



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Steven E. Braverman, MD

Chief Operating Office Veterans Health Administration

Steven E. Braverman, M.D. serves as the Chief Operating Officer for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Dr. Braverman oversees health care operations for 18 Veterans Integrated Service Networks, covering all the VA Health Care Systems across the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and the Philippines. This coverage includes 172 Medical Centers, and 1,198 outpatient sites of care. Dr. Braverman provides executive leadership and oversight to the Healthcare Operations Center and 34 program offices within Office of Integrated Veterans Care, Patient Care Services, and Clinical Services.



Dr. Braverman previously served as the interim and permanent Network Director (ND) for VISN 22, VA Desert Pacific Healthcare Network from May 2023-November 2024. He served as the Medical Center Director of the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System September 2019-April 2023 and Hospital Director of the Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital 2016-2019. He is a native of Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Braverman retired from the Army on October 31, 2016, after 29+ years of service in the Army Medical Corps as a Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation physician. His last duty assignment was as Director of Program Analysis and Evaluation for the Army Medical Command and Office of the Surgeon General. Healthcare leadership assignments include: Director (Commander), Walter Reed Army Institute of Research; Director (Commander), Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center, Fort Hood, TX; Director (Commander), Ireland Army Community Hospital, Ft. Knox, KY; and Deputy Director (Deputy Commander) for Clinical Services, Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Fort Jackson, SC. Healthcare staff positions include Medical Corps Deputy Corps Chief and Corps Specific Branch Proponent Officer; Chief of the Clinical Services Division, US Army Medical Command; Deputy Director of Health Policy and Services, Office of the Surgeon General; Chief Consultant to the Army Surgeon General; Command Surgeon, National Defense University; and PM&R Consultant to the Army Surgeon General. He deployed to Iraq as the Multi-National Corps–Iraq Deputy Surgeon for Clinical Operations in 2008-2009.

Dr. Braverman is Board Certified by the American Board of PM&R and served as an examiner for their oral board certification exam. He has served on the Boards of Directors of the Association of Academic Physiatrists, the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture, and the American Board of Medical Acupuncture. Dr. Braverman's military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal and Iraq Campaign Medal. He is a recipient of the "A" designator award for professional expertise, the Order of Military Medical Merit, and the General Claire L. Chennault Award for teaching excellence.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2024 – Present Chief Operating Officer, Veterans Health Administration
2023 – 2024 Network Director, VA Desert Pacific Healthcare Network
2019 – 2023 Director, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
2016 – 2019 Director, Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital, Hines, IL
2015 – 2016 Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation Office of the Surgeon General (OTSG), Falls Church, VA
2013 – 2015 Commander (Chief Executive Officer), Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Forest Glen, MD
2011 – 2013 Corps Specific Branch Proponency Officer/Deputy Corps Chief (Chief Operating Officer), US Army Medical Corps, Fort Sam Houston, TX
2009 – 2011 Commander (Chief Executive Officer), Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center, Fort Hood, TX
2008 – 2009 Deputy Surgeon for Clinical Operations, Multi-National Corps, Iraq, XVIII Airborne Corps, Camp Victory, Iraq
2007 – 2009 Chief of Consultants to the Army Surgeon General; Deputy Director of Health Policy and Services, OTSG; Chief, Clinical Services Division, US Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, TX
2007 – 2005 Commander (Chief Executive Officer), Ireland Army Community Hospital and US Army Medical Department Activity, Fort Knox, KY
2003 – 2004 National Defense University Command Surgeon, National Defense University, Fort Lesile J. McNair, DC
2001 – 2004 Consultant to the Army Surgeon General for Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

EDUCATION:

2005 Masters of National Security Strategy, National Defense University, Washington, DC
1996 Medical Acupuncture, University of California, Los Angeles School of Medicine, Office of Continuing Medical Education, Los Angeles, CA
1988 – 1991 Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Residency, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC
1987 – 1988 Transitional Internship, Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, GA
1987 Doctor of Medicine, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, TN
1983 Bachelors of Arts, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA