



Letitia Long Director, NGA

Ms. Letitia A. Long is the fifth Director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) and the first woman to head a major U.S. intelligence agency. Ms. Long leads and directs NGA under the authorities of the Secretary of Defense and Director of National Intelligence. She became NGA's director on Aug. 9, 2010.

Ms. Long's civilian federal career in the Department of Defense (DOD) and Intelligence Community (IC) began with the U.S. Navy at the David Taylor Research Center in 1982. In 1988, Ms. Long joined the Office of the Director of Naval Intelligence, where she managed intelligence research and development programs. From 1994 to 1998, Ms. Long held a number of positions at the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) including serving as DIA's first chief information officer.

In 1998, Ms. Long was assigned as the Executive Director for Intelligence Community Affairs for the Director of Central Intelligence, responsible for community-wide policy formulation, resource planning, and program assessment and evaluation. She later served as the Deputy Director of Naval Intelligence from 2000 to 2003 and next as the first Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence (Policy, Requirements and Resources). Prior to her appointment to NGA, Ms. Long served as the Deputy Director of DIA from 2006 until 2010.

Ms. Long is the recipient of the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Civilian Service, the Presidential Rank Award of Distinguished Executive, the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive (two awards) and the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal (two awards). In 2011, Ms. Long received the Charlie Allen Award for Distinguished Intelligence Service from the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, was decorated with the Medal of Merit by the King of Norway, and was appointed to the rank of Chevalier in the National Order of the Legion of Honor of France. She was named one of the Most Powerful Women in the D.C. Metro area by Washingtonian magazine in 2013 and was honored with a 2014 Federal 100 Award by Federal Computer Week. She was awarded with an honorary Doctorate of Strategic Intelligence in 2014 by the National Intelligence University.

Ms. Long earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Virginia Tech and a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the Catholic University of America.

