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Transportation Secretary Peters Swears in New DOT Inspector General

Secretary of Transportation Mary E. Peters swore in Calvin L. Scovel III today as the Department's Inspector General.

"Cal is uniquely qualified to be a strong advocate for accountability, honesty and integrity," Secretary Peters said.

Mr. Scovel retired from the Marine Corps as a Brigadier General after 29 years service. He most recently served as a Senior Judge of the United States Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals. The court conducts appellate review of Navy and Marine Corps courts-martial as required by the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

In his prior positions, Mr. Scovel often handled criminal and administrative cases that arose from military Inspector General investigations. As a legal advisor for senior military commanders and the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Scovel reviewed Inspector General reports and assisted in implementing their recommendations. He also served as the first counsel to the Inspector General of the Marine Corps, and as Chief Defense Counsel of the Marine Corps.

Mr. Scovel is the sixth Inspector General in the Department's history. Mr. Scovel received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina and JD from Duke University. He also received a master's degree from the Naval War College. He lives in Montclair, Virginia, with his wife, Cathy. They have two sons: Carey, a 2006 graduate of Elon University, and Thomas, a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy.

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