

**Special Agent Dennis Gwozdz** will retire from NCIS on



November 1, 2008, after 27 years of dedicated service with NCIS. SA Gwozdz began his career with NCIS at NISRA New York in December 1981, an incredible culture shock for a cop from Waco, Texas. In September 1983 he transferred to NISRA Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, where he spent the next 3 years working significant narcotics and initiative investigations. In June of 1986, he was transferred to NISRA Cecil Field, Florida. SA Gwozdz, playing to his strengths, again focused his efforts on undercover narcotics and general crimes investigations, earning a nomination for NIS Narcotics Special Agent of the year. In November 1988, SA Gwozdz was transferred to NISRA Whidbey Island, Washington. In February 1993, SA Gwozdz was transferred to NCISRA Atsugi, Japan and was assigned to an FCI billet. In June 1996, SA Gwozdz was reassigned to the Norfolk Field Office, initially as an SSA for General Crimes and later as the SSA for NCISRA Little Creek as well as the SSA for the Special Operations Squad, and ultimately as the General Crimes ASAC. In January 2001 SA Gwozdz was promoted to GS-14 and reassigned to NCISFO Europe as the General Crimes ASAC. Following the tragic events of 11 September 2001, SA Gwozdz's mission was re-focused to emphasize force protection operations within the AOR. In May of 2004, SA Gwozdz was promoted to GS-15 and reassigned as the SAC of the DoD Criminal Investigation Task Force. Supervising 200 Special Agents, attorneys, and analysts responsible for preparing terrorism cases for prosecution by the Office of Military Commissions, SA Gwozdz has described this assignment as the most challenging of his career and, in many ways, the most rewarding. Given his intense passion for putting criminals in jail, it seems appropriate that SA Gwozdz finish his NCIS career as the Special Agent in Charge of the task force responsible for the investigation of the terrorists who planned the attacks on 11 September 2001, the bombing of the USS Cole, and a myriad of other terrorist actions.

SA Gwozdz has accepted an annuitant instructor position with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, GA. Dennis and his wife Susan will be moving to Georgia in early December, where Susan will continue her NCIS career with Code 15, working from NCIS spaces at FLETC.