

Patricia M. Ward (Tricia) Executive Advisor, Booz Allen Hamilton

Tricia Ward is an executive advisor for Booz Allen Hamilton. In that role, she provides flag- and Congressional-appointee level guidance to leaders across the Defense Department with particular emphasis on Navy and Information Warfare initiatives. During her tenure with the company, Ms. Ward grew her business by multimillions of dollars through increased demand for her expertise driven by trust in her judgement and the leadership of highly qualified staff on large and small teams..



Ms. Ward retired from the active duty Navy as a Senior Chief Information Technologist in 2001, blazing a path for women in the military during her 20-year career. During her tour as an instructor at Service School Command, she taught thousands of senior enlisted personnel about the sound principles of good leadership. Her work earned her the Chief of Naval Education Instructor of the Year out of a field of 68,000 eligible Defense Department instructors. She held multiple leadership positions during her naval career, including Command Senior Chief and Communications Security Manager at Naval Information Warfare Center Pacific (formerly called SPAWAR Systems Center San Diego) and the Officer-in-Charge Communication Security Advice and Assistance Team at the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station in San Diego.

She also has experience in the civil service; she was hand-selected by Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems to serve as the Executive Assistant to the Level III SES handling some of the Navy's most critical information systems, including the backbone architectures for most Navy information technology. In that role, she served as the subject matter expert on programmatic and business activities for the acquisition and execution of business systems. She supported key priorities of N1 transformation, data center consolidation and acceleration of information to a cloud environment.

Ms. Ward remains a staunch advocate of women in military and technology fields. As president of the national nonprofit, Women in Defense, she led 5,000 members across 24 geographic locations to support women in national security roles. She's also served on the National Board of Directors for the National Defense Industry Association (NDIA), providing interpretation of policy and impacts to government industry in support of National Defense. Other non-profit leadership roles include chairing various national and local conferences and a fundraising campaign for the Children's Organ Transplant Association.

She earned a B.A. from San Diego State University in Adult Education and Instructional System Design and will earn an M.S. in Public Policy Leadership from Georgetown University this year. Her awards include the Athena Pinnacle Award for Women in Technology, the San Diego Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year award and the YWCA "Tribute to Women in Industry" award, among others.

Ms. Ward has five sons and currently resides in Northern Virginia.