



## Wilkes retiring after serving USA 20+ years

Sergeant First Class Wilkes will complete his distinguished service officially on 31 Jan 16, having served over 20 years in the defense of the American people. SFC Wilkes joined the United States Army on 3 August 1995 as a 77F (now 92F) Petroleum Supply Specialist.

SFC Wilkes assignments include: 123rd MSB Dexheim Germany, 1/7 CAV Fort Hood, TX, 53rd QM CO, Fort Hood, TX, 151 Aviation K-16, Seoul, Korea, 151 Aviation Fort Wainwright, AK, 528th QM CO, Fort Lewis WA, and 115th BSB, Fort Hood, TX. His Deployments include: Operation Joint Endeavor, Bosnia, March 96-December 96, Operation Iraqi Freedom, April 03-April 04, Operation New Dawn, July 11-Dec 11, Operation Spartan Shield, January 12-July 12.

SFC Wilkes has held the following leadership positions including Team Leader, Squad Leader, Training NCO, Petroleum Inventory NCO, Arctic Light Infantry Course (ALIT) Instructor, Section Chief, and Platoon Sergeant.

SFC Wilkes awards and decorations include: The Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Commendation Medal (4OLC), Army Achievement Medal (7 OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal 6th Award, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (2 Campaign Stars), NCO Developmental Ribbon (w/ numeral 3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas

Ribbon (w/numeral 5) award, NATO medal, and Drivers/Mechanic Badge.

Currently Wilkes is on terminal leave from the Army and has begun a second career as a Program Support Assistant for the Institutional Review Board at the Central Texas Department of Veterans Affairs Research Center located in

Temple TX. Successfully using his Bachelor's Degree in Health Care Administration received from Columbia Southern University. None of this could have been accomplished without the love and support of family and friends.

### Annual Livestock Show – Not just for Kids!

The Coke County Livestock Show and Fair is slated for Friday and Saturday, January 15-16, 2016. In addition to the Junior Livestock Show, the following categories are open to ANY Coke County resident of ANY age.

Contest categories include: Art Photography AG Mechanics - Metal Works and Repurpose Project (trash to treasure).

All entries must be turned in to the Coke County Extension

office between December 28, 2015, and January 6, 2016.

Please contact the Extension Office at 325-453-2461 for more information.

### ... Winters Christmas activities

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#### December 7

6:30 pm Grand Opening with a Community Christmas Caroling - Fill the Halls With Christmas Carols and enjoy refreshments!

#### December 12

5:30 pm Tamale Contest and Tamale Dinner

#### December 13

Special Opening 1 pm to 4 pm Cookies and Punch served

#### December 19

7:30 Texas Lottery Scratch-Off Raffle Drawing




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# SMALL TOWN CHRISTMAS

*Is Coming To Robert Lee!*

## Saturday, December 5, 2015

Events begin at 5 pm.

*Hayrides!*

*Santa Claus is coming to town!*

*Stew, Chili, PB&J and all the fixins'!*



*Memorial Park Christmas Lighting at dusk.*

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