



Department of Veterans Affairs Senior Executive Biography

Mark A. Koeniger, MD

Acting Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Patient Care Services Veterans Health Administration



As Acting Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Patient Care Services, Dr. Koeniger provides oversight and support for 16 National Program Offices that serve professions including Physician Assistants, Social Workers, Pharmacists, Orthopedists, Prosthetists, Physiatrists, and other Rehabilitation Professionals; care settings such as Geriatrics, Extended Care, and Rehabilitation; and approaches to care and patient safety, including Care Management, Integrated Case Management, Public Health, Sterile Processing, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Whole Health, and Veteran-Centric Care. He increases access to benefits for Veterans by overseeing the Caregiver Support Program, Pharmacy Benefits Management, and the Health Outcomes Military Exposures offices.

In his permanent role as Executive Advisor for Strategic Foresight, Dr. Koeniger anticipates the future of VA Health Care and the needs of the Veteran population, with an emphasis on preventing chronic disease.

Prior to joining VA, Dr. Koeniger's Air Force career spanned 20 assignments over 36 years, culminating in promotion to Brigadier General and appointment as Commander, Air Force Medical Readiness Agency, Office of the Air Force Surgeon General. Brigadier General Koeniger has extensive wartime and humanitarian relief operational experience. He supported operations in the Balkans as the Air Transportable Clinic Chief for Operation Shining Hope. He is a two-time-deployed Medical Group Commander, serving at both Al Dhafra AB, United Arab Emirates, and Joint Base Balad, Iraq, in support of Iraqi Freedom. Dr. Koeniger is a Senior Flight Surgeon and Navigator with over 2,100 hours, including more than 100 combat hours, on twelve different aircraft. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2025 – Present	Acting Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Patient Care Services
2022 – Present	Executive Advisor, Strategic Foresight, Veterans Health Administration
2019 – 2021	Commander, Air Force Medical Readiness Agency, Office of the AF Surgeon General
2016 – 2019	Commander, 711th Human Performance Wing, Wright-Patterson AFB
2014 – 2016	Deputy Director, Medical Operations and Research, Office of the AF Surgeon General

EDUCATION:

2011	Medical Strategic Leadership Program, San Antonio, TX, New York City, & Washington, DC
2010	Military Health System Capstone Symposium, Arlington, VA
2007	Interagency Institute for Federal Health Care Executives, Washington, DC
2006	Master of Science, National Security Strategy, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, DC
1995	Family Practice Residency, Eglin AFB, Florida 1994 Aerospace Medicine Primary Course, Brooks Air Force Base, TX
1992	Doctor of Medicine, Uniformed Services University Health Services, Bethesda, MD
1982	Bachelor of Science, Biochemistry, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA