



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Mark Kobelja, M.D.

***Executive Director, National Programs
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Dr. Kobelja serves as the inaugural Executive Director, National Programs leading the offices of Suicide Prevention, Homeless Programs, Caregiver Support, Rural Health, Tribal Health, Patient Advocacy, Chaplain Services and Readjustment Counseling Service. He has held a variety of physician executive appointments, is a 33-year Veteran of the U.S. Navy, and is a diplomate of the American Board of Anesthesiology.



CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2026 – Present	Executive Director, National Programs, Washington, DC
2024 – 2026	Chief Medical Officer, VA Capitol Health Care Network, Linthicum, MD
2021 – 2024	Chief of Staff, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
2019 – 2021	Command Surgeon, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany
2017 – 2019	Director, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD
2015 – 2017	Command Surgeon, Commander Naval Forces Europe/Africa, Naples, Italy
2013 – 2015	Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Hospital, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, CA

EDUCATION:

1996	Doctor of Medicine, USUHS F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine, Bethesda, MD
1987	Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Spring Hill College, Mobile, AL