



JOHN F. McELENY **Deputy Director** **Naval Criminal Investigative Service**

John Francis McEleny was born in Chicago, Illinois on April 22, 1946, and raised in the Los Angeles, California area. He received a bachelor's degree in criminology from California State University at Long Beach in 1969.

In 1970, he joined the U.S. Secret Service as a Special Agent after serving for two years as a patrol officer in the Stanton, California, Police Department. He served in the Los Angeles Field Office of the Secret Service for four years before being transferred to the Presidential Protective Division in Washington, D.C., where he was assigned to the protection of President Gerald Ford. In 1976, Special Agent McEleny accepted a transfer to Palm Springs, California to become part of former President Ford's protective detail.



In 1979 he transferred to the San Francisco Field Office of the Secret Service, where he later became a supervisor. He was promoted in 1987 and transferred to Washington, D.C., where he became the Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Counterfeit Division. In 1990, he was again promoted and appointed as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Vice Presidential Protective Division during the term served by Vice President Dan Quayle.

In 1992 Special Agent McEleny became the Deputy Assistant Director for Investigations for the U.S. Secret Service and served in that capacity until May 1993, when he retired in order to accept a position with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service as Assistant Director for Criminal Investigations. He was named Deputy Director in May 1996. Special Agent McEleny is a member of the Senior Executive Service.

In March 2000, Defense Secretary, William Cohen, announced the appointment of Deputy Director McEleny to be a member of a congressionally mandated three year task force to assess current domestic violence programs and policies within the DOD and the military Services. The Task Force is comprised of members from the DOD, Justice, Health & Human Services; as well as highly regarded subject matter experts from the private sector.