

- **1915** - The Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) was reorganized in anticipation of U.S. involvement in World War I. As a result, ONI assumed responsibility for investigating espionage and sabotage.
- **1966** - The name Naval Investigative Service (NIS) was adopted to distinguish the organization from the rest of ONI.
- **1972** - Background investigations were transferred from NIS to the newly formed Defense Investigative Service (DIS), allowing NIS to give more attention to criminal investigations and counterintelligence.
- **1982** - NIS assumed responsibility for managing the Navy's Law Enforcement and Physical Security Program and the Navy's Information and Personnel Security Program. In an effort to emphasize the new security aspects of its mission, NIS changed its name to Naval Security and Investigative Command (NSIC).
- **1983** - Two months after the October 1983 bombing of the Marine Barracks in Beirut, the agency opened the Navy Antiterrorist Alert Center (ATAC). ATAC, a 24-hour-a-day operational intelligence center, issued indications and warnings on terrorist activity to Navy and Marine Corps commands.
- **1986** - The Department of the Navy Central Adjudication Facility (DoN CAF) was established and placed under the agency, corresponding with the organization's new responsibility of adjudicating security clearances.
- **1988** - The name of the organization was changed to Naval Investigative Service Command (NISCOM).
- **1989** - DoN CAF became fully operational in June. It now maintains over 1.7 million automated records and over 500,000 clearances for the Department of the Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard.
- **1992** - The name of the organization was changed to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). The first civilian director, Mr. Roy D. Nedrow, was appointed.
- **1994** - NCIS was completely restructured as a Federal law enforcement agency with 14 field offices controlling field operations in 140 locations worldwide.
- **1995** - The Cold Case Homicide Unit was established.
- **1997** - Mr. David L. Brant was appointed Director of NCIS by Secretary of the Navy John Dalton in May 1997.
- **1999** - NCIS and the Marine Corps Criminal Investigative Division (CID) sign a memorandum of understanding calling for an integration of Marine Corps CID into NCIS.
- **2000** - Congress grants NCIS civilian special agents authority to execute warrants and make arrests.
- **2002** - A growing appreciation of the changing threat facing the Department of the Navy in the 21st century, culminating with the terrorist bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen and



the attacks on September 11, 2001, led NCIS to transform the Antiterrorist Alert Center (ATAC) into the Multiple Threat Alert Center (MTAC) in 2002.