

Former Rear Admiral Danelle Barrett was born in Buffalo, New York and is a 1989 graduate of Boston University with a Bachelor of Arts in History where she received her commission as an officer from the U. S. Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps in a ceremony aboard USS Constitution. She holds Masters of Arts in Management, National Security Strategic Studies, and Human Resources Development. She also earned a Master of Science in Information Management.



As an admiral, Danelle served as Director of Current Operations at U.S. Cyber Command, and assumed duties in 2017 as the Navy Cyber Security Division Director and Deputy Chief Information Officer on the Chief of Naval Operations staff. In her last position in the U.S. Navy, she led the Navy's strategic development and execution of digital and cyber security efforts, enterprise information technology improvements and cloud policy and governance for 700K personnel across a global network. An innovator, she implemented visionary digital transformation to modernize with unprecedented speed, significantly improving Navy Information Warfare capabilities.

Danelle's other tours of duty include assignments as Commanding Officer, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Atlantic where she directly led the largest telecommunications station in the Navy with responsibility for 2,700 people in 15 subordinate organizations worldwide; Chief of Staff, Navy Information Forces Command, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/U.S. 5th Fleet and 2nd Fleet, Carrier Strike Group 2 and Carrier Strike Group 12 which included deployments in support of Operations Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Unified Response in Haiti, Multi-National Forces Iraq; Naval Computer and Telecommunications Stations in Jacksonville, Cecil Field and Puerto Rico and Standing Joint Force Headquarters United States Pacific Command. Previous tours also included senior Navy fellow at the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association; Supreme Allied Commander Command Atlantic Norfolk, Naval Personnel Command, and Chief of Naval Operations Task Force Web.

She currently executes a portfolio of work that includes consulting, public speaking, and writing. She is on the Corporate Boards of KVH Industries and the Protego Trust Company.

Her personal awards include Defense Superior Service Medal and other military decorations, Copernicus Awards 1998, 2000 and 2005; US Naval Institute writing award; Department of Defense Chief Information Officer Award, first place individual category 2006; Federal 100 winner 2010; Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Women in Leadership Award 2014; Women in Technology Leadership Award 2017 and the Executive Women's Forum Women of Influence Award 2019.

Danella earned the National Defense University Chief Information Officer and Information Security certifications and published 35 articles.