

erry served in the United States Air Force as an Aerospace Ground Equipment Craftsman from 1979 to 1995, and in 1999 he earned a BA in Sociology/Criminal Justice from Eastern New Mexico University using his Montgomery GI Bill. From 1999 until 2011 he worked at a wide array of service based jobs, but in 2012, he found himself unemployed and homeless. Jerry came to Texas Center Point on March 27, 2013, besieged with depression while living in his car with his wife, who was also unemployed. Texas Center Point Veterans Services staff immediately referred him to seek VA counseling at the Vet Center and took steps to secure housing. Within a two week period he obtained housing through a faith based organization. Along with resume building and job coaching, Texas Center Point Veterans Services partnered up with Texas Workforce Solutions, and registered him with Work in Texas.

A month and a half after Jerry enrolled into our program he secured full time employment at a Home Depot and he will be going in for a second interview at Texas Workforce Solutions, to potentially begin a career as a social worker, making between \$30,000 - 40,000 a year.

reg voluntarily enrolled in the Texas Center Point Veterans program on March 6, 2013. Both homeless and unemployed, Greg wanted to improve his circumstances, as he had grown weary of merely getting by and living hand to mouth. Having served six years in the Army as an Administrative Specialist, Greg was familiar with operating computer software, but he wanted to become certified to work on them. Not wanting to allow this initial spark to wane, Texas Center Point Staff encouraged Greg to apply for the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, and when he agreed to look into it, Texas Center Point Staff walked him through the process step by step.

A few weeks later Greg had been admitted into the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, enrolled in the Excel Learning Center and registered for a nine month Computer Program. He also secured a part-time job as a florist for a catering company in Austin, Texas. Presently Greg is in transitional housing, and he intends to stay there until he finishes school.