 2025

The young boy was also named an honorary chief of the Arkansas State Capitol Police.

"In Arkansas, we love our law enforcement. During President Trump's address to Congress, DJ Daniel's powerful story touched our hearts," said Arkansas Secretary of State Cole Jester. "I was honored to invite him to Little Rock to become honorary Chief of the State Capitol Police. Thank you for inspiring us!"

DJ's story of overcoming the odds is touching thousands across the nation.

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As CBN News reported, DJ was only given six months to live after being diagnosed with a rare form of brain and spine cancer in 2018, but he was determined to live out his dream of becoming a police officer.

"I know the doctors are kind of confused as to how he is able to be there and still be around, considering he's terminally ill, but it's your spirit and your gas tank, it's your fuel, you just have to stay positive and everything, this is what keeps him around," DJ's dad, Theodis Daniel, said.

So far, DJ has been sworn in by more than 900 law enforcement agencies nationwide.

DJ and his dad have successfully spread that message of perseverance and loving your neighbor while raising awareness for childhood cancer.

On Mar. 4, President Donald Trump recognized DJ's strength and determination before members of the House and Senate.

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"DJ and his dad have been on a quest to make his dream come true, and DJ has been sworn in as an honorary law enforcement officer, actually, a number of times," Trump said. "The police love him. The police departments love him."

"And tonight, DJ, we're going to do you the biggest honor of them all. I am asking our new Secret Service Director Sean Curran to officially make you an agent of the United States Secret Service," he continued.

DJ later told CBN News the moment was unexpected and left him in awe.

“I was not expecting that, for him to give me an actual badge for Secret Service. I’m not going to lie. My face dropped all the way to the ground,” he said.

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