

## Williamson County Veterans Services Office

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Good Morning Judge, Commissioners and members of the public:

My name is Jessyca Hilar, and I am proud to be Williamson County's newest Assistant County Veteran Service Officer. I was born and raised in northern Minnesota, to my parents John and Terry, with two brothers, Pat and Mark, and a large extended family. I live in Georgetown with my 12-year-old son, Caleb, my pride and joy, and my reason why.

I enlisted in the United States Air Force right after high school in 1994, in the Services career field. Over my 20-year career, I served in various assignments within 6 duty stations, both stateside and abroad, to include 5 deployments to the Middle East: Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Qatar, Kuwait, and Republic of Georgia. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in human services from Wayland Baptist University, completed two associate degrees from the Community College of the Air Force, and desire to pursue a master's degree in social work, to further advocate my passion for veterans' mental health awareness.

Since retirement, I have worked with several veteran service organizations, to include Soldiers Angels' as the Women of Valor team lead, assisting caregivers of post-9/11 veterans; Samaritan Center's Hope for Heroes Program as the Care Manager and Outreach Coordinator, an Eagle Leader for Team RWB, and a 3-year volunteer in WILCO's Veteran Treatment Court as a Veteran Peer Mentor. I come from a family legacy of military service which includes members in each branch of the military, both enlisted and officers. I come by my service to our country proudly, and I look forward to serving the veterans in Williamson County with excellence, honoring those who have served, and carrying on the Air Force core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do.

Jessyca's commitment to excellence and her history of veteran advocacy within Wilco made her a great choice for the Wilco Veteran Services team. Like Wilco, Jessyca believes customer service is a crucial aspect when providing professional level services. Her passion to serve the veteran community in a superior matter will increase our office's positive impact within the veteran community.