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A Booz Allen Hamilton Senior Vice President, **Gordon Holder** supports defense logistics initiatives for clients that include the Office of Secretary of Defense/Joint Staff, Regional Combatant Commands, Defense Logistics Agency, U.S. Transportation Command, Joint Forces Command, and U.S. Navy and Marine Corps logistics organizations. Mr. Holder is the Officer in Charge of the U.S. Marine Corps account for the firm.

Mr. Holder is [a leader in the firm's Supply Chain & Logistics team](#), which supports the Joint Combatant Command and Marine Corps market. In this role, the team is at the forefront of all activities, analysis, and processes necessary to identify and create new capabilities and operational constructs to support war-fighting efforts.

Mr. Holder served more than 36 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring as a Vice Admiral in 2004. With his Navy Surface Warfare experience, he is a regular collaborator with the firm's Navy Marine Corps team in pursuit of business across the maritime domain.

Selected for flag officer in 1993, Mr. Holder was assigned as Commander Naval Base Pearl Harbor and Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific in 1994. He assumed command of Military Sealift Command in 1999, where he was responsible for all civilian-operated ships for the Navy and U.S. Transportation command and

directed worldwide operations of over 200 ships with an annual budget of \$2 billion.

Reassigned as Director of Logistics, Joint Staff, Pentagon, in 2001, Mr. Holder directed the worldwide application of strategic logistics to support the Global War on Terrorism. Throughout Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, he coordinated the transportation of forces and support materials with the U.S. Transportation Command, individual services, and the Joint Chiefs.

The 2002/2003 recipient of the National Defense Transportation Association DoD Distinguished Service Award, Mr. Holder also earned the 2005 National Defense Industrial Association Logician Emeritus Award for his work in logistics.

A member of the board of directors of the Surface Navy Association of Greater Washington, he is also a vice president of the Capital Council of the U.S. Navy League; chair of the National Defense Industrial Association Executive Logistics Division; and vice-chair of the National Defense Transportation Association.

Mr. Holder earned an M.S. degree in psychology from Troy State University, an undergraduate degree in music education from Florida State University, and attended the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB.