

Renee Anderson was born and raised in Long Island New York; She is the oldest of 3 siblings. She joined the Navy upon graduating from High School in 1983. She served in Desert Storm, Gulf War (1990-1991) Iraq (2003-2011) Afghanistan (2001-2021). She also served as contractor. She retired from the Navy in 2004.

She began working as a civilian with Science Application International Corporation (SAIC) as a CYBER Security Analyst. Most of her time was spent in the Middle East, Bahrain. This is where her daughter grew up and graduated at the age of 16. At SAIC she worked as a Cybersecurity Analyst Principal in the Cybersecurity Organization; as a member of the Governance Risk and Compliance (GRC) team.

As a keystone member of the GRC team she specialized in maintaining System Security Plans (SSP) for SAIC at the organizational level and at the individual contract level in good standing with cyber security laws, regulations, and policies, which are included in more than half of SAIC's portfolio.

Renee's contributions had created repeatable solutions that Program Managers and their teams could leverage to achieve contractual cybersecurity compliance fast and right the first time, saving program teams hundreds of hours in developing be-spoke (made for a particular customer or user) solutions.

Renee has worked directly with highly skilled cybersecurity experts in diverse environments to solve approaches towards cybersecurity compliance that balanced risk with usability towards customer needs. Additionally, Renee has facilitated the development of artifacts and documentation that supported demonstration of compliance to customers and federal auditors. Renee's role with GRC offered her the rare role of interacting with system owners across SAIC's customer base; as well as internally across our diverse cyber teams, gathering knowledge of cybersecurity best practices across a various set of tools and environments.

She has leveraged those insights to cross-connect best practices across the organization and as necessary connected teams together to exchange knowledge. Renee's ability to analyze a team's roadblock and facilitate the connections to other teams that have previously solved similar challenges had helped to reduce unnecessary rework across the organization.

As the industry moves towards the next evolution of cybersecurity regulations, for example, the Cybersecurity Maturity Certification, Renee will be a key player in translating the cybersecurity foundation she had helped to mature at SAIC into the next iteration of cybersecurity compliance. Her past efforts has positioned SAIC to provide her customers with the highest level of compliance, enabling SAIC to compete on contracts at the cutting edge of risk and cybersecurity protection.