

SECNAV Swears in New NCIS Director

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QUANTICO, VA – Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus swore in Special Agent Andrew Traver as the fifth civilian director of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) at NCIS Headquarters in Quantico, Va. on October 7. Prior to the swearing-in, Mabus spoke about the importance of NCIS' mission to the Department of the Navy. He also highlighted Traver's service in the U.S. Navy and his more than 25- year career as a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

"NCIS is an integral part of the things that matter to the Navy and Marine Corps around the world," said Mabus. "Areas such as force protection, counterterrorism, counterintelligence, and sexual assault investigations are things that Navy senior leadership and I have to address, and NCIS is a big part of that."

Speaking of Traver, Mabus remarked, "Andrew is one of us. He is a former surface warfare officer and served in Rhode Island, San Diego and in Hawaii. He knows what it's like to go to sea and what it means to be in the places that NCIS operates. He also comes to us after more than 25 years of service with the ATF, in charge of two of its largest regions.

After reciting the oath of office as the new director of NCIS, Traver took center stage and spoke about service and leadership.

"I have taken the oath of office six times in my life," said Traver. "The first time was nearly 30 years ago, when I was sworn in as an E-5 at Navy Officer Candidate School, and each and every time I've taken the oath, the profound content and powerful responsibility and duties conferred have resonated deeply within me. Even though I left active duty a long time ago, a large part of me never left and it is a true privilege and an honor to continue to serve with one foot in each world.

The following tenets have guided my professional life for the past 26 years, and they will continue to be my defining principles: to lead from the front; to lead by example; to practice meticulous attention to detail and consummate professionalism in everything I do and say; and to carry out operations with determined efficiency."

"This is a momentous occasion for me professionally and personally, the pinnacle of my public service career, and it's an honor and privilege to be chosen to lead such a phenomenal organization. I am grateful and humbled by your support."

NCIS is a federal law enforcement agency that protects and defends the U.S. Department of the Navy against terrorism and foreign intelligence threats, investigates major criminal offenses and provides law enforcement and security services to the Navy and Marine Corps on a worldwide basis. The agency is comprised of approximately 1,900 total employees, including approximately 1,000 civilian Special Agents, in 180 locations around the world.