



## Gadsden “Ed” Rule

### **Current Position: President and CEO, Naval Systems, Inc. (NSI)**

Lead and manage a Maryland Corporation founded in 2004 and headquartered in Lexington Park, Maryland, providing Professional Support Services in support of U.S. National Security, with a primary focus on the development, acquisition and life cycle support Naval Air Systems and their employment within a multi-domain, joint and coalition warfighting environment.

### **Experience:**

Ed has over 35 years of leadership and management experience as a career Naval Supply Corps Officer, Comptroller, consultant, and entrepreneur. While in uniform, served in both Atlantic and Pacific Fleets and as Comptroller ashore, then as Business/Financial Manager (BFM) on the staffs of the Program Executive Officer for Tactical Aircraft Programs (PEOTACAIR) and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition (ASN(RDA)). Prior to co-founding NSI, served as consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton and as Chief Operating Officer for another start-up company.

### **Military Service:**

Provided logistical, food service, retail, and financial management services in U.S. Navy Atlantic and Pacific Fleet surface ships with collateral duties as Helicopter Control Officer. Comptroller / Supply Officer at Navy Diving and Salvage Training Center and Commander, Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. BFM for the EA-6B Program (PMA-234) and for PEOTACAIR. Completed career on ASN(RDA) staff, serving as Vice-Chairman, Department of the Navy Acquisition Resources Working Group (DoN RWG) and DoN representative to OSD study and working groups; co-developed with OPNAV (N8) and HQMC (P&R) the DON Cost Reduction and Effectiveness Improvement (CREI) process.

### **Education:**

Master of Business Administration, University of Georgia, 1994

Bachelor of Business Administration, College of William and Mary, 1978

### **Professional Affiliations and Accomplishments:**

The Patuxent Partnership, Member and Board of Directors

### **Community Involvement:**

Volunteer with Patuxent Presbyterian Church and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. NSI sponsors numerous local educational and community service programs.