



GERALD N. NANCE

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Gerald N. "Gerry" Nance was born in Washington, D.C., on April 25, 1947, and raised in Arlington County, Virginia. He attended the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, where he was a varsity letterman in football and earned a bachelor's degree in health and physical education in 1969.

Following graduation, he was commissioned as second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps and served in Viet Nam as an infantry officer from January 1971 to January 1972.

Upon release from the Marine Corps, he joined the Naval Criminal Investigative Service in August 1974 and served his initial tour at Naval Station Key West, Florida. He has subsequently served in the following assignments: New London, Connecticut; Twentynine Palms, California; Representational Resident Agent at Barstow, California; Branch Head of Enforcement and Investigative Techniques in the Training Department at NCIS Headquarters in Washington, D.C.; Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge for Criminal Investigations at the Washington, D.C., Field Office; Special Agent-in-Charge of the Guam Resident Agency; Special Agent-in-Charge of the Washington Field Office; Deputy Assistant Director for Career Services at NCIS Headquarters; Deputy Regional Director for the Norfolk Region; and Special Agent-in-Charge of the Norfolk Field Office, where he served until his appointment as Deputy Director for Criminal Investigations in June 1994.

In his current position, Deputy Assistant Director Nance is responsible for the supervision and management of all felony investigations concerning homicide, assaults, robberies, sex crimes, crimes against children, drugs and property crimes. As the General Crimes Program Manager, he is responsible for investigations conducted by the 14 field offices and more than 600 special agents dedicated to criminal investigations.

In September 1995, the NCIS Cold Case Squad was instituted under his direction and is dedicated to resolving unsolved homicides.

Deputy Assistant Director Nance is the recipient of several sustained superior performance awards. He was named the Department of Defense Criminal Supervisor of the Year in 1985, and has been recognized by the International Association of Chiefs of Police for his work in homicide investigations.