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Bethann Sliwa is the Executive Assistant Director (EAD) for Planning and Strategy, Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). She develops overarching agency strategies and provides the program planning, evaluation, and performance assessment necessary to accomplish the strategic mission of NCIS; serves as a consultant to Department of Defense and Department of the Navy (DON) sponsors on financial management and critical resource issues; and manages public engagement and congressional activities.

EAD Sliwa was selected as a Defense Intelligence Senior Leader in 2018. Prior to her current assignment, EAD Sliwa served as the Assistant Director for the Directorate of Intelligence and Information Sharing. She oversaw globally dispersed intelligence specialists and the collection, fusion, and analysis of raw, multi-source information to produce all-source, time-sensitive finished intelligence products in support of DON and NCIS requirements; and in response to NCIS mission objectives, operations, and investigations.

EAD Sliwa's prior management assignments include providing oversight and quality assurance of multiple teams evaluating intelligence related to counterintelligence, counterterrorism, criminal, cyber and insider threat functional areas; supervising teams of indications and warning analysts within the NCIS Multiple Threat Alert Center to support DON personnel around the world; prioritizing intelligence support focused on NCIS operational, investigative, collection and source activities across mission sets; and directing the agency-wide information collection program for counterintelligence and counterterrorism.

In addition to serving NCIS in a variety of analytic and programmatic assignments, EAD Sliwa has extensive overseas experience, including previous assignments with the NCIS Far East Field Office in Yokosuka, Japan; the Naval Central Command in Manama, Bahrain; Seventh Fleet Pacific Command Staff while deployed aboard USS Blue Ridge, and aboard USS Truman providing counterterrorism subject matter expertise.

EAD Sliwa graduated from the George Washington University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice, and Georgetown University with a Master of Arts degree in International Security Studies with a focus on counterterrorism. Her awards include the Meritorious Unit Commendation for support of Operation Tomodachi following the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Northern Japan, and a National Counterintelligence Group Award for counterintelligence analysis.