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Special Agent (SA) Meri W. Hefferon received a bachelor's degree in psychology from the State University of New York at Brockport, and a master's degree in education from Hofstra University. She is also a graduate of the Management Development Seminar, Office of Personnel Management.



SA Hefferon joined the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) in 1985 as an Intelligence Analyst assigned to the Counterterrorism Division. In 1987 she graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) and was assigned to an NCIS headquarters (NCISHQ) task force that conducted counterintelligence (CI) investigations and operations involving Cold War adversaries. In 1988 she was assigned to the NCIS Southeast Asia Region in the Philippines where she conducted investigations and operations to protect the Navy and Marine Corps from an active communist insurgency. In 1991 SA Hefferon was assigned to NCISHQ in the Training Division. In 1994 SA Hefferon transferred to the Washington, DC Field Office to serve as the NCIS Arms Control Program Manager where she coordinated treaty inspections worldwide for all Navy and Marine Corps facilities. In 1996 SA Hefferon was reassigned to the Naval Information Warfare Activity as a dedicated CI asset to a CNO Special Projects Command.

SA Hefferon was promoted to Supervisory Special Agent for the Washington, DC Field Office in 1997 where she was responsible for overseeing and coordinating counterintelligence investigations and operations. In 1999 SA Hefferon was promoted and assigned to NCISHQ to serve on the Director's Strategic Planning Group (SPG) and conduct wide-ranging reviews of NCIS strategy and policy.

In 2002 SA Hefferon was promoted to GS-15 to serve as the first senior NCIS representative assigned to U.S. Marine Corps headquarters, Commandant for Plans Policy and Operations (PP&O). She represented NCIS in briefings and operational coordination at the highest levels of the Marine Corps and provided integral CI and criminal investigative support to the USMC Expeditionary Forces that deployed during the war in Iraq. She currently serves as the Deputy Assistant Director, Department of Strategic Support, NCISHQ, with responsibility for worldwide CI investigations and operations for Navy Special Projects.

SA Hefferon received the Department of Navy Commendation for Meritorious Civilian Service in 2003. She is a member of the Federal Law Enforcement Officer's Association (FLEOA), Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and Women in Federal Law Enforcement (WIFLE).