



## **Department of Veterans Affairs**

### **Senior Executive Biography**

#### **James Manker, Jr., MS, MBA**

##### **Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary Veterans Benefits Administration**

James E. Manker, Jr. (Jamie) was selected to serve as Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits in the Department of Veterans Affairs on July 10, 2016. In this position, he serves as second in command in the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), which administers benefits programs for Veterans, including education, home loan guaranty, compensation, pension, vocational rehabilitation and employment, and life insurance through a nationwide network of 56 regional offices, special processing centers, and VBA Headquarters. These benefits programs pay out nearly \$96 billion to Veterans and their beneficiaries annually.



Prior to that assignment, Mr. Manker served as the VBA Chief Financial Officer (CFO). As the CFO, he was the principal financial advisor to the Under Secretary for Benefits and oversaw VBA's budget formulation, justification, and execution process; the resources allocation policy development and operational process; and the financial management systems and accounting functions. Mr. Manker oversaw the payment of over \$96 billion in benefits payments to Veterans and their beneficiaries annually. Before becoming CFO, Mr. Manker served as the Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

#### **CAREER CHRONOLOGY:**

2016 – Present	Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits
2010 – 2016	Veterans Benefits Administration Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
2009 – 2010	Veterans Benefits Administration Deputy Chief Financial Officer

#### **MAJOR MILITARY ASSIGNMENTS/AWARDS/DECORATIONS:**

Mr. Manker retired from the Air Force as a Colonel after having served 25 years as an Air Force Financial Manager. During his career, Mr. Manker held a variety of financial management, budget and cost analysis positions and commanded two comptroller squadrons. In addition, Mr. Manker deployed to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm and Camp Doha, Kuwait during Operation Enduring Freedom, both times serving as the Air Force Host Nation Support Liaison. In this capacity, he negotiated with the Saudi and Kuwaiti governments to secure food, housing, and transportation for deployed soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines. He also served as a research fellow with the RAND Corporation, assisting in the development of the Air Force's strategic vision for the 21st Century. Mr. Manker's career culminated with an assignment as the Chief of the Aircraft and Technology Division for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller. His military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

#### **EDUCATION:**

MS in Strategic Studies, United States Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, AL  
MBA, University of West Florida  
Officers Training School  
BS with Honors, Auburn University Montgomery, AL