
Debra D. Pettitt



Auditor General of the Navy Naval Audit Service

Debra Davis Pettitt was appointed as the Auditor General of the Navy on December 8, 2019. She directs the worldwide operations of the Naval Audit Service, and functions as the senior advisor on all internal Department of the Navy audit-related matters. Leading the efforts of 300 Naval Audit Service professional employees located at the Washington Navy Yard and two field offices, she provides executive direction over Naval Audit Service audits and administrative programs while executing a \$48 million annual operating budget.

Ms. Pettitt is an accomplished and versatile senior executive/leader with 35 years of global professional auditing, inspection, and evaluation experience in the U.S. Federal Government and private and not-for-profit sectors. Her extensive experience includes evaluating and reporting on financial management; program economy, efficiency, effectiveness, and results; risk management; internal control; policy development; law enforcement activities; and management practices in a variety of organizations with complex and unusual missions, including national defense and security, space exploration, postal delivery services, labor and workforce programs, and affordable housing initiatives.

As the chief audit executive of the Department of the Navy, Ms. Pettitt leads her staff in providing internal audit services covering all of the Department's programs and its more than \$150 billion budget and 600,000 military and civilian personnel. Audit coverage focuses on issues related but not limited to financial audit readiness, program internal controls, fraud, acquisition, manpower, reserve affairs, special access programs, energy, physical and cyber security, and installations. Moreover, Ms. Pettitt oversees Naval Audit Service's partnership with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and Department of Justice to provide audit support for numerous major investigations.

Prior to her appointment as Auditor General of the Navy, she served as the Senior Audit Advisor and Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Labor, where she was responsible for overall leadership of the Office

of Audit. Before her tenure with the Department of Labor, Ms. Pettitt served as the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Office of Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Ms. Pettitt began her career with the U.S. Air Force Audit Agency as an auditor in 1984, and later joined the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General (USPS OIG) as an audit director. Ms. Pettitt was promoted to Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Oversight and Business Evaluations at the USPS OIG before leaving Federal service and joining PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as an audit manager in 2005. In 2008, she became the Director, Internal Controls, at Habitat for Humanity International, after having worked with that organization while serving as the acting Vice President for Internal Audit at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

Ms. Pettitt received her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Old Dominion University in 1985, earned her master's degree in Public Administration from Auburn University, Montgomery in 1997, and is a Certified Internal Auditor. In addition to completing various professional training courses, Ms. Pettitt is also a graduate of the Air Force Air War College (in residence), and the Professional Military Comptroller School. She has received numerous performance, special commendation, and Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency awards.