

Mary Jean Burke, is the First Executive Vice President of AFGE National VA Council.

“MJ” as she likes to be known, started her labor career when AFGE Local 609 in Indianapolis, when it was consolidated to represent the professionals at the Richard Roudebush VA Medical Center.

Originally, appointed in 2002 by the National VA Council, to serve as a National Safety Representative. She was first elected as the 1st Executive Vice President in November 2007 and continues to serve on her second term. MJ is an active member of the Budget Committee, Legislative Committee, National Hybrid Collaboration Team and is also member of the National Partnership Council. She was also a member of the NVAC Negotiating Team, for the 2011 Master Agreement.

She graduated from St. Louis University with a BS in Physical Therapy in 1988 and she is a Physical Therapist at the Indianapolis VAMC. She obtained her certification in Athletic Training in 1995, doing her clinical hours at Tennessee State University from 1992- 1994. In 1999, she became a board-certified clinical specialist, by the American Physical Therapy Association in Geriatrics. MJ feels representing the workers who service, support and celebrate our Nation’s heroes is a great honor