

Atlanta Team Leader Assumes Command of USNSCC

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Navy Lt. j.g. Bernice Keith became the fifth commander of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Naval Air Reserve Station B One Squadron, Marietta, Ga., during a ceremony, May 6, at NARS hangar five. Keith relieved Navy Lt. Richard Faber, who served as commander, USNSCC NARS B One Squadron, for the past three years.

The USNSCC is a nonprofit, nautically oriented youth training and education organization dedicated to developing the principles of patriotism, good citizenship and self-confidence and to instilling in young people a sense of duty, discipline and respect for self and others. As a volunteer, Keith has worked with the USNSCC year-round — drilling at least two weekend days each month — since 2002.

According to those who work with Keith, she is a prime example of someone who is

fully devoted to making a difference in the community. Despite the extent to which the position may cut into her personal time, Keith said she is “honored in representing the USNSCC and consider[s] it a privilege to spend quality time leading, molding and shaping America’s youth to become productive members of society while fostering their leading drug- and gang-free lives.”

Keith’s entire federal career — 22 years of service — has been with Defense Contract Management Agency Atlanta and its predecessor organization. She began employment as a price/cost analyst intern in the professional administrative career program in 1985 after graduating from Albany State University in Albany, Ga. Keith is on track to graduate from DCMA Atlanta’s tier II leadership program in June.

Keith is one of DCMA Atlanta’s newest team leaders and currently is leading a 12-member, multi-functional team at DCMA Atlanta Enterprises’ Chattanooga Area Office in Chattanooga, Tenn. Keith is married to L.J. Keith, and they have one daughter, Marine Reserve Cpl. Kamilah Keith. **C**

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(Above) Navy Lt. j.g. Bernice Keith (left), United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps commander, and Navy Lt. Richard Faber (right), USNSCC former commander, cut the cake after the change of command ceremony in which Keith assumed command of the organization. (Staff photo)