



## **Torilus (Tory) Ward**

### **Sodexo General Manager**

### **Education Facilities Services**

### **Claflin University**

Sodexo General Manager and Navy Reserve Officer Commander Torilus O. Ward earned a full Vice Admiral Gravelly Academic Scholarship to Prairie View A&M University of Texas in August 1987. After his first year within the Naval ROTC program, Midshipman Ward earned a National Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship. Midshipman Ward completed his summer training onboard Submarines, Surface Warfare Ships and Fighter Jets in San Diego, California and Hawaii. Upon his graduation with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering, Ensign Ward received his commission into the active duty Navy and received his first assignment in Newport, Rhode Island, as a Surface Warfare Officer (SWO).

Upon graduation from the Surface Warfare Officer School, Ensign Ward was assigned to the Guided Missile Destroyer, USS COONTZ (DDG-40) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as the Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer. In 1989, Ensign Ward was early promoted to Lieutenant Junior Grade (LTJG) and was promoted to the position of Missile Officer on board USS COONTZ. In 1990 LTJG Ward was assigned to the Escort Frigate USS Glover (FF-1098) in Norfolk, Virginia as the Electrical Officer. In the summer of 2000, LTJG Ward was early promoted to the rank of full Lieutenant (LT) and received his new assignment as the Repair Officer onboard the Amphibious Aircraft Carrier USS WASP (LHD-1). LT Ward served active duty through Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

In August 2001, Lieutenant Ward resigned his active duty commission and joined the Navy Reserves. Lieutenant Ward served as the Communications Officer for the Maritime Defense Command. Within this unit LT Ward supported Joint Military Training Exercises in Canada, Virginia and South America. In 1997, LT Ward received an early promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) and was assigned as the Engineering Officer at Commander Naval Surface Force Atlantic.

In 2003, LCDR Ward received an early promotion to the rank of Commander and serves as the Senior Engineer within his unit. In 2005, CDR Ward was also appointed to the position of Executive Director for the Navy's Campaign Drug Free Program for the Region that included Virginia, Washington, DC, Maryland and Pennsylvania. In October 2006, CDR Ward was appointed to the position of National Campaign Drug Free Training Officer for the Navy's Campaign Drug Free Program. CDR Ward presents and trains other Campaign Volunteers throughout the entire United States in the Navy's War against Drugs.

CDR Ward currently has 19 ½ years combined active duty and reserve services. CDR Ward joined the Sodexo team May 1999 and has received nothing less than tremendous support from Sodexo throughout his service weekends, weeks and extended periods of service in the Navy Reserves.

“My career as an Engineering Officer within the Navy Reserves and my career as a Facilities Director with the Facilities Division within Sodexo have truly complemented each other through Leadership growth and development.”

CDR Ward has earned three Navy Achievements Medals, Volunteer Service Medals and Wartime support medals.