

# John Robert “J.R.” Neal

## Inspector General



John Robert “J.R.” Neal is the Inspector General (IG) for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). Mr. Neal is responsible for ensuring that DTRA’s worldwide mission activities are in compliance with applicable law, Executive Orders, policies, and regulations. Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Neal was the Deputy Inspector General at the Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington Navy Yard, where he provided oversight of the command’s 36 field activities, directing all aspects of investigation, inspection, audit liaison, internal evaluations, and contract fraud assessment efforts.

Mr. Neal retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2014 as a colonel after 26 years of service. He received his commission in 1988 and served as a Navigator on B-52 and C-130 aircraft, amassing 3,600 flight hours, including combat and combat support in Operations DESERT STORM, UPHOLD DEMOCRACY, JOINT ENDEAVOR, and SOUTHERN WATCH. During the height of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM he commanded Detachment 1, 730<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Squadron at Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory.

Mr. Neal held key headquarter staff positions. While at the Pentagon, he was a Mobility Forces Programmer, in the Directorate of Programs, and an Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Plans and Programs. At Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, he was the Dean of Academic Affairs within Headquarters Squadron Officer College, then became the Executive Officer for the President and Commander of the Headquarters Air University. Mr. Neal spent most of 2009 in Afghanistan as Commander of the 655<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Squadron at Forward Operating Base Sharana.

Mr. Neal’s final assignments in the U.S Air Force enabled him to garner valuable compliance and oversight experience. Following his Afghanistan deployment, he returned to the Headquarters Air University as the Inspector General. He culminated his career as the Inspector General for Headquarters U.S. Southern Command in Miami.

Mr. Neal earned a Bachelor in Electrical Engineering at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical (“A&T”) State University in Greensboro, and Master of Business Administration and Management from Touro University International (now known as Trident University).