

BARB GERAGHTY

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Barb Geraghty served in the Navy for 31 years, beginning her naval career as a member of the Class of 1980. Her career took her to three different countries where she served as an Executive Officer, then twice as a Commanding Officer. She was a member of the Information Professional Community, responsible for providing telecommunications services to Navy units afloat and ashore.

After retiring in 2007, Barb became a “professional volunteer” in a wide variety of non-profit organizations, primarily in leadership or board director roles. Her volunteer work included teaching adult literacy, advocacy and fundraising for breast and pancreatic cancers, and fiduciary roles as a Board Director for a local credit union and a national level credit union trade association.

Some specific accomplishments relevant to financial management and contracting include:

- Executed the post-Cold War officer drawdown, ensuring Congressionally mandated end strength and military personnel budget targets were met.
- Responsible for a \$500 million telecommunications program for the Chief of Naval Operations.
- Chaired the Tidewater Affiliate of Susan G. Komen 2011 Race for the Cure, which consisted of 7,700 participants and raised \$725,000 in sponsorships, individual fundraising and registration fees.
- Instituted the first PurpleStride Tidewater 5K event in 2014. Chaired the event through 2018, raising in excess of \$600,000 for research and patient support.
- Served on the Asset/Liability Management Committee of a local credit union, monitoring the financial health of member assets. As a Board Director, assets at the credit union grew from \$350 million to over \$700 million in 9 years.
- Served as the Treasurer for the Defense Credit Union Council, a trade association supporting credit unions on military bases.

Barb has regularly contributed to the Class of 1980 fundraising projects and has established a legacy gift for USNA in her estate plan. She attended the 10th, 20th, and 35th reunions of the class as well as the 30th and 40th Celebrations of Women. Barb has planned the signature dinner event for two of the '80 Women events, arranging for catering and contracting vendors. She also served as the 11th Company Representative for five years and was part of the initial stand-up of the Yokosuka Alumni Chapter.

Barb received the Still Serving Military Retiree and Veterans Award from the Military Newspapers of Virginia (2013) and a Hampton Roads Volunteer Achievement Award from Volunteer Hampton Roads (2014). She was named a YWCA South Hampton Roads Woman of Distinction (Military) in 2016.