



**Curtis Coy**

## **Department of Veterans Affairs**

Washington, D.C.

Curtis (Curt) L. Coy was appointed to be the first Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity in the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) on May 9, 2011. In this role, Mr. Coy oversees all education benefits (GI Bill), vocational rehabilitation for wounded warriors and disabled Veterans, loan guaranty service (VA Home Loans), Veterans transition and employment issues, and VBA collaboration with Department of Defense programs. These programs work collectively to assist Veterans achieve personal and economic success.



Prior to this appointment, Mr. Coy was a senior executive at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for nearly 11 years. For eight of those years, he was the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration at the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). In this role, Mr. Coy was responsible for exerting corporate leadership to ensure the success of the business aspects of the ACF mission – over 70 national social service programs with a total budget of over \$47 billion in grants. He held other key senior leadership roles in HHS including Director of the Programs Support Center, a \$500 million fee-for-service organization, Deputy Commissioner and Chief Financial Officer of the Food and Drug Administration. For almost seven years, Mr. Coy worked at PricewaterhouseCoopers as a senior Managing Consultant.

Prior to his civilian career, Mr. Coy served as a career Naval Officer retiring from active service in 1994 as a Commander in the Supply Corps. Beginning his military career as an enlisted member in the United States Air Force he subsequently accepted an appointment at the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating with the Class of 1975.

The recipient of several distinguished awards to include a Presidential Rank Award in 1984, the Surgeon General's Medallion in 2002, and the HHS Secretary's Distinguished Service Award in 2009, Mr. Coy was elected as a Fellow in the National Academy of Public Administration and the National Contract Management Association.

Mr. Coy earned his masters' degrees in Acquisition/Contracting Management and Materiel Logistics Support from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. A strong believer in higher education, Mr. Coy served as an Adjunct Associate Professor for the University of Maryland University College (UMUC) Graduate School of Management and Technology as well as two Community Colleges. He has been selected for the International Who's Who of Professionals, Who's Who in America and Who's Who Historical Society.

A native of Maryland, Mr. Coy is married to the former Denise McGill Snyder and enjoys spending time with his family and friends.