



Rob Irvine assumed his current position as the first Director of the newly-established Coast Guard Counterintelligence Service (CGCIS) in November 2004. He also serves as the Principal Advisor to the Assistant Commandant for Intelligence and Criminal Investigations on all counterintelligence matters.

Rob has over 30 years of counterintelligence, human intelligence, and intelligence experience. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1971 and entered the counterintelligence field in 1974 after attending the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Officer Course. In 1977, he was appointed a Warrant Officer and upon completion of the Naval Intelligence Officer Course was assigned as the Assistant G-2, Marine Air Ground Combat Training Center, 29 Palms, CA. He also served as the Surveillance and Target Acquisition Platoon Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marines and as a Sub-Team Commander with the 13<sup>th</sup> Counterintelligence Team. In 1979 he was transferred to the 9<sup>th</sup> Counterintelligence Team, Okinawa, Japan to serve as a Sub-Team Commander and the Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Officer. Rob was reassigned to assume responsibilities as Team Commander, 5<sup>th</sup> Counterintelligence Team, and commissioned a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in 1983.

In July 1983 he was assigned as the Assistant Intelligence Officer, 24<sup>th</sup> Marine Amphibious Unit, as part of the Multinational Peacekeeping Force in Beirut, Lebanon. From 1985 to 1989, Rob served as Staff Counterintelligence Officer, Fleet Marine Forces, Atlantic and III Marine Expeditionary Force. In May of 1989, he returned to Virginia and served in various counterintelligence and human intelligence billets, including assignments as a Staff Officer with the Joint Counterintelligence Support Branch and as the Marine Corps Senior Service HUMINT Representative to the Defense HUMINT Service, Defense Intelligence Agency.

In October 1996, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and assumed duties as Branch Chief, Counterintelligence/Human Intelligence Branch, Directorate of Intelligence, Headquarters United States Marine Corps. After retiring from the Marine Corps in August 2001, Rob joined a consulting firm and provided counterintelligence support to the Missile Defense Agency. His last position prior to joining the Coast Guard was with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Office of Counterintelligence.

His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf), Meritorious Service Medal (with Gold Star), Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal (With Gold Star), Joint Achievement Medal, and Combat Action Ribbon.