

Derek Lambert is running for the Jefferson County Commission representing the Charles Town District. He is a Program Manager at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). While at SAIC, Derek has served as a Site Lead and Deputy Program Manager prior to being named to his most recent position. Derek hopes to use his experience in leadership, his passion for service, and his dedication to community, by being a true representative of the people of Jefferson County.

Derek is an Air Force veteran who served honorably for almost 12 years before being medically separated in November 2006. Derek served in a myriad of positions while a member of the U.S. Air Force, to include as a military instructor, training development manager, and intelligence professional. During his distinguished military career, Derek earned the Air Force Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Achievement Medal, the Air Force Expeditionary Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, while being named the 316th Training Squadron Support NCO of the Year in 2004 and the 31st Intelligence Squadron Airman of the Year in 1998.

After separating from the military, Derek and his wife, Jennifer, were looking for a place to call home. They were taken with the scenic beauty, rich history, and strong sense of community here in Jefferson County. They chose to live here and raise their family here, and have been thrilled with their decision. Derek decided to run for the Jefferson County Commission because he wanted to repay the citizens of this area by serving them and representing their interests.

Derek completed his undergraduate work at Regents College in 2000 earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies. He later completed his post graduate work at Gonzaga University in 2008, earning a Master of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership, with a certification in Servant Leadership. Derek is currently pursuing an additional Master of Arts degree in Counseling from Liberty University.

Additionally, Derek's strong belief in equality and fairness, led him to sign the Code of Fair Campaign Practices as issued by the WV State Election Commission. Derek hopes all candidates will sign and abide by this Code, as it is a reminder of the ever-vigilant ideals that should be upheld by all representatives of the people.