



Michael T. Wiest, CIG **Special Agent**

Special Agent Michael Wiest returned to federal service as a reemployed federal annuitant in July of 2025 after having completed over 31 years of government service. Special Agent Wiest serves concurrently as the Strategic Advisor to the NCIS Deputy Director and as the NCIS Faculty Representative to the U.S. Naval War College.



Immediately prior to retirement he served as the Special Agent in Charge of the NCIS Northeast Field Office where he was responsible for all NCIS criminal investigations and operational activity in the northeastern United States including 10 states from Maine to Ohio and in the eastern provinces of Canada. The NCIS Northeast Field Office led NCIS efforts to combat asymmetrical threats to naval undersea technology and supply chains while maintaining enhanced capabilities to counter and investigate traditional crime directed against the Department of the Navy.

SAC Wiest previously served as the Inspector General for the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (2019-2020), performing as principal advisor to the NCIS Director regarding the integrity, effectiveness, and efficiency of NCIS activities and personnel and overseeing agency investigations involving potential insider threats and personnel misconduct.

Other senior management assignments include Assistant Director for Global Operations, Washington, DC (2018-2019). In that capacity, he was responsible for seven field offices and the execution of worldwide investigations and operations involving espionage, counterintelligence, protective service operations, contingency response as well as polygraph, technical, and forensic services. He served previously as Special Agent-in-Charge of the NCIS Southeast Field Office, Jacksonville, Florida (2016-2018) and as NCIS Senior Advisor and Command Counterintelligence Coordinating Authority, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii (2014-2016).

Special Agent Wiest's supervisory and managerial assignments include serving as Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge, Counterintelligence and Counterterrorism, NCIS Northeast Field Office, Newport, Rhode Island; Supervisory Special Agent (SSA), Counterintelligence, NCIS Washington Field Office, Washington, DC; SSA, Criminal Investigations and Operations, NCIS Resident Agency Sigonella, Italy; and SSA, Office of Communications, NCIS Headquarters, Quantico, Virginia. Special Agent Wiest served as a DON Legislative Fellow, assigned as the Military Legislative Assistant to a U.S. senator. He served formerly as Executive Assistant to the NCIS Director and Chairman of the NCIS Director's Advisory Board. He began his career with NCIS in 1999 in Naples, Italy.

Special Agent Wiest earned a Master of Arts degree (with distinction) in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College, and a Bachelor of Science degree (cum laude) in Finance from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Special Agent Wiest holds certification as a Certified Inspector General (CIG) from the Association of Inspectors General. He also served as an Intelligence Officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve, retiring in 2022 at the rank of Commander (O-5).