

Mary Dixon

A charter member of the Senior Executive Service, Ms. Dixon (aka Snavelly-Dixon) currently serves as the Director for the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), a field activity reporting to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness). Ms. Dixon is responsible for oversight of the largest and most comprehensive identity protection family of systems in the Department of Defense (DoD), management of a dozen major operational DoD programs, oversight of a personnel survey program that spans the Department, supervision of a multi-disciplinary staff, and administration of the Arlington, Virginia office. DMDC responds to the information and analysis requirements of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the Military Departments, the Congress and others involved in developing and evaluating manpower and personnel policy.

From 1998 through 2004, Ms. Dixon served as the Director of the DoD Access Card Office (ACO). She was responsible for the implementation of smart card technology, also known as the Common Access Card (CAC) in the DoD. The CAC program is widely recognized as the most advanced and interoperable large-scale smart card program in the world. In fact, since 2001, the program has earned international recognition with thirteen major awards. Ms. Dixon was responsible for both program management and the world-wide management of the operational issuance system.

Over the course of her career, Ms. Dixon worked for the Navy in positions of increasing responsibility and as a senior analyst for Program Analysis and Evaluation (PA&E) in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. In 1977, she was appointed the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower) where she was responsible for military manpower, personnel, and training policy and issues within the Department.

Ms. Dixon also worked as a consultant addressing a wide range of manpower, personnel, and training issues throughout the Department of Defense and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. She returned to the federal government at the Defense Manpower Data Center in 1998.

Ms. Dixon holds a Master's degree in Business Administration - Operations Research from George Washington University.