

## **Dennis Kern**

A baby-boomer, I was born to an Army veteran farmer/coal miner and stay-at-home Mom in Southwest Virginia. After high school, I served a four-year enlistment in the US Air Force, stationed primarily in Texas and Southeast Asia. I attended college on the GI Bill, earning a BA in Business and Public Administration at what is now the University of Virginia's College at Wise.

I became a Federal employee in 1973, and spent twelve years in Social Security field offices. In 1985, I became a computer specialist in what was then the Operations, Construction, and Readiness Division of the Corps of Engineers, and was later reorganized into the Programs Division and made a program manager for Operation and Maintenance. During my years with the Corps, I was detailed to OMB for one budget prep season, attended Army Staff Management College, and attended Marymount University in Arlington, part time, earning a Masters in Information Management.

Beginning in October, 2001, I also served as Civil Works Program Manager for Anti-Terrorism, Force Protection and Homeland Security. In February, 2002, I was detailed to the Energy and Water Subcommittee, accepting my present position at the end of a one-year detail.

I reside in Annandale, Virginia.