



Thomas A. Betro
Director
Naval Criminal Investigative Service

Thomas A. Betro was named Director of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) by Secretary of the Navy Dr. Donald C. Winter, effective January 8, 2006.

Mr. Betro held the position of Deputy Director for Operations, NCIS since August 2003 after serving as Assistant Director for Counterintelligence (January-July 2003). He was promoted to the Senior Executive Service in March 2002.

Mr. Betro joined the NCIS in 1982, serving as a special agent in the Portsmouth, Virginia Resident Agency. Since that initial assignment, Mr. Betro has served in numerous positions including Special Agent Afloat on the USS John F. Kennedy and the USS Enterprise; Special Agent in Charge, NCIS Resident Agency, Keflavik, Iceland; Special Agent in Charge, NCIS Resident Agency, Newport, Rhode Island; and Chief, Pacific Division, Counterintelligence Directorate, NCIS Headquarters.



In March 1999, Mr. Betro was assigned as the NCIS Deputy Assistant Director for Counterintelligence Operations with responsibility for worldwide counterintelligence/ counterterrorism investigations, operations, and analysis, and for the Navy Antiterrorist Alert Center (ATAC). While in that position, Mr. Betro served as Chairman of the National Counterintelligence Investigations Working Group. Mr. Betro also distinguished himself outside of NCIS by his selection as Deputy National Counterintelligence Executive (NCIX), and by his later appointment by the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence to serve as the Acting NCIX. The NCIX is appointed by the President to serve as head of national counterintelligence.

He received a B.A. degree in Government from Colby College and a M.A. degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. While at the Naval War College, Mr. Betro earned the James Forrestal Award for "Excellence in Strategy and Force Planning."

During his tenure with NCIS, Mr. Betro has received a number of letters of commendation and awards, including the Naval Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 2000.