

**MISSY JARROTT**  
**Veterans Affairs Advocacy**  
**War on Fentanyl**

Missy Jarrott, of Savannah, Georgia and mother of Landon Holcomb, former U.S. Navy Air Traffic Controller Veteran (NAS Jacksonville) who tragically passed away on May 2, 2024 at the age of 39 with fentanyl in his system, is advocating for mental health changes within the VA System. "Waiting times" for appointments need to be addressed as soon as possible. Waiting months and months for appointments is unacceptable. Landon would be here today. He lost hope in the government that was supposed to have his back. He was struggling emotionally about the lack of attention, "continuous cancelled appointments" and experiencing an uncaring attitude. He was only asking for medicine management. For those Veterans who are now waiting in line for appointments, I'm praying for accountability for appointment delays and communication. This means a specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, timeline and who will oversee accountability to ensure mental health initiatives receive the attention needed. Leaders can actively prioritize them within their Centers and implement appointments with Provider within 7-10 days, no referrals needed. Referrals delay treatment. Risk factors should be determined at first appointment.

Landon's death is still under investigation due to fentanyl. He leaves behind two beautiful teenagers.

Missy is the President of Proactive 180 Wellness of Savannah, and is the former Director of Chatham Steel Corporation with locations in five Southeastern states. Corporate headquarters is located in Savannah. She has over 30 years experience in training and development, quality improvement, benefits management, leadership management and human resources management. As a graduate of the College for Advanced Management of Health Benefits and the Philip Crosby Quality College, Missy knows the growing challenge of providing quality health benefits and managing rising health costs. She designed and implemented an employee and dependent Wellness Program called "Steel Fit", that has been recognized nationally and modeled by many employers throughout the country. In 2006, Missy received the President's Wellness Challenge Award for her hard work and commitment in finding solutions to help improve the health and well-being for all company employees and their families. In 2000, the Savannah Economic Development Authority and The Creative Coast Alliance rewarded Chatham Steel with the "Innovative Award of the Year". In 2011, Missy was appointed to serve on Reliance Steel & Aluminum Corporation's (largest steel company in the U.S. and abroad) first established Corporate Wellness Committee which represented 15,000+ employees globally. In 2012, the greatest accomplishment for Missy was when she was highly recognized nationally for her wellness initiatives and awarded the "National Leadership Award" by the National Corporate Health & Wellness Association.

Missy continued her passion for health and wellness by speaking nationally and also by offering advice to HR colleagues and employers. In addition, she was a national Speaker and Panelist for the Medical Tourism Association and has been a Speaker for the Pharmacy Benefit Management Institute. She has served on numerous Executive Boards locally, statewide and nationally. In earlier years, she was an entrepreneur in the delivery service industry. She continues to serve her community with a high degree of loyalty.

Born in Washington, DC, her Father, an Emory Law School graduate, served in the Eisenhower Administration as a Legal Advisor. The family later moved to their hometown of Savannah where he opened a private law practice, however was killed in a plane crash while traveling on business. He was 34 years old. Missy has a son who is living in Colorado. She spends quality time with her five grandchildren.