
Kurt Thomas



Executive Assistant Director Criminal Investigations and Operations Naval Criminal Investigative Service

Special Agent Kurt Thomas became the Executive Assistant Director (EAD) of the Criminal Investigations and Operations Directorate (Criminal Directorate), Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) in 2020. He is the primary advisor to the NCIS Director and Deputy Director for Operations for economic crimes, general crimes, and criminal intelligence investigations. He oversees the agency's criminal investigations and operations, including death, sexual assault, narcotics, and procurement fraud investigations; and is responsible for manning, training, and equipping of personnel, as well as the execution of major criminal investigative activities, both proactive and reactive, for the Department of the Navy. He performed similar responsibilities while serving formerly as the acting EAD and Assistant Director of the Criminal Directorate (2020).

EAD Thomas has supported NCIS in additional leadership and management roles, both domestically and overseas, including Special Agent-in-Charge, Marine Corps West Field Office, Camp Pendleton, California (2018-2020); Program Manager for Leadership Development and Innovation, Human Resources Directorate (2017-2018) and Executive Assistant to the NCIS Director (2017), NCIS Headquarters; Resident Agent-in-Charge, NCIS Resident Offices, Okinawa and Iwakuni, Japan (2015-2017); Supervisor, Adult Sexual Assault Investigations, Okinawa (2013-2015); Supervisory Agent, Criminal, Counterintelligence, and Counterterrorism Investigations, U.S. Naval Base Guam (2011-2013); and Supervisory Agent, Counterintelligence, U.S. Naval Base San Diego, California (2007-2010). He deployed as Team Chief, Herat, Afghanistan (2010); and as Special Agent-in-Charge, Strategic Counterintelligence Directorate, Basra, Iraq (2006).

EAD Thomas began his career with NCIS in 1998 in San Diego. His initial assignments included Special Agent Afloat with the USS Constellation (CV-64) Strike Group in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (2002-2003); and deployment to Basra, Iraq as part of a protective service detail for the Coalition Provisional Authority (2004).

EAD Thomas earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and Criminal Justice from Colorado State University, and a Master of Forensic Sciences degree from George Washington University. While attending graduate school, he served on active duty in the U.S. Army. His awards include the Joint Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the Joint Civilian Service Commendation Award, and the Meritorious Civilian Service Award.