

## James Leavelle

James joined the SBDC in November 2011 as a Business Development Specialist. He earned his undergraduate degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix and completed his MBA from Angelo State University in December 2011.

James joined the United States Air Force in December of 1987 as a Medic. Over the next 11 years, he would have assignments in the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Mississippi, and Florida. He would deploy to Egypt and Saudi Arabia in support of military operations. He left active duty, but would return in 2011 as a part of a reserve unit. While in the reserves he would deploy once more to the Middle East in support of on-going military operations. He retired from military service in 2020 at the rank of Master Sergeant.

After his career in the United States Air Force, James has owned and managed a floorcovering business. Additionally, he has been a store manager and a multi-unit manager in the convenience store industry. He further utilized that retail management experience training store management and staff for a large convenience store chain.

James now enjoys travelling and camping with his wife Glenda. They look forward to when they pack up the RV and travel full time!