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# Platte B. Moring III

## Inspector General

The Honorable Platte B. Moring III was confirmed as Inspector General of the Department of War in December 2025. His distinguished career encompasses both decorated military service and senior leadership in the public and private sectors.

Commissioning as a Military Police officer through Princeton University's Army ROTC program, Moring later went on to serve as a Judge Advocate in the District of Columbia and Pennsylvania Army National Guard. When called to active duty, he deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. As Rule of Law Officer for Security Sector Reform, he assisted the government in developing a judicial system by working with allied nations to draft a criminal procedure code, collaborate with the Afghan Constitution Commission, and train judges, prosecutors, and defense counsel. The Army awarded Moring the Bronze Star. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after serving as the Command Judge Advocate of the 213th Area Support Group.

Moring began his legal career as a judicial law clerk to the former Chief Judge of the United States Court of International Trade in New York City. Thereafter hired through the Honors Program, he became a trial attorney with the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. Moring then returned to his hometown and entered private practice with the Philadelphia law firm of White and Williams LLP, where he became a partner and manager of a regional office of the firm. After nearly three decades as a civil litigator, Moring returned to federal government service as Deputy General Counsel, Legal Counsel, in the Office of the Secretary of War. In this capacity, he supervised all litigation involving the Department, managed the Office of Military Commissions, and



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led the Office of Information and Privacy. Most recently, Moring was an adjunct professor at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, in the Department of Political Science.

Moring holds an A.B. from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, an M.S. in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a J.D. from Vanderbilt University School of Law.





## Steven A. Stebbins

### Principal Deputy Inspector General

Steven A. Stebbins was appointed the Principal Deputy Inspector General (PDIG) in April 2023 after serving as the acting PDIG since June 2020. In this role, he serves as the Chief Operating Officer of the Office of Inspector General (OIG). For most of 2025 he served as the acting Inspector General. He was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in May 2015, when he joined the DoW OIG as the Chief of Staff.

Commissioned from Army ROTC as a Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery in 1983, Mr. Stebbins served in the 2nd Infantry Division in South Korea, the 82nd Airborne Division, and the 1st Armored and 3rd Infantry Divisions in Germany at the end of the Cold War. In 1994 he left active duty and worked in private sector human resource management roles in Green Bay, Wisconsin while also serving in the Army Reserve. In late 2001 Mr. Stebbins volunteered for active duty on the Crisis Action Team in the Army Operations Center at the Pentagon, then continued his Army Staff service in the Directorate of Force Management. After serving with the Combined Security Transition Command / NATO Training Mission — Afghanistan, he led the U.S. Army Force Management Support Agency for four years before retiring from the Regular Army as a Colonel in 2015.

Mr. Stebbins earned a B.A. in History from the University of Vermont, where he was captain of the cross country team and ran track; an M.A. in History from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and an M.S. in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University. He competed on the U.S. team at the World Military Cross Country Championships in 1987 and 1990 and is an Eagle Scout.





## Courtney V. Fones

### Senior Advisor to the Inspector General

Ms. Courtney V. Fones is the Senior Advisor to the Inspector General, a senior-level (SL) professional in the Department of War Office of Inspector General (DoW OIG). She joined the DoW OIG as an auditor in September 2003 and has served as the Senior Advisor since January 2022. In her current role, Ms. Fones provides advice and guidance on DoW OIG operations and support functions leveraging her decades of experience. She reviews DoW OIG written products and provides editorial direction for the office's reports and advisories. Ms. Fones also oversees statutory publications such as the Semiannual Report to Congress, the Top DoW Management and Performance Challenges, and the Annual Oversight Plan.

Previously working in the DoW OIG's Audit Component, Ms. Fones performed and led audits of contract award and administration for more than a decade. In 2018, she transitioned to readiness and logistics auditing where she managed audits of training ranges, the DoW supply chain, and transportation. Ms. Fones also has experience with base realignment and closure validation, interagency contracting, and Antideficiency Act violations.

Ms. Fones has a bachelor's degree in accounting, graduating magna cum laude, from Juniata College and a master's degree in policy management from Georgetown University. She is also a Certified Fraud Examiner.





## David P. Bennett

### General Counsel

David P. Bennett became the General Counsel for the Department of War, Office of Inspector General, on April 13, 2026.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Bennett had a long career with the Department of War, Office of General Counsel (OGC), beginning in 2006. His service included the roles of Director, Office of Information Counsel (2016–2026); Special Counsel, Military Justice Review Group (2013–2016); and Associate Deputy General Counsel, OGC (Legal Counsel) (2006–2013).

In addition to his civilian roles, Mr. Bennett is an Air Force reservist, currently serving as the Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the Commandant of the Air Force Judge Advocate General's School. He was commissioned in 1998 and served over seven years on active duty as a judge advocate before transitioning to the reserves. His military legal experience includes positions as an Appellate Military Judge, Acting Staff Judge Advocate, Appellate and Trial Defense Counsel, and Prosecutor.

Mr. Bennett is licensed to practice law in New York State. He received his Juris Doctor degree from Brooklyn Law School in 1998 and his Bachelor of Arts degree from S.U.N.Y. Stony Brook in 1993.





## Jaryd M. Bern

### Assistant Inspector General for Legislative Affairs and Communications

Mr. Bern joined the Senior Executive Service in August 2023 to serve as the Assistant Inspector General for Legislative Affairs and Communications for the Department of War Inspector General (DoW OIG). He brings to this role nearly 20 years of experience in government oversight, legislative affairs, and communications. As the Assistant Inspector General, he leads a talented team of professionals who inform Congress and the American public about the DoW OIG's mission and independent oversight work.

Prior to joining the DoW OIG, Mr. Bern served more than a decade in senior leadership roles for the Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR), which Congress created in 2008 to conduct oversight of U.S. reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan. Most recently, as the agency's Chief of Staff, he helped manage SIGAR's operations during the turbulent periods of peace negotiations between the United States and the Taliban, the global COVID-19 pandemic, and the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan. As the Strategic Advisor to the Special Inspector General, Mr. Bern implemented several initiatives for critical oversight priorities. As the Director of Congressional Relations and Government Affairs, he led SIGAR's proactive outreach efforts to Congress, NATO partner countries, the United Nations, the World Bank, and other key stakeholders in the international reconstruction effort.

Mr. Bern began his Federal career working for the U.S. House of Representatives. He served for two members of Congress in various capacities, including as a Chief of Staff, Legislative Director, Senior Legislative Assistant, and Military Legislative Assistant for a member



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of the House Armed Services Committee. In these roles, he worked on several bipartisan policy issues related to national security, intelligence, foreign affairs, international trade, and energy.

Mr. Bern earned a B.S. in Political Science and a B.A. in Economics from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. He also obtained an M.A. in Strategic Security Studies from the National Defense University in Washington, D.C.





## Brett A. Mansfield

### Deputy Inspector General for Audit

Mr. Brett A. Mansfield was selected as the Deputy Inspector General for Audit on October 10, 2021. Prior to his selection to Deputy Inspector General, Mr. Mansfield served as the Senior Advisor to the Inspector General. As Senior Advisor, he provided advice and counsel to the Inspector General, Principal Deputy Inspector General, and the Chief of Staff concerning a variety of sensitive issues, including specific matters affecting the mission and operations of the Department of War Office of Inspector General.

Mr. Mansfield joined the DoW OIG in January 1999 as an Auditor. Since then, he has served in several roles, including Deputy Chief of Staff from March 2010 to June 2015 and Special Assistant to the Inspector General from June 2015 through October 2017. Mr. Mansfield also served as the Acting Assistant Inspector General for Communications and Congressional Liaison from January 2013 through September 2013. In this role, he ensured open and meaningful lines of communication with Congress, the public, and the media regarding the oversight efforts of the Office of Inspector General and managed oversight of the DoD Hotline operations.

Mr. Mansfield earned a B.A. in Accounting from Robert Morris University and an M.A. in Policy Management from Georgetown University. Mr. Mansfield is the recipient of the DoW Inspector General Medals for Distinguished and Superior Civilian Service and two Awards for Excellence from the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency.





## Michael J. Roark

### Deputy Inspector General, Evaluations Component

On April 1, 2019, the Department of War Inspector General underwent a reorganization of the evaluation components; Intelligence and Special Program Assessments, Policy and Oversight, and Special Plans and Operations were merged into the Evaluations Component. Mr. Michael J. Roark was named the Deputy Inspector General for this new component. Mr. Roark has served with the Department of War Inspector General since June 2000 in a variety of staff and leadership positions, becoming a member of the Senior Executive Service on September 21, 2014.

On April 23, 2018, Mr. Roark was designated as the Acting Deputy Inspector General for Intelligence and Special Program Assessments (ISPA). ISPA provides oversight across the full spectrum of programs, policies, procedures and functions of the Intelligence and counterintelligence enterprises, special access programs, nuclear enterprise and related security issues within the Department of War.

On January 1, 2018, Mr. Roark became the Assistant Inspector General for Readiness and Global Operations. The RGO directorate conducts audits related to the development and oversight of activities associated with peacetime, contingency, and warfighting readiness levels. RGO has field offices in Tampa, Florida; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Oahu, Hawaii; Stuttgart, Germany; Kaiserslautern, Germany; Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan; Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar; and Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

On September 21, 2014, Mr. Roark became the Assistant Inspector General for the Contract Management and Payments (CMP) Directorate. The CMP directorate conducts audits of contract management, payments, and contingency contracting. CMP has



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field offices in Columbus, Ohio; Yorktown, Virginia; Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan; Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar; and Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Michael has also served on the planning team supporting the Lead Inspector General for overseas contingency operations.

On July 2, 2013, Mr. Roark became the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for the Readiness and Cyber Operations (RCO) Directorate. The RCO directorate conducted audits of current operations in Afghanistan, Combatant Command operations, and joint capabilities. Notable RCO audits included fielding a cyber-career force, retrograde of cargo in Afghanistan, military construction projects, transferring medical records to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and operations in U.S. Africa Command.

From August 11, 2011, to July 1, 2013, Mr. Roark served as the Director, Joint and Southwest Asia Operations (JSOA) Directorate. The JSOA directorate conducted audits of DoW operations in Afghanistan, Southwest Asia, and the Combatant Commands. The directorate consisted of audit teams in Tampa and Virginia, as well as forward deployed audit teams to field offices in Afghanistan and Qatar. Notable JSOA audits included projects on military construction in Afghanistan, the Afghanistan retrograde, civil-military operations in U.S. Africa Command, Combatant Command disaster relief operations, and Information Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Mr. Roark obtained his undergraduate degree in business from Virginia Tech and master's degree in policy management from Georgetown University. In 2004, he completed a detail assignment to the Iraq Coalition Provisional Authority Inspector General.





## Marguerite C. Garrison

### Deputy Inspector General for Administrative Investigations

Ms. Marguerite C. Garrison became the Deputy Inspector General for Administrative Investigations and was appointed to the Senior Executive Service on July 18, 2011.

Prior to accepting this position, Ms. Garrison was a career Army military police officer, retiring in the rank of Colonel. Prior to retirement, Ms. Garrison served as the chief of the initiatives group, reporting directly to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army. In that position, she identified and coordinated key issues of strategy, policy, future concepts and comprehensive Army information requirements across the Army staff.

In other key assignments, Ms. Garrison served as an adviser to the Assistant Secretary of War for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict on antiterrorism policy; Director for Protection, Chief of Staff, and Deputy Director, Current Operations, Combined Joint Operations Directorate , Multi-National Forces-Iraq; Garrison Commander, Forts McPherson and Gillem, GA; Commander, 5th Military Police Battalion (CID), Kaiserslautern, Germany; and Command Inspector General tours at Headquarters, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command and the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command, later designated Human Resources Command.

Ms. Garrison earned her B.S. degree from St. Bonaventure University, her M.S. degree in administration from Central Michigan University, and a M.S. degree in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. She is also a graduate of the 170th session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy.





## James R. Ives

### Acting Deputy Inspector General for Investigations and Acting Director of the Defense Criminal Investigative Service

James R. Ives currently serves as the Acting Deputy Inspector General for Investigations and Director of the Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS). In this capacity, Mr. Ives oversees DCIS's senior leaders, investigative operations, and administrative functions.

Mr. Ives possesses 34 years of combined oversight and law enforcement experience, including 17 years of senior executive experience. Before assuming his current acting role, he served as DCIS's Principal Deputy Director since 2021, and previously as the DoW OIG's Deputy Inspector General for Overseas Contingency Operations (DIG OCO).

Prior to serving as DIG OCO, Mr. Ives served as Assistant Inspector General for Investigations (AIGI) at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Office of Inspector General from 2015 through 2021. Before joining NASA OIG, he served with DCIS for 22 years. Throughout his tenure, he held numerous leadership positions at the DoW OIG, to include Criminal Intelligence Program Manager, Assistant Deputy Director for National Security, Deputy Director of the Investigative Operations Directorate, Special Agent-in-Charge of DCIS's Mid-Atlantic Field Office, Acting Principal Director of the DoW OIG's Office of Professional Responsibility, Acting Deputy Inspector General for Intelligence and Special Program Assessments, and Assistant Inspector General for Investigative Operations. Upon departing the DoW OIG in 2015, he received the organization's Distinguished Career Achievement Award.



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Prior to entering the management ranks at the DoW OIG, Mr. Ives served as a special agent assigned to DCIS's Boston Resident Agency, where he conducted criminal investigations from 1994 through 2004. Subsequent to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, he was deployed to New York City for several months, where he assisted with the Government's recovery and investigative efforts. Upon returning to Boston, he served as DCIS's full-time representative to the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force from 2001 through 2004. As a result of his efforts in Boston, Mr. Ives received several awards for investigative excellence, to include the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency Award for Excellence, the Department of Health and Human Services' Award for Cooperative Achievement, and the U.S. Attorney's Office's Award for Investigative Excellence.

In 2019, Mr. Ives served on a detail assignment as Acting Inspector General of the U.S. Government Publishing Office. In 2020, the Association of Inspectors General designated him as a Certified Inspector General. He served as a special agent with the U.S. Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service from 1998 through 1999, and served as a U.S. Immigration Inspector from 1992 through 1994. He also previously served as a reserve special agent with the U.S. Coast Guard Investigative Service. He received an honorable discharge in 2006.

Mr. Ives is a 2005 graduate of Georgetown University, where he earned a Master of Public Policy degree, and a 1992 graduate of State University of New York, College at Brockport, where he graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology. He is a 2017 graduate of Harvard University's Senior Executives Fellows program. He is also an adjunct professorial lecturer at American University, and an adjunct professor at University of Maryland's Global Campus.





# Troy M. Meyer

## Deputy Inspector General Overseas Contingency Operations

Mr. Troy M. Meyer was selected as the Deputy Inspector General for Overseas Contingency Operations (DIG OCO) in November 2021. In this capacity, Mr. Meyer is responsible for developing strategic oversight plans and comprehensive quarterly reports on each contingency operation when the DoW IG is designated as Lead IG for an overseas contingency operation consistent with the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended.

Prior to becoming the DIG OCO, Mr. Meyer served as the Principal Assistant Inspector General for Audit of the Department of War Office of Inspector General for more than five years. In this capacity, Mr. Meyer helped implement and lead a comprehensive global auditing program that assessed the efficiency and effectiveness of DoW programs and activities.

Mr. Meyer earned his Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Business Administration from Pace University. He is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Fraud Examiner, and a Certified Government Financial Manager.





## Leo J. FitzHarris

### Deputy Inspector General for Mission Support

Mr. Leo J. FitzHarris was selected as the Deputy Inspector General for Mission Support, DoW Office of Inspector General, in August 2023. In this role, he leads the Mission Support Team and is the principal advisor to the Inspector General and Principal Deputy Inspector General on the agency's administrative and operational support. Prior to his selection, Mr. FitzHarris served as the Assistant Inspector General for Strategic Planning and Performance. In that role, he was responsible for integrating the IG's vision into operations through robust strategic and oversight planning, continuous process improvement, performance management, and workforce planning initiatives.

Mr. FitzHarris has over 20 years of experience in the DoW oversight community. He joined the DoW OIG in 2001 and steadily progressed through positions of responsibility in administrative investigations. Mr. FitzHarris has investigated and supervised investigations into allegations of whistleblower reprisal and restrictions filed by Service members, DoW employees, and contractors. Later, he served as the Deputy Director of the Investigations of Senior Officials Directorate, managing the DoW's administrative investigations into allegations against General/Flag officers, members of the Senior Executive Service, and political appointees. Since 2015, Mr. FitzHarris has focused on transforming organizational performance and enhancing employee engagement.

Before joining the DoW OIG, Mr. FitzHarris served as a logistics officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. His last active duty assignment was as an Inspector-Investigator with the Inspector General of the Marine Corps.

Mr. FitzHarris is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and holds a master's degree from Georgetown University.