



## Department of Veterans Affairs

### Senior Executive Biography

#### **Colleen M. Richardson, Psy.D**

##### **Executive Director, Caregiver Support Program Veterans Health Administration**



Dr. Colleen Richardson serves as the Executive Director (ED) of the Caregiver Support Program (CSP), Veterans Health Administration (VHA). Dr. Richardson is the principal advisor for the Caregiver Support Program which provides resources and education to Veterans and their Caregivers. Dr. Richardson is currently responsible for the national implementation and oversight of two national programs and associated services for the CSP, the Program of General Caregiver Support Services and the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers. As the Executive Director of the CSP, her responsibility is to sustain the program in accordance with Public Law 111-163, Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 and the VA MISSION Act of 2018. Dr. Richardson directs a Program Office with an annual budget of \$1.8 billion, overseeing the delivery of care to more than 55,000 Veterans and caregivers.

Prior to joining the CSP, Dr. Richardson served as the Chief of Psychology at the North Texas Health Care System in Dallas, Texas where she oversaw the Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC) and the clinical practice of over 85 psychologists within the Mental Health Service.

Dr. Richardson spent four years on Active Duty as a Navy Psychologist, and completed one combat deployment to Fallujah, Iraq with Regimental Combat Team – One, 1st Marine Division (MARDIV). She was the first female Operational Stress Control and Readiness Provider (OSCAR) embedded within the US Marine Corps infantry troops, providing frontline mental health support to Marines assigned to the 1st MARDIV. She was the first Program Director and Clinical Psychologist at Wounded Warrior Battalion – West, directing mental health care services for all the wounded Marines and Sailors, west of the Mississippi.

#### **CAREER CHRONOLOGY:**

2021 – Present	Executive Director, Caregiver Support Program, Washington, DC
2016 - 2021	Chief of Psychology, Mental Health Service, Dallas, TX
2015 - 2016	Clinical Director, Mental Health Gold Team, Dallas, TX
2010 – 2015	Clinical Psychologist, Fresno, CA
2006 - 2010	Active Duty - Psychologist, United States Navy

#### **EDUCATION:**

2007	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, Florida School of Professional Psychology, Tampa, FL
2005	Master's degree in Clinical Psychology, Florida School of Professional Psychology, Tampa, FL
1998	Bachelor of Science in Behavioural Science, Glenville State College, Glenville, WV