



Patricia G. Cost (Patti)  
Vice President for Programs

As Vice President for Programs, Ms. Cost is responsible for developing and managing all aspects of the Association's meetings, programs, and the Annual Convention; serves as Chairman of the Programs Committee; a member of the Finance Committee; and is authorized to enter into contractual arrangements for facilities and services on behalf of the Association to support program activities as approved by the Board of Officers.

Ms. Cost is currently retired following her 34 years of service as a Department of Defense civilian in the role of Chief of Protocol for Air Mobility Command (AMC).

She began her DoD civilian career as an employee in the 375th AW Non-Appropriated Fund personnel office from 1974 through 1977. From 1977 through 1983 she pursued several civilian jobs while starting a family. Patti started her Civil Service career in 1983 at the Goodfellow Federal Center, St Louis MO working for the Army Material Command as a clerk/typist. In 1983 she transferred to the then MAC Social Actions Office at Scott AFB IL. She became one of the original 50 "plank holders" when she joined the newly activated US Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) in October 1987 starting as the commander's trip coordinator but quickly moving to the protocol office.

Patti moved to the AMC Staff in April 1996 as the Deputy Chief of Protocol. Following the decision to have separate 4-star commanders for AMC and USTRANSCOM, she was promoted to the AMC Chief of Protocol in 2003. During her tenure, she worked directly for 13 AMC Commanders, 7 of those serving as commanders of both AMC and USTRANSCOM. She retired as a GS-13 effective 28 May 2017.

Patti and her husband Tom reside in Fairview Heights IL.

#### Awards and Achievements

Civilian Meritorious Service Medal  
Outstanding Civilian Career Service Award  
A/TA President's Award  
30 Year Civilian Service Award

#### ASSOCIATIONS

Certified Etiquette Consultant  
Former Member, Protocol and Diplomacy International; Protocol Officers Association  
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