Catherine A. Gagnon, Ph. D.

Dr. Gagnon is a native of Altus, Oklahoma. She graduated from High School in Fair Oaks, California after having achieved the rank of TSgt in Civil Air Patrol and served in the first all women's Color Guard and Rifle Drill Team in California. She worked as a tutor and a behavior scientist in the animal laboratory and graduated from California State University, Sacramento, California with a Bachelor of Arts. Her degree was in Psychology with a specialization in behavior modification and a minor in communication studies.

She met her husband while traveling in Germany. They later married while he was stationed at White Sands Missile Range. They have been married over 35 years.

Dr. Gagnon taught preschool during the day and went to school for her Master's at night. She graduated from New Mexico State University, Las Cruces with her Master of Arts in Counseling and Guidance. She completed a 6-month internship in grief counseling at Hospice in El Paso, Texas before joining her husband who was already stationed overseas.

In Germany she excelled as an Education Program Specialist for two of Mannheim and Worms' day care centers and was recognized with a performance bonus and promotion. During that time, she taught classes for the National Association for Young Children Europe (NAYCE) for over 2 years.

Dr. Gagnon changed positions and became a guidance counselor for the education centers for the Mannheim and Worms region. She was also an Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor and had the opportunity to experience the resolution process. Dr. Gagnon had the opportunity to be a Train the Trainer for instructors for first aid and CPR for the American Red Cross. She taught at least 2 classes every month for over 2 years and logged over 2000 hours.

Later she went back to work as a case manager for a managed mental health care company in Houston, Texas. She continued working there until going to school for her PhD. Dr. Gagnon then switched jobs and began interning as an itinerant counselor in the Cypress-Fairbanks ISD. She worked there until she began to gather data for her dissertation. She graduated from Capella University in Minnesota.

In 2007, she moved to Fredericksburg, VA and in August 2008 Dr. Gagnon received her current assignment at Quantico Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy as the Academics Officer.

Dr. Gagnon is a member of the American Psychological Association, the Lions Club, and the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc, and the Female Executives, Inc.