

# ***Before You Tell it to Your Inspector General***

- ✓ **Be sure you have a problem, not just a peeve.**
- ✓ **Give your chain of command a chance to solve the problem.** (Many problems must be addressed to the chain of command for resolution anyway)
- ✓ **If IG assistance is needed, contact your local IG first.** (IG's at higher commands will normally refer the case to the local IG for action)
- ✓ **Be honest and don't provide misleading.** (IGs will discover the truth quickly in most cases and there are penalties)
- ✓ **Keep in mind that IGs are not policy makers.** (If a policy is flawed you can submit proposed change on a DA form 2028)
- ✓ **Keep in mind that IGs can only recommend, not order a resolution.** (Only Commanders can order; the role of the IG is to advise the Commander)
- ✓ **Remember IGs can only resolve a case on the basis of fact.** (Your claim that a supervisor has violated the rules doesn't make it fact. A claim must be supported with evidence)
- ✓ **Don't expect instant action on your request... Be patient.** (Investigations take time, and IGs tend to have heavy workloads)
- ✓ **Be prepared to take "No" for the answer.** (In any case "Yes" or "No", the IG will explain why)