# INSPECTOR GENERAL FACT SHEET

### **OVERVIEW**

The Inspector General (IG) serves as an extension of the commander's eyes, ears, voice, and conscience. The IG provides the commander with a sounding board for sensitive issues and serves as a fair, impartial, and objective fact-finder and problem solver. The IG informs the commander of findings, and impressions on all aspects of the command.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Serves as directed by the commander and makes inquiries into any matter within the scope of the commander's authority consistent with DoD Directives. Performs investigative, inspection, evaluation, assistance, teaching and training functions on behalf of the commander and the command to enhance the readiness and warfighting capability of the command. Serves as an extension of the Commander to the workforce and leadership to clarify his intent, observe and report on readiness detractors, make recommendations to improve efficiency, morale, and leadership.
- Monitors and reports on Intelligence oversight programs in units or organizations assigned, attached, or otherwise under the administrative control of the Commander.
- Reports directly to the Commander or Deputy Commander. This unique relationship strengthens IG credibility and reinforces the tenet of confidentiality. The command and reporting relationship may not be further delegated.

## **4 BASIC FUNCTIONS**

**Assistance**- Anyone may submit a complaint or request for assistance to an IG concerning matters of interest to the Department of Defense.

**Inspection**- The IG conducts inspections at the direction of the commander. An IG inspection may focus on systems, processes, or functions and may or may not be compliance oriented.

**Investigation** - The IG may investigate any violation of law, policy, or ethical standards, including but not limited to allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement, but only at the direction of the commander.

**Teaching and Training-** The IG utilizes knowledge and experience to assist in achieving and maintaining discipline and combat ready units. While inspecting, assisting, or investigating, the IG improves the command by teaching and training others in policy and procedures.

# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Filing a complaint with one of our IGs may be done in several ways. You may visit our office, call us, or send us an email with a completed DD Form 2949 (Joint Inspector General Action Request).

Confidentiality is an IG core tenet and we strive to protect your identity from disclosure throughout the process. IG complaints may be filed anonymously but should contain enough detail to allow concerns to be examined rather than dismissed for insufficient information.