

## The U.S. Army Inspector General Insignia



**The fasces and the Sword: The U.S. Army Inspector General insignia has three distinct parts: The Sword, the Fasces, and the Wreath of the olive and laurel branches.**

- a. The sword represents military power and justice and is subordinate to the fasces.**
- b. The fasces consists of a military axe enclosed in a bundle of birch or elm rods tied together with a strap. Since the Roman Republic, the fasces has symbolized Civil Authority.**
- c. The wreath ties the sword and fasces together. Since Classical times, the wreath has been a mark of honor and distinction for winners of athletic, cultural, and academic honors. Today, the wreath is especially symbolic of academic and intellectual achievement.**
- d. The inscription “Droit et Avant” is French and literally means “right and forward” freely translated, this French maxim means “First be Right and then Take Action”. The Text is in blue, which represents loyalty, faith, and fidelity.**