

Robert M Gillette

Robert Michael Gillette is a Business Development Manager with WGS Systems, LLC in Frederick, Maryland where he focuses on implementing Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) solutions for law enforcement, the U.S. Military as well as our foreign partners in the global war on terror.

Mr. Gillette has held similar positions at various defense contractors in the area. He has experience working with all four branches of the U.S. Military as well as the Department of Homeland Security, specifically Customs and Border Protection. Mr. Gillette has managed various projects to include Satellite Communications, Tactical Military Radios, RADAR Systems, ISR Systems and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) projects.

Mr. Gillette enlisted in the U.S. Navy in July 1992 after graduating from high school. Mr. Gillette enjoyed several duty stations during his 8-year tenure in the military. He was honorably discharged in May 2000 at the rank of Machinists' Mate 2nd Class. His most noteworthy tour of duty was on board the U.S.S. Seattle (AOE-3), where he served from April 1997 until his discharge in May of 2000. During his tour of duty on board the U.S.S. Seattle Mr. Gillette participated in Operation Southern Watch, enforcing the non-fly zone over southern Iraq. Mr. Gillette was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for meritorious service during his tour of duty on board the U.S.S. Seattle.

Mr. Gillette moved to Howard County in October 2000 and quickly became an active member of the community. He has participated in a number of civic and charitable events over the past 15 years. Most notably, Mr. Gillette helped organize the Howard County Autism Society's first "One Step Closer" walk-a-thon, which has become an annual event attended by several hundred individuals and families. Mr. Gillette has also served the greater Baltimore Community as a volunteer construction supervisor with Sandtown Habitat for Humanity (now Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake).

Mr. Gillette has been a member of the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families since May of 2015. During his time with the commission, Mr. Gillette has led the commission's efforts with respect to the development of the Howard County Veteran's Monument, currently in the preliminary planning stages.

In addition, Mr. Gillette is a member of the Special Winning Attitude Team (SWAT) as a volunteer instructor at Tristar Martial Arts in Mount Airy, MD, where he helps instill self-confidence, self-discipline, and a sense of pride in children and adults throughout our community.

Mr. Gillette is a graduate of Allentown Central Catholic High School in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Phoenix in 2003. He has also studied Materials Engineering at Auburn University during his service in the Navy and is a graduate of the U.S. Navy's Nuclear Power School. He had the privilege of participating in the Naval ROTC program during his studies at Auburn University.

He and his wife Jamie reside in Woodbine, Maryland along with their two sons.