

# CHRISTOPHER P. FAILLA

## **Inspector General**

As the Inspector General, Mr. Christopher P. Failla is responsible for promoting the integrity, efficiency and effectiveness of the Architect of the Capitol's (AOC) operations and programs. Mr. Failla and his team conduct independent audits and investigations, review existing and proposed legislation and regulations that may impact AOC activities, and recommend policies to detect and prevent fraud, waste and abuse.

Before joining the AOC in 2017, Mr. Failla completed a 26-year naval aviation career and retired as a Navy Captain. During his last assignment, he held three positions at the Department of Defense (DOD) Inspector General's office simultaneously. He was detailed as the Director for the Technical Assessment Directorate, leading 19 engineers conducting inspections and evaluations on major acquisition defense programs (MDAPS), military facilities and overseeing hotline complaints and congressional inquiries in accordance with Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency guidelines. During his three years as Director, his directorate published 21 CIGIE Inspection and Evaluation reports on high profile DoD programs such as the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF), F-18 Super hornet, C-5, Military Ejection seats, Ammunition data cards, the Recovery of Chemical Weapons Program (RCWP), and the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle (EELV) produced by ULA and Space X along with inspecting nearly 30 military facilities around the world for health and safety violations. He also served as the Executive Assistant for the Deputy Inspector General for Policy and Oversight and served as the Senior Military Advisor and Senior Military Officer in the DOD Inspector General's office, leading 38 active duty and reserve officers and one enlisted from all four services.

In 2010, Mr. Failla reported to the National Defense University, National War College in Washington, D.C. He earned a Master's degree in National Security Strategy and Planning. Following graduation from the National War College, he reported to the Joint Staff, J8, Capability and Acquisitions Division (CAD) at the Pentagon. In 2013, he was selected for Major Command and Sea and promoted to Captain. He spent his final year at J8 as the Branch Head for the Strategic and Tactical Branch within CAD.

In 2006, Mr. Failla was assigned to the Pentagon where he became a budget program analyst for the Navy's aviation branch and earned a financial management subspecialty. It was there that he was promoted to Commander in 2007 and selected for Operational Command as the Commanding Officer of a Jacksonville, Florida, based helicopter squadron.

Mr. Failla is a 1991 graduate of the Military College of South Carolina, The Citadel. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy on May 11, 1991, and earned his Naval Aviator designation in 1993. He has logged over 3,000 flight hours and hundreds of small deck landings while conducting operations in the Arabian Gulf, Mediterranean, Baltic, Atlantic and Caribbean Seas.

