

## Barbara J. Smith

Ms. Barbara Smith graduated from Mary Washington College with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Mathematics and received a Masters Degree in National Resourcing Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University.

Her career began as a Reliability Engineer on avionics and propulsion systems for the F-18 A/B fighter jet program at the Naval Air Systems Command.

After a stint at Sikorsky Aircraft Company where she was instrumental in developing the LAMPS Mark III Life Cycle Cost program she returned to the Naval Air Systems Command, where she supported the AV-8B Harrier Aircraft Program Office, guiding the development and transition of the AV-8B through production and deployment.

Her next assignment was managing the development and transition to production of the V-22 "Osprey" Program. The ability to understand interrelationships across the total program led to rapidly expanding responsibilities, which culminated in her being appointed the Principal Deputy for the V-22.

In 2001 she was selected as Dean of the Mid-Atlantic Region Defense Acquisition University (DAU) where she managed the DAWIA Acquisition training and education for over 23,000 Acquisition Workforce members.

In 2013 she accepted a special assignment as the Program Lead for the Acquisition Workforce Qualification Initiative reporting to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition (ASD(A)), the Honorable Katherina G. McFarland.

Personal awards include both the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Medal (2) and the Navy Superior Civilian Service Medal.