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Marsha Johnson Evans Doctor of Humane Letters

Marsha Johnson Evans is national executive director of Girl Scouts of the USA, the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls. Since taking the helm of GSUSA in 1998, Ms. Evans has guided the organization in furthering its goal of helping girls grow strong in body, mind, and spirit. Under her leadership, membership has grown to 2.7 million girls, and adult volunteers have increased to an all-time high of one million.

A retired rear admiral in the United States Navy, Ms. Evans spent much of her 29-year Naval career at the forefront of increasing opportunities for women in the Navy. Before retiring, she served as superintendent of the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California; headed the Navy's worldwide recruiting organization; and served as Chief of Staff at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and as Chief of Staff, Naval Base, San Francisco.

A native of Springfield, Illinois, she earned a bachelor's degree from Occidental College and a master's degree in law and diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.