



## Vice Admiral William E. Landay III



### DIRECTOR

### Defense Security Cooperation Agency



Vice Admiral William Landay became Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency in August 2010. He manages a professional security cooperation work force of military and civilian personnel located around the world. He provides leadership, management, and oversight for a diverse portfolio of security cooperation and partner capacity building programs including: Foreign Military Sales, Foreign Military Financing, International Military Education and Training, End Use Monitoring, and Humanitarian Assistance, Disaster Relief, and Mine Action.

VADM Landay graduated from the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned an Ensign in 1978. His first assignment was as gunnery assistant and combat information center officer aboard USS HEPBURN (FF 1055). Subsequent sea tours included ship control officer USS NICHOLAS (FFG 47), commanding officer of USS AQUILA (PHM 4), and commanding officer of USS PAUL HAMILTON (DDG 60). Under his command, PAUL HAMILTON was awarded the Battle Efficiency E for operational performance, two Silver Anchor awards for retention excellence, and the Spokane Trophy for outstanding Combat Systems Readiness.

Ashore, VADM Landay has served as a Team Training Instructor and Harpoon Course Director at Fleet Combat Training Center, Pacific; and C4I Program Officer and Executive Assistant to the Director of Command, Control, Communications and Computer Systems at the United States Transportation Command. His acquisition tours included assignment as Surface, Strike and Underwater Warfare Manager and Fleet Support officer in the Aegis Program Office; Executive Assistant to the Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command; Major Program Manager for Fleet and Lifetime Support in the Program Executive Office for Theater Surface Combatants; and Executive Assistant and naval aide to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition.

As a Flag Officer, VADM Landay served as the Program Executive Officer for Littoral and Mine Warfare. In January 2006, he became the 21<sup>st</sup> Chief of Naval Research. He most recently served as the Program Executive Officer for Ships, responsible for all non-nuclear shipbuilding programs.

Landay holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Systems Engineering from the Naval Academy, a Master of Science degree in Systems Technology (C4I) from the Naval Postgraduate School, and is a graduate of the Program for Management Development at the Harvard Business School. He was the 1998-1999 Navy Fellow in the Defense Systems Management College Military Research Fellowship Program. He is a level 3 certified acquisition professional and a proven subspecialist in C4I Systems. His personal awards include multiple awards of the Distinguished Service Medal and Legion of Merit, as well as various unit awards.