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Danitza “Dee” James, M.S.W., embodies the journey of resilience and service. As a Mexican immigrant and the first in her family to graduate college, Dee's path has been marked by dedication and determination.

Arriving in Yuma, Arizona, at sixteen from Sonora, Mexico, Dee's journey took a pivotal turn when she enlisted in the U.S. Army in June 2001, just before the events of 9/11. Over six years of active duty, including two combat tours in Iraq, she served with distinction as a heavy wheeled vehicle operator and convoy security team leader, navigating missions through the challenging Zuni triangle in Iraq.

Upon transitioning from military service, Dee's commitment to her fellow servicemembers and their families remained steadfast. Dee has over 15 years of experience working with servicemembers, military families, wounded veterans and families of the fallen in the non-profit and federal government sector. Dee currently serves with the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) as the Chair for the Subcommittee on Military and Veterans Legislative Affairs.

Her advocacy extends to various critical areas, including Human Rights Advocacy, Mental Health, Repatriation of Veterans, Suicide Prevention, and Sexual Assault & Harassment Prevention. Dee's impact is felt not only in her direct service but also through her instrumental role in legislative efforts. Her advocacy contributed to the passing of The Brandon Caserta Act and the introduction of key articles in the Military Justice Improvement and Increasing Prevention Act within the 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), reshaping how the military addresses cases of sexual assault and harassment.

Dee currently resides in Virginia with her husband of twenty years, U.S. Army Retired Command Sergeant Major Jade M.W. James, and their two beloved dogs Riley and Liberty. Dee continues to champion causes that uplift and protect the military community while embodying the spirit of resilience and service.

Additional Skills

Bi-Lingual; English & Spanish Proficient•Adult Mental Health Resources Coordinator•Veteran & Family Needs Focused• Trainer, Facilitator & Mentor• Case Management• Veteran/Clinical Research• Strategic Planning• Vendor Management• Disaster Recovery Operations• Volunteer Management• Fundraising & Grant Writing• Social Networking• Non-Profit Administration• Program Manager