



## *Rhonda L. Allen*

Rhonda Lavette Allen, a native of Chesapeake, VA, received her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Norfolk State University in 1983. After graduating from NSU, Ms. Allen held a variety of positions during a 37-year Department of Defense civilian career managing intel resources before retiring on January 3, 2015 at the grade of GS15. Her last assignment was Senior Budget Analyst in the Military Intelligence Program Resources Directorate in the Office of Secretary of Defense for Intelligence at the Pentagon.

Ms. Allen's civilian career allowed her to attend several career development training including the Army Management Staff College at Fort Belvoir, VA and the Advanced Resource Management course at Syracuse, NY. She also completed the Leadership for Democratic Society course at the Federal Executive Institute, Charlottesville, VA. At one of her assignments, Ms. Allen served as the chairperson for Financial Management Professional Advisory Board which guided the direction and development of the agency's financial management employees.

Ms. Allen has received numerous awards including the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for

Exceptional Civilian Service, Army Commander's Award for Civilian Service, and the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service plus many performance awards.

Ms. Allen is an active member of the Military Alumni Chapter of the Norfolk State University Alumni Association and currently serves as the chapter's Recording Secretary and Scholarship Chairperson. She is a life member of the Norfolk State University Alumni Association where she currently serves as the Recording Secretary. She is a 2002 Norfolk State University Army ROTC Hall of Fame recipient. She is a life member of the American Society for Military Comptrollers. She is also active member of St. Josephs Catholic Church, Alexandria, VA where she currently serves as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. She is a member of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, Mother Mary Lange Court 398, and is active in her community serving on her North Wellesley home association board.

Ms. Allen enjoys mentoring others as well as reading, shopping and traveling to her favorite vacation spot, South Beach, Miami, FL.