

## **GARY K. ABE**

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Gary K. Abe was appointed to as the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations in July 2012. His position is responsible for leading, directing, and monitoring the principal field operations of the Office of Audits and Evaluations through a geographically dispersed workforce of approximately 125 to 150 auditors, management analysts, and administrative staff, ranging in grades GS-5 to GS-15. He shares management responsibility with the Assistant Inspector General for all initiatives related to audits and evaluations of Veterans Affairs (VA) programs and operations.

Mr. Abe began his career at the VA Office of Inspector General (OIG) in July 2002 as a Senior Management Analyst in the OIG's Seattle Office of Audit Operations. In September 2005, he became an Audit Manager in the office and in January 2010, he was promoted to the Office Director where planned, conducted and completed national audits and special congressional reviews.

Mr. Abe retired from the U.S. Army at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and was awarded the following medals:

- Department of Defense Legion of Merit Award – 1997
- Department of Defense Meritorious Service Award – 1990
- Department of Defense Meritorious Service Award – 1988

Mr. Abe graduated Magna Cum Laude from Loyola University, New Orleans, Louisiana in 1976 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. He earned a Master of Science in Management from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California in 1982. He is also a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute.