

The Role of the Inspector General

What is the Role of the Command Inspector General (CIG)?

Most people know that the CIG conducts inspections and investigations. However, many are not aware that the CIG has five specific functions within the command: Inspections, Assistance, Investigations, Intelligence Oversight, and Teaching and Training. In addition to these five functions, at MARFORCOM, the CIG is also the point of contact for enlisted and officer Request Mast applications to COMMARFORCOM. In this issue, we will briefly discuss the Inspection, Assistance, and Investigation functions of the CIG.

The Inspector General is an extension of “the eyes, ears, voice, and conscience of the commander”

Inspections

It is important to remember that inspections are a preventative measure intended to find and correct issues within the command before they reach the point of mission failure.

The primary purpose of the Commander’s Inspection Program (CIP) is to assess the organization’s capability to accomplish its mission. This is accomplished by analyzing and correlating evaluations of various functional systems such as training, logistics, personnel, command and control, intelligence, etc. An effective inspection will identify root causes of problems, particularly those beyond the capability of the commander to solve.

Anyone providing information to the CIG has a reasonable expectation of confidentiality; however, absolute confidentiality cannot be guaranteed if disclosure is required by judicial mandate or subpoena.

Assistance

Anyone (military members, DoD civilians, contractors, family members, etc.) may make a complaint or request for assistance to the CIG; however, not all complaints result in the initiation of an IG investigation. When the CIG receives a request, it is analyzed by CIG personnel to determine whether the issue has merit and requires resolution, if the matter is appropriate for CIG action, or if the matter should be referred to the command or another agency. When analysis indicates that there is an avenue that is more appropriate to address the complaint, and that avenue has not yet been used by the individual making the request, the CIG will refer that individual to the appropriate agency. This referral can be to the Commander, another IG, law enforcement, or any number of other cognizant agencies.

Investigations

Should the CIG analysis of a request / complaint indicate possible impropriety by an individual or a potentially adverse condition that affects the mission capability of the command, the CIG will initiate a preliminary inquiry into the allegations. If the preliminary inquiry determines there is enough evidence to warrant investigation, an IG investigation will be initiated. The outcome of the investigation will result in allegations Substantiated or Unsubstantiated. Although the CIG conducts the investigation and briefs the results to COMMARFORCOM, the CIG does not make any recommendations to the commander regarding any potential disciplinary action to be taken if an allegation is substantiated. The subject of a CIG investigation will **always** be notified of his / her status as a subject and will **always** be informed of the outcome of the investigation.

The CIG may investigate any violation of law, policy, or ethical standards, including, but not limited to, allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement.

Complaints Not CIG Appropriate

Equal Opportunity complaints, hazardous work conditions, and issues with other forms of redress (court-martial actions, non-judicial punishment, officer and NCO evaluation reports, security clearances, pending discharge, etc.) are not CIG appropriate. Contact the CIG if you are unsure of the proper agency to direct your complaint and we will assist you .

The CIG will accept any and all complaints, but will refer to the appropriate agency when applicable.

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