

# The MASTERS' Corner

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Please welcome The MASTERS' Exec. Dir. Sarah Weadon!

For only the second time in its 40-year history The MASTERS is welcoming a new executive director. Elaine Libla, was the first and only person to hold this position, will retire effective December 31, 2019. Elaine has graciously and efficiently served our organization since 1988.

The opening certainly attracted the interest of several uniquely qualified applicants. While this made the selection process challenging, the committee felt blessed with the talent from which they had to select. The committee members were unanimous in their selection of Sarah Weadon from Whitewater, MO, (I bet many of you are getting out your map about now!) for the position. She began working with Elaine on November 4, as an assistant executive director, and will assume the duties of executive director on January 1, 2020.

For those who don't realize, or recall, I think it's important to remind you that The MASTERS has only one paid employee, so the training period was essential; there is certainly a lot to learn. The troop directors do help, but the responsibilities placed on the executive director are enormous. Having only one employee certainly can be challenging at times, but the directors have always believed the funds we receive should be used to provide support for those families we serve.

To provide a little background on our new executive director: Sarah Weadon has a Bachelor of Science in accounting, one year in an MBA program, and 17 years of work experience in these areas. Sarah is also a Missouri CPA license holder. We believe, with the education and work experiences Sarah possesses, we are truly fortunate to have her in this important position.

The committee, without reservation, felt Sarah possessed the education and work experience to effectively and efficiently handle the important responsibilities of The MASTERS. What was also evident throughout this process was we believe that Sarah possessed the integrity and genuine caring nature which is so very important for the position.

Our new executive director is a lifelong Missouri resident and is married to Sergeant Jeremy L. Weadon, Q/DDCC\*. Sarah and Jeremy have three children. She is active in their

church, teaches Bible studies, and feels she has a "teacher's heart." Sarah's hobbies include antiquing, running, and spending time with her family.

We are confident with the process used to select a new executive director, the orientation provided by Elaine, the talent and commitment Sarah brings to her position, and that you will be pleased with the transition.

We welcome Sarah to The MASTERS.

*\*Note: None of the committee members knew Sgt. Weadon prior to Sarah's appointment.*



*The Weadon family is pictured.*