



**David Lockett  
Jennings, MO**

United States military veteran David Lockett is ready to begin a new phase in his professional career as a small business owner of a Little Caesars pizza restaurant in Jennings, Missouri. He has reached this milestone after more than a decade of service to his country.

Growing up in Memphis, Tennessee, David attended the University of Memphis and received a degree in commercial aviation before he was commissioned into the United States Army as a lieutenant in 1995. In 2000, following a successful military career in which he held positions such as platoon leader with the field artillery, and company executive office and battalion logistics officer in the signal corps, David was honorably discharged as a captain and transitioned into civilian life for three years before deploying to Iraq. He was stationed in Iraq for five years as a contractor responsible for training the New Iraqi Army as well as training and IT support for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It was during this time that David began to think about his longtime desire to open his own small business when he returned to the States.

In 2008, David moved to St. Louis to be closer to his son, Tyler, who worked at the local Little Caesars. While searching for franchise opportunities, David came across Little Caesars contact information on a pizza box. Familiar with the high quality product, he went onto their website where he learned about the Little Caesars Veterans Program.

“I’ve probably had hundreds of Little Caesars pizza boxes in front of me and then one day the franchise contact information just jumped out at me. I knew I had to call,” said David. “And then, to find out that Little Caesars supports veterans and created a program to thank us for our service, I was absolutely floored. I am so appreciative to Little Caesars for the opportunity to become part of a well-known brand and making my dream of becoming my own boss a reality.”

David will be overseeing the day-to-day operations of his new Little Caesars franchise, with his wife, Wanpen, and son Tyler.

“I am excited to start this new adventure with the people who mean the most to me,” added David. “It will be great to have my family working with me and I hope to teach my son about the business so that he can run it one day.”