
Carmela A. Keeney



Executive Director Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific

Ms. Carmela A. Keeney became the Executive Director for the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific (SSC Pacific) in December 2005. SSC Pacific consists of 4800 civilian and military personnel and over 2100 contractor support personnel. SSC Pacific has a total obligating authority of more than \$2.5 billion. Ms. Keeney leads a diverse and highly technical organization in the research, development, fielding and support of advanced technologies for command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR), cyber, and space capabilities.

Prior to assuming her role as the Center's senior leader, she was the Head of SSC Pacific's Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Department. In this capacity, she led a broad set of technical programs in maritime surveillance, ocean systems, signal exploitation and intelligence systems and was responsible for conducting research, development, test and evaluation and life cycle support for Naval, Joint and National ISR systems.

Ms. Keeney began her career in 1979 as a principal investigator in marine technology and undersea systems at the Naval Civil Engineering Laboratory's Ocean Systems Division. From 1985 to 1992, she led a variety of technical projects in the area of maritime surveillance including research into bionic sonar and shallow water surveillance systems at the Naval Ocean Systems Center, Hawaii Laboratory. She was the Acquisition Program Manager for a multi-sensor surveillance system and led the successful development and operational deployment of that system at a strategic Navy site. Areas of responsibility have included undersea, surface and aerospace ISR efforts involving sensor technology and system development, unmanned systems, multi-sensor fusion, and ISR communications. Ms. Keeney became a member of the Senior Executive Service in April 2000.

Ms. Keeney has a master's degree in electrical and computer engineering and a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She has received numerous awards including the Meritorious Presidential Rank Award, the Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award, and the Gordon Engineering Leadership Award in recognition of technology management and dedication to educating the next generation of technology leaders. In 2012 Ms. Keeney received the Executive Excellence Award from the Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Awards Corporation (HENAAC), and most recently, she received the 2014 Federal Laboratory Consortium's Laboratory Director of the Year award, recognizing outstanding contributions supporting technology transfer activities.