



Tony Forbes - A strategic, multidisciplinary leader with a passion for service, Tony is a Retired Officer having served as a Soldier in the United States Army for 23 years. His military service took him around the world with service tours on the continents of Asia, Australia, Europe, and North America. A Veteran of the Global War on Terrorism, Tony served two operational tours in combat (Afghanistan and Iraq) and is a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal. Tony's assignment, before retiring from the Army, was as the Director of National Programs for the Office of Reintegration for the

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. Tony has been working for the United States Department of Labor for the past six years and relocated to the state of California and is now the Regional Veterans Employment Coordinator for the San Francisco Region in the Office of Strategic Outreach for the Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service. He works closely with the Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL-VETS) Regional Administrator of the San Francisco Region and under the supervision of the Director of Strategic Outreach - DOL VETS, to assist non-profit organizations, state educational institutions, the public/private sector and state government agencies in the design, launch, and evaluation of a range of initiatives centering on employment for veterans and Military Spouses.

Tony received his BA in Health Education from Middle Tennessee State University and his MA in Business from Central Michigan University. Tony's experience and expertise have led him on a course of serving as an ambassador for our nation's citizens, whether they have worn the uniform of our military or not. In his free time, Tony enjoys the outdoors and helping the less fortunate with his devotion to assisting community organizations serving the homeless.



VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Janice Maupin-Anderson
Dallas Regional Veteran's Employment Coordinator

Janice has been working for the U.S. Department of Labor since 2016 and now serves as the Regional Veteran's Employment Coordinator for the Dallas Region in the Office of Strategic Outreach. Janice works closely with the Dallas Regional Administrator and 11 State Directors to assist state and local government agencies, public/private sector employers, non-profit organizations, state educational institutions, and apprenticeship entities to connect them with resources to facilitate employment of veterans.

Previous role with VETS, Janice served as the Assistant State Director for the State of Texas. Assisted the DVET with evaluating and administrative reporting for Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) grants, the Jobs for Veterans State Grant (JVSG), and DOL Employment Workshop portion of TAP. Investigated Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), and Veterans Preference for Federal employment complaints.

Prior to coming to VETS, Janice civilian work experiences includes five years with the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) in the roles as a Lead Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER) and Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) Specialist; Adjunct Faculty Professor with Park University, San Antonio; Military Outreach Volunteer with Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR); Career Counselor, Job Coach and Mentor for Resurrection Baptist Church Career Development Ministry, San Antonio; and Group Facilitator for Domestic Violence perpetrators at the Family Violence Intervention Program.

Janice served in the active Air Force for 29+ years in various staff and leadership roles that included the United States Air Force Command Paralegal Chief Master Sergeant for Air Mobility Command; Senior Enlisted Paralegal Career Field Assignments Manager; Staff Judge Advocate General Subject Matter Expert on the Air Education Training Command Inspector General Team; Circuit Court Superintendent for the European Trial Judiciary; Law Office Manager; Military Justice Paralegal; Defense Paralegal; Claims and Aircraft Investigator; Cadre Court Reporter; and Personal Property Counselor.

Completed Dual Master of Arts Degree in Human Resources Development & Leadership/Management and a Master of Arts Degree in Community Counseling from Webster University. Attended many Veteran-related courses with the National Veterans Training Institute (NVTI), including Veterans' Employment Opportunities ACT (VEOA), USERRA/VETS Investigator Course, Employer Outreach, and Promoting Partnerships for Employment, Labor Employment Specialist, Federal Grants Management, Career Coaching for Special Populations, and Case Management.



Wendy Harrison

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Wendy Harrison has served as the Tennessee State Director for the US DOL Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) since September 2015. Ms. Harrison began her career with VETS in September 2010 as an Assistant Director in the Nashville office.

Ms. Harrison oversees, as well as conducts investigations under Veterans' Preference (VP) and the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).

She currently serves as the Grant Officer's Technical Representative for Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program (HVRP) grants and the Tennessee Jobs for Veterans State Grant (JVSG), monitoring quarterly performance and financial data and providing technical assistance to grantees as needed.

In addition, she monitors the Department of Labor's Employment Workshops at various military installations across Tennessee, including Ft. Campbell (KY) and Millington NSA (TN). These workshops are provided to transitioning service members and their spouses to help prepare them for meaningful careers in the civilian sector. Ms. Harrison serves as a national co-lead on the VETS/VA Veteran Readiness & Employment (VR&E) Joint Work Group. Lastly, Ms. Harrison is a member of the national JVSG State Plan Action Team, reviewing and providing feedback to nine states regarding the PY20-23 WIOA State Plans.

Born at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, Ms. Harrison grew up as an Army dependent. She then joined the U.S. Air Force and served from 1991-1995 as a Surgical Services Specialist. After serving in the Air Force, she and her family returned to Clarksville, TN, in 1995, where she continues to reside.

Ms. Harrison graduated Summa Cum Laude from Austin Peay State University (Clarksville, TN) with a Bachelor's degree in Public Management/Sociology (2003). Having interned at the local American Job Center in Clarksville as part of her degree requirement, she was immediately hired by the TN Department of Labor as an Employment Security Interviewer. Within a few months, she transferred to the position of Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist (DVOP) and remained in that position until she began her career with VETS in 2010.

Wendy has one son, Thomas, and a four-year old grandson, Landon.



Aleshia VM Thomas-Miller, a United States Army Veteran, has been an Assistant Director (ADVET) with the Department of Labor (DOL) Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) in the State of Virginia since 2015. In this capacity, she provides oversight of the Jobs for Veterans State Grant (JVSG) facilitated through Virginia's American Job Centers (AJC), and provides technical assistance for the delivery of individualized career services, job placements, and supportive services to Veterans, eligible Transitioning Service Members, and eligible Military Spouses.

ADVET Thomas-Miller currently serves on the National VETS-VRE JWG, which streamlines processes and procedures for the advancement, improvement, and expansion of employment opportunities to VR&E participants. She was out-stationed as an Intensive Services Coordinator (ISC) at the District of Columbia's VARO in 2012 and served as a Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program Specialist (DVOP) in the State of Virginia in 2009. Her former role as a Transition Assistance Program (TAP) facilitator assisted numerous Transitioning Service Members in learning the circumference of civilian employment/hiring practices, but also afforded her opportunities to enhance Veterans' job search efforts by hosting Job Clubs within the Department of Veterans' Affairs and facilitating employment workshops throughout the DC-MD-VA Metropolitan areas.

ADVET Thomas-Miller's extended duties include oversight of DOL's Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP), and engaging the community, stakeholders, partners, and employers (via) Hire Veterans Medallion Program (HVMP). Her advocacy and diligence for "Veteran Employment" has been consistent for nearly 15 years! She is a navigator for Veteran resources and implements the slogan "No one who served or is serving in uniform ...left behind!"