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MILITARY SPOUSE JD NETWORK

Mary Reding Smith is a government affairs exec with diverse private sector, non-profit, and public sector experience. Government experience includes leading the Office of Executive Councils and managing the development, implementation, and setting performance standards for management initiatives across the center of government through the ten C-Suite Executive boards including the President's Management Council, Chief Financial Officers Council, Chief Information Officers Council, and the Performance Improvement Council. Mary now continues the #goodgov work at Grant Thornton Public Sector focusing on improving efficiencies for our Veteran's community at the VA and across the Defense portfolio. In addition to government service, Mary has a foundation in corporate law and non-profits serving as in-house counsel for Pebble Beach Company (www.pebblebeach.com) and leading international IT transformation team for Aviva Corporate (www.aviva.com). Mary started advocating for licensing accommodations in 2010 and created the Military Spouse JD Network in 2011 and served as the founding President. Lobbying efforts were recognized by the DC Women's Bar (awarded the DC "Star of the Bar") and by the American Bar Association (honored w/ Grassroots Advocacy award for MSJDN). The development of the workforce matters to Mary and she has mentored rising stars in business, in the military community, and in government through the creation of the CXO Fellows program and Homefront Rising. In 2018, Mary was selected as a Presidential Leadership Scholar building a bi-partisan community to solve our nation's most important problems. And... she has the best volunteer job ever – Girl Scout troop leader.