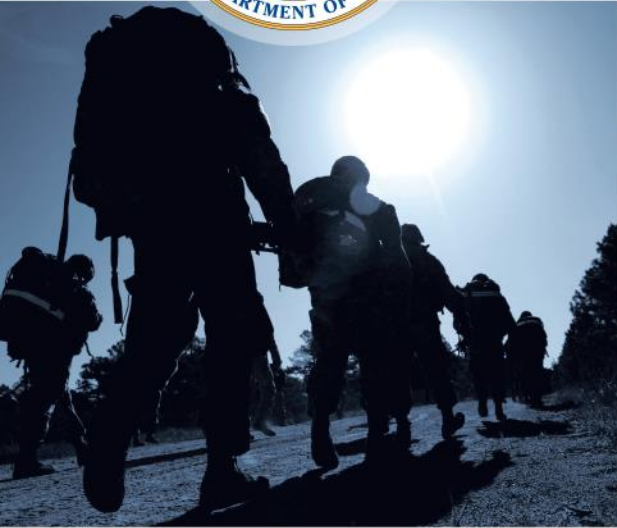




INSPECTOR GENERAL

U.S. Department of War



INDEPENDENCE ★ INTEGRITY ★ EXCELLENCE ★ TRANSPARENCY

DoW INSPECTOR GENERAL BRIEF TO CAPSTONE

MR. STEVEN A. STEBBINS, PRINCIPAL DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL

MAY 13, 2026



AGENDA

- Who We Are
- What We Do
- How We Decide What to Audit and Evaluate
- So What? Why Our Work Matters, and to Whom
- Senior Official Matters
- Key Take-Aways



WHO WE ARE: MISSION AND VALUES



- The DoW OIG mission and authorities are grounded in the Inspector General Act.

We promote the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of DoW programs, and the integrity of its workforce and operations, through impactful audits, evaluations, investigations, and reviews.

Our values guide our work:

Independence Excellence Integrity Transparency



WHO WE ARE: INDEPENDENCE AND ACCESS

Independence

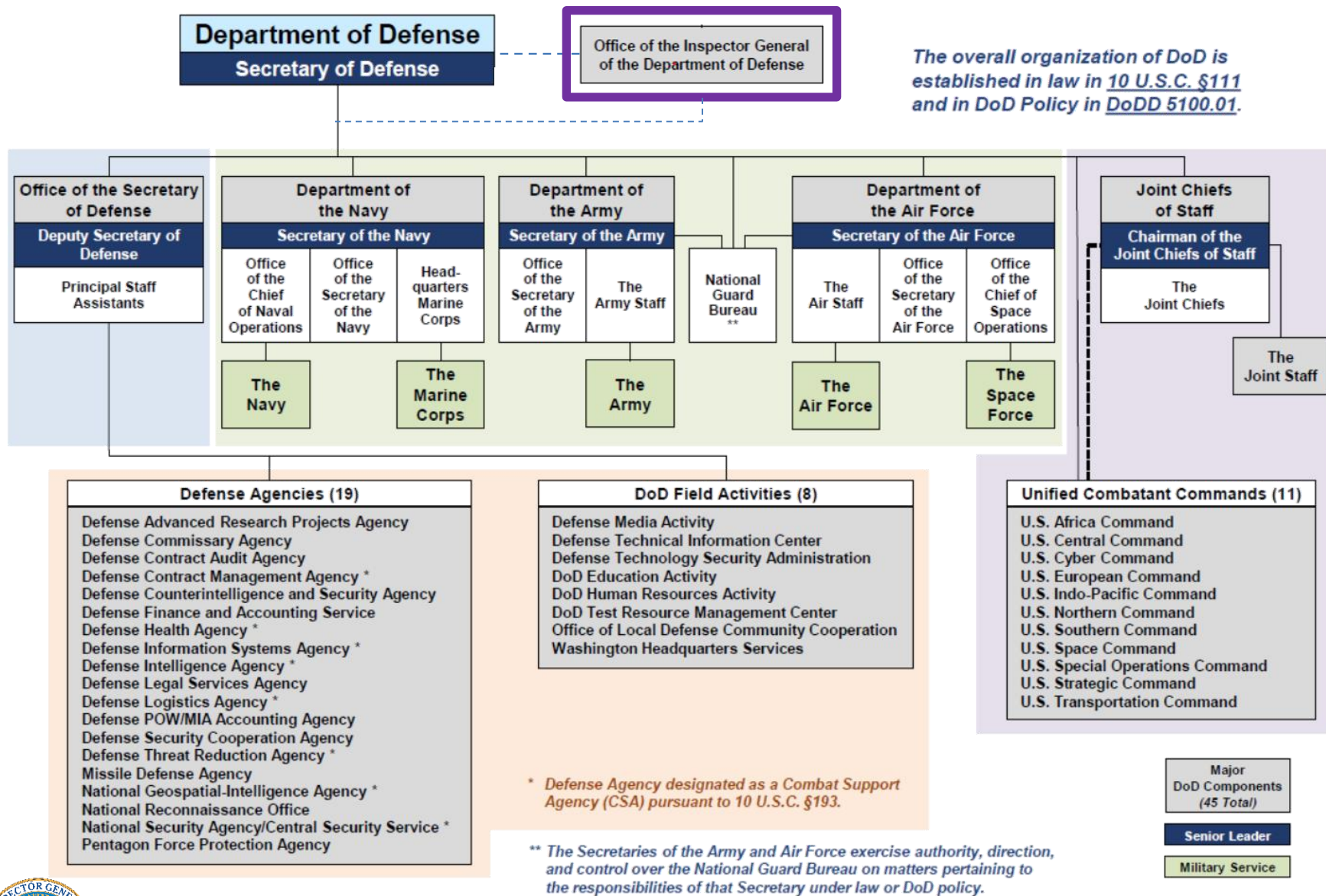
- Presidentially appointed Senate-confirmed IG
 - No political affiliation
 - Not rated by the Secretary of War
- Keeps the Secretary of War and Congress informed of oversight results
- Chooses which oversight to perform, absent a statutory requirement
- Separate budget line and appeal procedures
- Independent hiring authority

Access

- Direct and prompt access to the Secretary of War
- Timely access to **all** information
 - Includes privileged or classified information
 - OIG decides what information is relevant to oversight
 - No announced project required
- Can subpoena third parties for information or testimony



WHO WE ARE: RELATIONSHIP TO DoW



WHAT WE DO: OVERSIGHT

Programmatic Oversight: *Audits, Evaluations, Reviews*

Criminal Investigations: *Investigate white collar crimes - mostly fraud - with a DoW nexus*

- **Administrative Investigations:** *Investigate allegations of senior official misconduct, whistleblower reprisal and restriction*
- **Lead IG and Special IG Reports:** *Coordinate whole-of-government oversight of and produce quarterly reports on the status of overseas contingency operations*
 - Lead IG for OIR, OES, OSS, OSG, OCO6, and OEF; Special IG for OAR
- **Alternative Dispute Resolution**
- **Whistleblower Protection Coordinator & DoD Hotline**
- **DoW Audit and Criminal Investigation Policy**
- **Coordination with the Federal Oversight Community**



WHAT WE DO: TRUST AND CONFIDENCE

	2016-2020 5-Year Avg	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Presidency	44.2	38	23	26	26	30
Congress	13.8	12	7	8	9	10
U.S. Supreme Court	46.2	36	25	27	30	27
Military	87.2	69	64	60	61	62
Police	63.2	51	45	43	51	45
Criminal justice system	28.8	20	14	17	21	17
Big business	25.0	18	14	14	16	15
Small business	84.6	70	68	65	68	70
Medical system	50.0	44	38	34	36	32
Public schools	41.2	32	28	26	29	29
Church or organized religion	48.0	37	31	32	32	36
Organized labor	33.6	28	28	25	28	29
Television news	23.8	16	11	14	12	11

Source: <https://news.gallup.com/poll/1597/confidence-institutions.aspx>



HOW WE DECIDE WHAT TO AUDIT AND EVALUATE

○ Considerations:

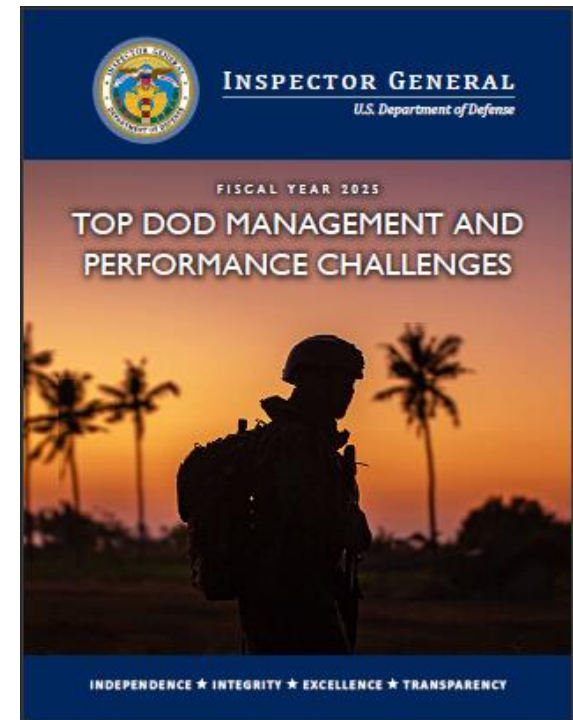
1. DoW Priorities and Risks to Mission

- Annual Top Management and Performance Challenges Report
- DoW Input
- Hotline and DCIS Trends
- Strategic Documents

2. Prior and Ongoing Oversight

3. Our Capacity

- Statutory Oversight Requirements



SO WHAT? HOW WE CAN HELP

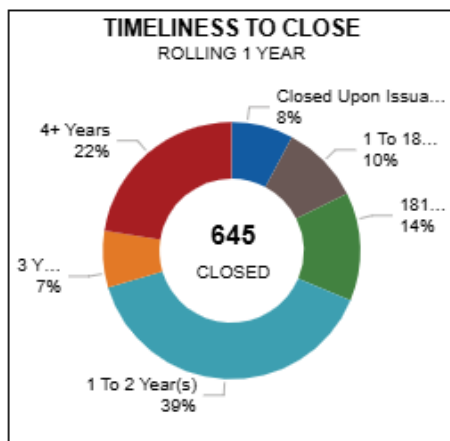
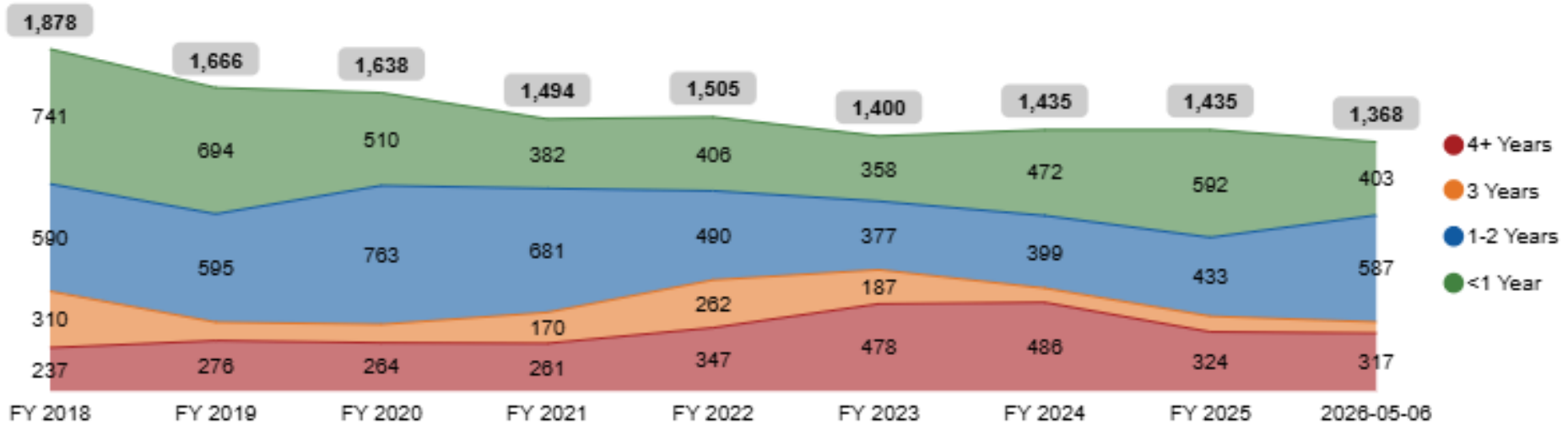
- Best Practice Meetings
 - Financial Statements Audit, Golden Dome
- Summary Reports
 - Prepositioned Stocks, Acquisition Programs
- Focused Oversight Areas
 - Ukraine Support
 - INDOPACOM

*Our Goal: Provide the DoW with **timely** recommendations that improve economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the **areas of greatest** risk to mission.*



AGE OF OPEN RECOMMENDATIONS OVER TIME

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF OPEN RECOMMENDATIONS AS OF FISCAL YEAR END



Source: DoW OIG DAT/OCIO
Retrieved 05-06-2026



SO WHAT? WHO PAYS ATTENTION?

○ Congress

- Hearings
 - *DoW OIG Testimony to the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Government Operations Hearing, “Tracking Progress: Updates to DoW’s Financial Management Scorecard,” May 7, 2025*
- New Legislation or Requirements
 - *SASC requiring the USD(P&R) to brief on status of findings from DoW OIG report on the Army’s Future Soldier Preparatory Course by October 1, 2025*

○ Media and the Public

SPACE

DoD OIG to Assess Effectiveness of U.S. Space Force Oversight of GPS OCX



Frank Wolfe

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DOD OIG Finds Deficiencies in Mgmt. of Contract Actions Supporting Ukraine

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DOD/NATIONAL DEFENSE GOVERNMENT REPORTS AND SUMMARIES

Evaluation of the DoD’s Capabilities to Effectively Carry Out Joint Logistics Over-the-Shore Operations and Exercises



By Homeland Security Today May 6, 2025

Department of Defense Audit Exposes Boeing’s Overpricing of C-17 Spare Parts

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David Cenciotti



FY 2021 THROUGH FY 2025 SUBSTANTIATED AND REPORTABLE ALLEGATIONS BY CATEGORY

■ Personal Misconduct or Ethical Violations

- Dignity and Respect
- Inappropriate Relationships
- Gifts
- Misuse of Position
- Misuse of Subordinate's Time

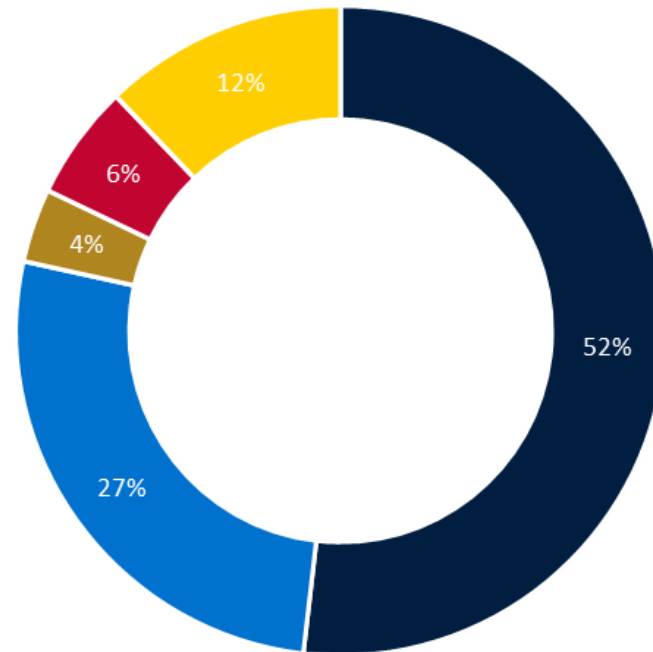
■ Personnel Matters

- Failure to Follow Regulations
- Improper Hiring
- Harassment and Discrimination

■ Misuse of Government Resources

■ Travel Violations

■ Security Matters, Other



Source: DoW OIG AI ISO
Retrieved 9 Jan 2026



SENIOR OFFICIALS: EFFECTIVE ACTIONS

- Treat everyone with courtesy, dignity, and respect.
- Consult with Ethics Advisor early and often.
- Lead by example. Follow the same rules and regulations that apply to your subordinates. “NYT Rule.”
- Monitor organization climate. Encourage feedback.
- Address concerns. Share actions taken, as appropriate.
- Address performance issues early.
- Support IGs and Whistleblowers.



KEY TAKE AWAYS

We are Independent and Objective

- Our oversight helps the DoW be more effective, efficient, and economical and ensure ethical conduct, which strengthens trust in the DoW.
- Our audits and evaluations can focus attention on specific risks areas.
- Timely implementation of our recommendations improves the DoW.

Our Scope Covers the Entire DoW

- We may engage with your organization on oversight work.
- We have the authority and capabilities to handle classified, special access, proprietary, or otherwise privileged information.

We are Authorized Full and Timely Access to All DoW Information

- All means all.



QUESTIONS?



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