



# **Department of Veterans Affairs**

## **Senior Executive Biography**

### **Laura Duke**

#### **Chief Financial Officer Veterans Health Administration**



As the Chief Financial Officer of the Veterans Health Administration, Ms. Duke is responsible for the formulation and submission of the VHA portion of the annual President's Budget and the allocation of funds to VHA Networks, Stations, and Program Offices. This role includes supplemental funding to support pandemic and other emergency response activities. Ms. Duke is also responsible for all VHA financial management and accounting operations, including the Department-wide Managerial Cost Accounting System and Decision Support System. She also oversees collection of revenue for care delivered in VA facilities and through community providers, and payment of claims outside of the Community Care Network contracts.

Ms. Duke previously served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget at VA. In this role, Ms. Duke was responsible for managing and directing all Department-level budget activities. These activities included the formulation, presentation, and justification of the VA President's Budget and the oversight of budget execution for all VA programs, including VHA and over \$100 billion for Veterans' benefits programs.

As a senior Program Examiner in the Veterans Affairs and Defense Health Branch of the Office of Management and Budget, Ms. Duke worked extensively with White House officials and with program and budget staff at VA to coordinate budget activities and ensure responsible management of a variety of programs and benefits for Veterans, with particular focus on VA's capital programs, the National Cemetery Administration, and the GI Bill and other readjustment benefits.

During temporary detail assignments, Ms. Duke helped stand up the National Background Investigation Bureau at the Office of Personnel Management and implemented a mission support consolidation pilot at US Customs and Border Protection. Prior to her Federal career, Ms. Duke taught secondary social studies in the Houston area. She earned a Master of Public Policy from Duke University and a Bachelor of Arts from Rice University. Ms. Duke lives in Washington, DC, with her husband and two daughters.

#### **CAREER CHRONOLOGY:**

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| 2018 – Present | Chief Financial Officer, Veterans Health Administration, VA   |
| 2017 – 2018    | Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Department of Veterans Affairs   |
| 2006 – 2017    | Program Examiner, VA/Defense Health Branch, Office of Management and Budget   |
| 2016           | Transition Team Lead for Resource Management<br>National Background Investigations Bureau, Office of Personnel Management |
| 2014           | Program Manager, Office of Strategic Integration<br>US Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security     |

#### **EDUCATION:**

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| 2016 | Key Executive Leadership Certification, American University, Washington, DC     |
| 2006 | Master of Public Policy, Duke University, Durham, NC                            |
| 1998 | Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science, Rice University, Houston, TX |