



MARILYN DYESS

MANAGING DIRECTOR

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Marilyn Dyess is a senior operations executive with experience spanning government contracting, organizational growth, human capital, and nonprofit leadership. As a Managing Director at Blake Willson Group (BWG), a nationally recognized technology-enabled CPA firm serving the Department of Defense, Intelligence Community, and federal civilian agencies, she provides leadership across the firm's corporate operations and strategic initiatives. Her experience encompasses human resources, talent acquisition, security, information technology, contracts, compliance, and organizational development. She also serves on the Boards of Directors for ValorTek and FedServ, two federal contracting joint ventures.

Prior to entering the federal contracting industry, Marilyn built a career in nonprofit management, leading organizational growth, program development, community engagement, and philanthropic initiatives across Virginia. Her multidisciplinary background also includes training in crisis management and experience in behavioral health, contributing to a leadership approach grounded in sound judgment, adaptability, and effective management of complex organizational priorities.

Marilyn earned a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience from the College of William & Mary and holds the Society for Human Resource Management Certified Professional (SHRM-CP) credential. She also holds a certificate in Applied Agentic AI for Organizational Transformation from MIT, reflecting her continued focus on the intersection of emerging technology, workforce strategy, and organizational performance. She has been recognized as a Northern Virginia 40 Under 40 honoree and a recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Marilyn is a lifelong member of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) and an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. A resident of Arlington, Virginia, she enjoys traveling, running, exploring wineries, and the performing arts.