



RCAF Warrant Officer (Ret'd) Jeffrey Brown

Jeff Brown's background and his race experience.

1. You are Canadian Veteran ... Can you give us some background into your military service?

Jeff Brown: A Very Proud Canadian, and I served as an Airforce Traffic Technician for 27.71 years. I spent many years of my Career away on Tours and Operations. Both as Air Movements, and a Loadmaster on the CC130 Hercules. I loved almost everything about my time in the Forces. I retired in Oct 2016 with a medical release for back issues. I had masked the pain for years prior, and it got to the point that the 20-minute drive home went from being painful to making me angry. It took many months of treatment to try and figure out the best way forward. Still today I have incredibly bad days, but trying to focus on other things certainly helps.

2. How did you learn about Operation Motorsport?

Jeff: I was chatting with Kelly Briggs (MFRC) and she gave me some information on what they (Diezel & Tiffany) were starting up. It was ironic that I already knew them both separately through work and friends. Then meeting them together was nice to see their connection to Motorsports and their unique ability to bring their passions to Veterans. Both have a ton of reasons this just makes sense for them. Diezel of course with Military Career and knowing the struggles of Medical Release and working through the confusing steps to gain your inner peace. Tiffany with knowledge from the Military Family side of the house and knowing what Chronic Pain is like. I am very happy to be apart of this on the ground level, as it is an important step for many Veterans on their personal roads to Recovery and Peace.

3. What do you think about the Operation Motorsport mission statement?

Jeff: I think it fits well with the goals of this Charity. I have been able to see first hand the results of Mission Motorsport and their incredible reach to so many Veterans. I spoke to many people in their Organization and was overwhelmed with the life changing abilities they have. Their influence in Operation Motorsport has been tremendous. The Charity can already see success in the short time alive with American and Canadian Beneficiaries. I know they (Operation Motorsport) have a much larger population and includes two Countries with vast distances, but this will not hamper the success of Operation Motorsport.

4. Why are you interested in motorsports?

Jeff: Cars have always been a part of my passion for life. From a small child I remember my Grandfather buying me Matchbox cars, and that passion transferred to Real Cars at 16. I founded a Car Club for Buick Grand Nationals in Winnipeg which we donated our time and profits to charity. I now have a small collection of Muscle Cars that I enjoy. I also believe it is a great hobby to have with my son. Something to keep us busy together and I am able to provide him with some abilities I have picked up along the way. Also the social aspect of Cars has been part of the journey. Meeting people from all different circles and finding a common interest in Cars. Motorsports is an offshoot from this passion. Being at a track and allowing my C5 Corvette to stretch its legs, while keeping my mind busy, learning how to best attack the next corner.

5. You were part of the Corvette Corral at CTMP in 2017 and brought your son. Had you ever been to a motor race before this time? Did you and Ryder enjoy it?

Jeff: I had never been to an IMSA Race before, and frankly knew nothing about them. NASCAR of course, and the local dirt track once a year. We both had an amazing time. The greeting upon arrival and the swag bag was over the top. People were very friendly and eager to show Ryder and I all about Canadian Tire Motorsport Park and this IMSA Rave. I enjoyed the tour around CTMP and learning a bit about how things are done. I found it great that you could move around the track and find a spot that suited you. It seems so much more free than any other race. The day was topped off with the Parade Laps which certainly put me in a new mindset about how best to use my Vette. It was not long after these parade laps that I was tossing the car around Shannonville and learning what skills I have and what needed improvement. Being able to bring Ryder to CMTMP was really incredible. He is my pride and joy. Being able to experience this with Ryder makes it hard to put into words how thankful I am.

6. Understand you were at the Race of Remembrance. What was your experience your thoughts?

Jeff: My experience was very good. It was a tough journey over there for my injuries, but after the first couple of days it was a truly bonding experience. I learned a few things about myself while there and certainly made a new group of life long friends with similar experiences. They understood the up and down part that life and your body throws at you. They get not wanting to be around anyone when you are in pain. They also made me feel the group pulse and got me back in the right mindset ready to succeed. Chatting and meeting so many that Mission Motorsports has helped literally succeed with new careers, new positions in their Charity to just helping them get over some life hurdles... made me totally understand how much Canadians and Americans can use what Operation Motorsport brings to the table.

7. You are now a part of Operation Motorsport. Can you tell us about why you want to take on that role?

Jeff: I feel that there is a huge benefit for Veterans Recovery and Retraining with Op Motorsport. I was lucky to be able to see what Mission Motorsport has done, in a short 5 years. It is incredible the people they have helped and the companies that lend a hand. They really step up to their callings. This Charity really is one of a kind, with the benefits from refocusing attention to tasks at hand. Which really is what most of us did, in the Military, for years before injuries took their final toll on us. We focused on current tasks and failure is not an option so we push on and get the job done.... until of course our final breaking point. Once that hits it can feel like the machine sets you aside and carries on with out you. As it must and should, but the problem lies in the thought process from years of training. You do and keep doing. Therefore you require a new focus and a slightly changed mindset. The Charity has the tools to provide a new focus, and assist in a Veterans future goals. Being there myself, I felt I really didn't need any help, but as I reflect I can see I did need a helping hand and they were there to lift me back up.