

STEPHEN L. CALDWELL

Abbreviated version of bio

Mr. Steve Caldwell is a Director in GAO's Homeland Security and Justice team. In this capacity, he provides direct support to congressional committees and individual members of the House and Senate on homeland security issues by providing them with briefings, reports and testimony. Among other things, his recent GAO reports and testimony covered issues related to protecting critical infrastructure and promoting resiliency, particularly in ports. Specific topics included implementation of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards, Maritime Transportation Security Act and SAFE Port Act, threat information sharing, and risk management for critical maritime infrastructure. He pioneered some of GAO's work to develop criteria to assess national intelligence estimates, national strategies and risk management. In addition to his more recent work examining homeland security programs, his other GAO reports covered a wide variety of defense, intelligence and international programs. He has extensive international experience, having spent almost one-third of his career overseas and having visited 27 countries as part of his work on homeland security and other issues. His other experiences include working for a congressional committee and the U.S. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. Mr. Caldwell earned diplomas from the University of California at Berkeley, and the U.S. Naval War College. He has received numerous performance awards, has published several journal articles, and has spoken on homeland security at several conferences and other venues.

Full version of bio

Mr. Steve Caldwell is currently a Director at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), working for the Homeland Security and Justice Team. In this capacity, he provides direct support to congressional committees and individual members of the House and Senate on Critical Infrastructure Protection issues by providing them with briefings, reports and testimony. His recent GAO reports and testimony covered issues to include the protection of critical infrastructure and the promotion of resiliency, particularly in the port environment. These included implementation of the Maritime Transportation Security Act, SAFE Port Act, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Security program, energy tanker security, port security exercises, maritime threat information sharing, maritime domain awareness, container security programs, and risk management for critical maritime infrastructure. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, he was detailed from GAO to the House Select Committee on Hurricane Katrina to help investigate and write a report on the preparations and response to that natural disaster. Previously, as an Assistant Director, Mr. Caldwell led many of GAO's reviews of federal programs for homeland security and counterterrorism. In this capacity, he pioneered some of GAO's work to develop criteria to assess national intelligence estimates, national strategies and risk management. Since 1996, he has led the production of over 50 GAO publications and numerous briefings on these topics.

In addition to his more recent work examining homeland security programs, his other studies have included topics such as DOD strategic wargaming, unified command planning and organization, intelligence community activities, foreign military and economic assistance, as well as United States involvement in NATO, the United Nations, and other international programs. He has extensive international experience, having spent almost one-third of his career overseas and having visited 27 countries as part of his work on homeland security and other issues. Before coming to GAO's Headquarters in Washington, D.C., Mr. Caldwell worked in GAO's European Office (1986-1992) and San Francisco Office (1983-1986) reporting to Congress on a variety of military and civilian topics. Prior to GAO, he worked for the U.S. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (1981-1982) on nation-building activities in the Palau Islands.

Mr. Caldwell earned a Bachelor's degree in political science (1980) and Master's degree in public policy (1983), both from the University of California at Berkeley, where he specialized in national security affairs. He also earned a diploma from the U.S. Naval War College (1996), where he received the Director's Award for Academic Excellence. He is the recipient of numerous other honors, including GAO's Client Service Award, Meritorious Service Award, Big Picture Award and several other performance related awards. Mr. Caldwell has made numerous appearances before the media, professionals at conferences, and students at key universities. He was a Senior Executive Fellow at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government (2006). In addition to his GAO reports and testimonies, he is the author of articles and commentary in *Armed Forces Journal*, *Defense Intelligence Journal*, OSCE's *Counterterrorism Network Bulletin*, *Cargo Security International*, *Bunkerspot*, *Mediterranean Quarterly*, and *Issues in Science and Technology*.