



## PROFILE

Executive Officer  
U.S. Army Inspector General Agency

## CITATION

For being a leader and solder of distinction, and making positive impacts to the community in various areas of engineering to include commanding numerous Army engineer units and mentoring future leaders



# DANIELLE J. NGO

## Asian American Engineer of the Year

Colonel Danielle Ngo was born in Vietnam and was evacuated by the United States at the end of the Vietnam War with her mother and sister. They settled in Massachusetts and became refugees and later naturalized citizens. Wanting to give back to the country that saved her family, she enlisted in the Army in 1989 and attended Basic Training in 1990. Colonel Ngo later commissioned as a Second Lieutenant from ROTC at Boston University into the Corps of Engineers in 1994, and graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a Bachelor of Science in Finance.

She is currently the Executive Officer for the U.S. Army Inspector General, Pentagon, Washington D.C., which oversees assistance, investigations, and inspections for the Army. Prior to this assignment, she commanded the 130th Engineer Brigade at Schofield Barracks, HI from July 2016- July 2018, where she was the highest-ranking female Vietnamese to command an operational brigade. Her previous assignments include leadership assignments all over the United States and overseas including deployments to Bosnia, Iraq, and Afghanistan. She held assignments in engineering units that specialized in combat airborne engineering, construction, topography, bridging, diving, and route clearance. Notably, during Colonel Ngo's commands, her unit assisted with two of the largest wildfires in Colorado at that time, the Waldo Canyon and Black Forest Wildfires and constructed projects across the Pacific from Hawaii to Korea. Besides engineering, she held positions as a Joint Chiefs of Staff Intern in Washington D.C.; Chief, Engineer Maneuver Support Organizations, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Military Assistant to the Chairman of the NATO Military Committee in Brussels, Belgium; and Executive Officer for the U.S. Pacific Commander at Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

Colonel Ngo holds a distinguished graduate Military Master of Arts and Sciences (MMAS) in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College (USAWC), an MMAS in Theater Studies from the Command and General Staff College (CGSC), and a Master of Science in Public Policy from Georgetown University. Her military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, CGSC, School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS), USAWC, and the IG School Basic Course. She is also certified as a Project Management Professional (PMP).

Her awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (1 OLC), Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal (2 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1 Silver OLC), Joint Staff Identification Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, Army Engineer Association Silver Order of the de Fleury Medal, and German Sports Efficiency Badge (Gold).