



United States Navy Biography

Cathy A. Ricketts
Command Information Officer (SEA 00I)

Cathy A. Ricketts is the Command Information Officer responsible for the Information Technology workforce, infrastructure and services for the Naval Sea Systems Command.

An analyst by trade, Ms. Ricketts began her federal career in the Nuclear Inspection Division of Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in 1981. By 1997, she led 12 Software Development Program Managers and 250 people. During this time she also wrote the first Puget Sound Naval Shipyard Software Program Manager's Handbook and Puget Sound Naval Shipyard Test & Evaluation Handbook.



In 1999, Ms. Ricketts accepted a senior project manager position at NAVSEA in the Naval Shipyard Directorate. She created the National Material Strategy for Shipyards, served as an Industrial Watch Officer as well as sponsored several IT programs. She led the logistics re-engineering (processes, partnerships, and information technology) effort at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, which resulted in a \$10 million cost savings and a 137 percent return on investment.

As Special Assistant to the NAVSEA Comptroller in 2006, Ms. Ricketts was responsible for the implementation of the Business, Financial Management & Comptroller Competency NAVSEA-wide, LEAN Champion, NAVSEA Total Force Supply & Demand Model Program Manager, metrics, and diversity.

In February 2008, Ms Ricketts was selected as NAVSEA Principal Deputy Command Information Officer and started the job as acting CIO for her first five weeks. Her primary responsibilities focused on enterprise wide infrastructure initiatives and HQ Operations, Enterprise Applications and Enterprise NMCI, in addition to serving as Security Officer.

Ms. Ricketts earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Washington, MPA from Indiana University, Organizational Change Certificate from Cornell, CIO certificate from the National Defense University and is pursuing a Ph.D. in Information Systems from Syracuse University. She also qualifies as DAWIA Level III in Program Management, Information Technology, Test & Evaluation and Life Cycle Logistics, is a member of the Defense Acquisition Corp (DAC), and a graduate of NAVSEA's Commander's Development Program.