



## ***Department of Veterans Affairs***

### ***Senior Executive Biography***

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#### ***Joshua Jacobs***

##### ***Senior Advisor for Policy Performing the Delegable Duties of the Under Secretary for Benefits***

Joshua Jacobs served as the Senior Advisor for Policy to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and was designated to serve as the Senior Advisor for Policy Performing the Delegable Duties of the Under Secretary for Benefits effective July 25, 2022. In this role, he leads more than 25,000 VBA employees in the delivery of non-medical benefits programs. VBA provides disability compensation benefits to nearly 6 million veterans and their survivors and administers pension benefits for approximately 310,000 veterans and their survivors. Through a nationwide network of 56 regional offices, special processing centers and VBA Headquarters, he oversees the execution of nearly \$140 billion in direct benefits to Veterans and their dependents.



In his prior role as Senior Advisor for Policy to the Secretary, he helped to design and implement a new structure and process for enterprise governance and policy development. In this role, Mr. Jacobs established and chaired a new Evidence Based Policy Council to drive enterprise policy making. Mr. Jacobs also developed a new interagency policy development process to coordinate and implement more than 50 interagency policy efforts.

Prior to rejoining VA in 2021, Mr. Jacobs was a Senior Associate at Booz Allen Hamilton. From 2013 to 2017, Mr. Jacobs served as Senior Advisor in the Office of the Secretary of VA and was awarded the Secretary's Meritorious Service Award. Mr. Jacobs also served nine years in the U.S. Senate, including two years as Deputy Staff Director for the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee. Mr. Jacobs is a graduate of the University of Washington. He and his wife, Julia, have three children.