



# BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES MILITARY ENTRANCE PROCESSING COMMAND

Public Affairs Office

2834 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, IL 60064-3094

Phone: (847) 688-4874 Fax: (847) 688-2664

---

## Ms. Jo Anne T. Cunningham

Deputy Commander/Chief of Staff

United States Military Entrance Processing Command

---

Ms. Jo Anne T. Cunningham is Deputy Commander/Chief of Staff, United States Military Entrance Processing Command. She assumed this position in August 2017, after retiring at the rank of captain from the United States Navy, after a distinguished 29-year career.

Ms. Cunningham enlisted in the Navy in April 1986, and completed Boot Camp at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Florida, Aircrew Survival Equipmentman “A” School at Naval Air Technical Training Command, Lakehurst, New Jersey, and served as a water survival instructor, Fleet Aviation Specialized Operational Training Group, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida. She attended Officer Candidate School and received her commission at Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island in July 1988. She served as administrative officer, Training Squadron 21, and student control officer, Training Air Wing 2, Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas; deputy director, Navy Public Affairs Center, Naval Base San Diego; director of administration and security, Weapons Training Group, Naval Air Station North Island, California; maintenance and material management officer, aboard the supercarrier USS Carl Vinson, homeported at Naval Station Bremerton, Washington, and deployed to the Persian Gulf; commander, Jacksonville Military Entrance Processing Station, Florida; commanding officer, Navy Manpower Analysis Center, Naval Support Activity Mid-South, Millington, Tennessee; chief of staff, Naval Service Training Command, Naval Station Great Lakes, Illinois; head human resources officer detailee, Navy Personnel Command, Millington; commander, Western Sector, United States Military Entrance Processing Command, North Chicago, Illinois, and director, Operations Directorate, United States Military Entrance Processing Command.



She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois; a Master of Science degree in Management from the United States Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California; and a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College, Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island.

Her military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, and various unit and service medals and ribbons.