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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Henderson County Welcomes Brent Embry as Veterans Services Officer

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Henderson County is pleased to welcome Brent Embry as its new Veterans Service Officer. Commander Embry has big shoes to fill upon the June 30<sup>th</sup> retirement of Mike Murdock, Henderson County's longtime Veterans Service Officer.

"Caring for the veterans in our community is one of our highest priorities. I thank Mike Murdock for the incredible job he's done for Henderson County over the years, and I am confident Brent Embry will carry on the tradition of high-quality veteran services in this county. There are a lot of exciting new opportunities for veterans in our community that will be coming online in the next year, and I know that Brent is the leader who will take us there," said County Manager John Mitchell.

Commander Embry's military career spans nearly 22 years and includes time in the US Air Force and the US Navy. His career includes serving as an Aircraft Maintenance and Munitions Officer, a Navy Surface Warfare Officer, Operations Officer, Chief Staff Officer, and Officer in Charge. These positions took him to many places including Arizona, Utah, the Persian Gulf, Florida, Italy, Africa, Lebanon, Rhode Island, and Guam.

Since retiring from the Navy five years ago, Commander Embry has lived and worked in Western North Carolina. Before coming to Henderson County's local government, he served as the lead Veterans Service Officer of the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs' western 12 county district.

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