



DEBBIE JOINER CHILDRESS, CLASS OF 1984, IS A GRADUATE OF CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY WITH A DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION. PRESIDENT OF THE SMITHVILLE AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, SHE WAS THE FIRST WOMAN ELECTED TO THAT POSITION AND HAS BEEN HIGHLY PRAISED FOR HER OUTSTANDING WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF SMITHVILLE. SHE IS ALSO AN AUXILIARY WITH THE KANSAS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT ASSIGNED TO THE MOUNTED PATROL AND A MEMBER OF GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PARTICIPATING IN MANY CHURCH AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING MISSION TRIPS TO GUATEMALA. DEBBIE IS FOUNDER OF VALOR RANCH, A RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM AND WORKING RANCH CREATED TO HELP VETERANS SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITION BACK INTO CIVILIAN LIFE.