



# Department of Veterans Affairs

## Senior Executive Biography

**Michael D. Brennan, Ph.D., AIA, NCARB**

**Executive Director  
Office of Construction and Facility Management**

Dr. Brennan is Executive Director for the Office of Construction and Facility Management (CFM) at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). CFM plans, designs, constructs, and leases facilities for the Veterans Health Administration, our nation's largest integrated health care system, the Veterans Benefits Administration, and the National Cemetery Administration. He is responsible for planning, design, and construction of major construction projects greater than \$20 million, and acquires real property for VA elements through the purchase of land and buildings, as well as long-term lease acquisitions. CFM executes construction and real property programs to provide Veterans with high quality buildings, additions, large scale renovations, and structural enhancements. Dr. Brennan also manages the crucial areas of facility sustainability, seismic corrections, physical security, and historic preservation of VA's facilities.



Dr. Brennan is a retired Colonel, U.S. Army Medical Service Corps serving in multiple senior health facility planning, design and construction positions over his 27-year active-duty career. Between 2013 and 2019 he consolidated leadership of all Army health facility capital investment and operations and maintenance programs by serving simultaneously as Commander, U.S. Army Health Facility Planning Agency; Director of Facilities – G9, U.S. Army Medical Command; and as the Army Surgeon General's Health Facility Planning Consultant. He is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom with awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit (3 awards), Bronze Star, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, Expert Field Medical Badge, Army Staff Badge, and Order of Military Medical Merit among numerous others. Dr. Brennan is a rural-Midwest native where his family raised cattle in Kirkland, Illinois. He holds Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture, Master of Science in Civil Engineering, and Master of Architecture degrees from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA; and a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Brennan is a licensed architect in the State of Illinois and District of Columbia and is certified by the National Council on Architecture Registration Boards (NCARB). He is affiliated with the American Institute of Architects (AIA), American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE), the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and the American Legion.

### **CAREER CHRONOLOGY:**

2019 – Present	Executive Director, CFM, Washington, DC
2013 – 2019	Commander, U.S. Army Health Facility Planning Agency, Falls Church, VA
2013 – 2018	Director of Facilities, U.S. Army Medical Command, San Antonio, TX
2014 – 2019	Health Facility Planning Consultant, Office of the Surgeon General, Falls Church, VA
2011 – 2013	Director, Research Laboratories and Atlantic Region Program Office, Fort Detrick, MD

### **EDUCATION:**

2017	Masters of Strategic Studies, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA
2011	Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2004	Master of Science in Civil Engineering, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2004	Master of Architecture, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
1992	Bachelor of Architecture, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN