

## GRETCHEN S. HERBERT

### Profile

Ms. Herbert is a Principal Consultant and a skilled leader in information technology, cyber security, afloat, terrestrial and satellite communications and C5I operational readiness. She is a retired U.S. Navy Rear Admiral with a track record for leading major organizations through change. Her assignments included Commander, Navy Cyber Forces Command and Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for the Next Generation Enterprise Network (NGEN).

### Relevant Experience

Prior to joining Suss Consulting, Ms. Herbert held many executive leadership positions with the Navy including: Commander Navy Cyber Forces Command; Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for the Next Generation Enterprise Network (NGEN); Director of the Communications, Networks and Chief Information Officer (CIO) Division on the staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Dominance; Commanding officer, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Washington; Branch head, Naval Networks for OPNAV N6. Her additional shore assignments included Satellite Communications Officer at Headquarters, U.S. Naval Forces Europe; Executive Officer, Fleet Surveillance Support Command; Joint Command, Control, Communications, Computer, and Intelligence instructor at the Joint Forces Staff College.

As the Commander of Navy Cyber Forces Command, she was responsible for organizing, manning, training, equipping and maintaining fleet readiness of communications, networks, combat systems, space and electronic warfare forces afloat and ashore. She is credited with developing and executing a comprehensive electronic warfare improvement program the fleet and instituting realistic training scenarios to bolster an effective fleet wide EW readiness strategy. Additionally, she developed a fleet-wide cyber security training program to elevate cyber operational readiness and proficiency throughout the fleet. Ms. Herbert has significant experience developing resources and requirements for computer and information systems, satellite and terrestrial communications, electronic warfare, and cyber security. Her first Flag Officer assignment was as chief advisor to the Chief of Naval Operations for planning and implementing the Navy's next generation enterprise network.

Throughout her career, Ms. Herbert's responsibilities included strategy development and planning, programming and budgeting for the Navy's afloat and terrestrial networks, strategic and tactical communications, space systems and electromagnetic spectrum management. Additionally, she led a diverse team in developing and implementing revolutionary training in cyber security readiness, telecommunications and network operations, space systems operations and information systems management.

### Education

Bachelor of Science in Geology, University of Rochester

Master of Science in Space Systems Technology, Naval Postgraduate School

Master of Science in Military Studies, Marine Corps Command and Staff College

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