



## **VIRGINIA BARNES**

Virginia (Ginger) Barnes retired from The Boeing Company as Vice President of the Space Launch System (SLS) program. Her 34 year career included financial, technical, programmatic, and personnel leadership roles across a broad portfolio of military and civil space programs.

Prior to leading the SLS program, Barnes served as President and CEO of United Space Alliance LLC (USA), leading the company through the retirement of the NASA Space Shuttle Program. Under her leadership, USA down-sized from \$2.2B to \$.5B annually, and 10,000 employees to fewer than 1,000 employees. Barnes was lauded for the company's smooth transition by USA owners (Boeing and Lockheed Martin), NASA customers, U. S. Congress and the USA employees. Internal and external, as well as government and civil audit activity was routine throughout the changes at USA. In addition to the scrutiny required by law, Barnes sought independent evaluation of the transition plan and progress from experts in accounting, change management, organization structure, legal and quality. The company continued to perform fiscally, garnering the highest performance awards in its history.

During her earlier tenure with Boeing, Barnes led a number of defense and space programs, including International Space Station, fighter and support programs, defense modernization and weapons, and simulation and training. Her leadership included strategic and financial direction, long range business planning, program proposals, contracts negotiation and program execution. She left Boeing for United Space Alliance as Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Program Manager, leading the programmatic and financial aspects of the Army's modernization efforts on the Future Combat Systems (FCS) program.

Augmenting her corporate commitments, Barnes participates in community efforts, especially in education. She has served on a number of not-for-profit boards including the St. Louis Arts & Education Board, the St. Louis University Executive Advisory Board, the Maryville University Board of Trustees, the Challenger Center Board, and the Industry Advisory Board of The University of Alabama College of Engineering.

Barnes began her career as a financial cost analyst with Boeing in Huntsville, AL, in 1981, then graduating in Accounting from The University of Alabama in Huntsville. She later earned her master's degree in business from Vanderbilt's Owen Graduate School of Management.

Barnes is a commercial pilot and instructor, and has served as an FAA-designated examiner for hot-air balloons. Retirement hobbies include paddleboard yoga, skeet shooting, and horseback riding.