
Special Agent Andrew L. Traver



Director Naval Criminal Investigative Service

Andrew L. Traver became the fifth civilian Director of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) on October 7, 2013, having been selected for the position by the Honorable Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy.

As NCIS Director, Mr. Traver leads the agency as it investigates and defeats terrorist, foreign intelligence, and criminal threats to the United States Navy and Marine Corps wherever they operate: ashore, afloat, or in cyberspace. Mr. Traver's areas of special emphasis include developing and expanding strong partnerships and liaison with law enforcement organizations, security services, and intelligence agencies worldwide, as well as ensuring agile, adaptive, and responsive NCIS support to the Navy and Marine Corps' enhanced security posture and global engagements.

Prior to selection as Director, Mr. Traver served as the Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the Denver Field Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) since June 2012. Mr. Traver's area of responsibility included the states of Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, and Utah, a region encompassing more than 500,000 square miles. Previously, Mr. Traver was the SAC of the Chicago Field Division of ATF, with responsibility for the state of Illinois from June 2004 through June 2012. Under his administration, the Chicago office successfully disrupted and dismantled some of the most violent street gang factions and illicit firearms trafficking networks in the history of Chicago ATF.

During his twenty-six year career with ATF, Mr. Traver served as a Special Agent and in supervisory positions throughout the United States, including as an Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) of the San Francisco Field Division from December 2001 to June 2004 and as an ASAC of the New Orleans Field Division from April 2000 to December 2001. Assigned to ATF Headquarters in Washington D.C. in November 1998, he performed duties within the Office of Inspection. Mr. Traver was also the Resident Agent in Charge of the Camden, New Jersey Field Office and a Group Supervisor in the Philadelphia Field Division from June 1993 until November 1998.

Commissioned as a Special Agent with ATF in 1987, Mr. Traver began his career in Chicago, Illinois where he served for more than five years, primarily investigating violent gang-related crime and violations of Federal firearms, narcotics, and explosives laws. An original member of

the Entry Control Team, a forerunner of the Special Response Teams, Mr. Traver was also a training officer and a fully deputized member of an Illinois State Police Narcotics Task Force. Mr. Traver earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology/Criminal Justice from Northern Illinois University, graduating *summa cum laude*. After college, he joined the United States Navy and graduated third in his class from Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. Mr. Traver also graduated with honors from Surface Warfare Officer School in Coronado, California and reported for duty as the Gunnery Officer aboard the *USS Benjamin Stoddert*, in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Mr. Traver, a survivor of prostate cancer in 2008, is a peer support mentor for other similarly afflicted men in association with ZERO-The End of Prostate Cancer. He also served as a volunteer Veterans Outreach Coordinator for The Mission Continues, a non-profit organization created to support and assist wounded and disabled veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.