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Acting Assistant Under Secretary for Health for
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As Acting Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Patient Care Services, Dr. Koeniger provides oversight and support for 16 National Program Offices supporting professions including Physician Assistants, Social Workers, Pharmacists, Orthopedists, Prosthetists, Physiatrists, and other Rehabilitation Professionals; care settings such as Geriatrics and Extended Care and Rehabilitation; and approaches to care and patient safety such as Care Management and 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 through oversight of the Caregiver Support Program, Pharmacy Benefits Management and 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 emphasis on prevention of chronic disease.

Prior to joining VA, Dr. Koeniger's Air Force career led him to 20 assignments over 36 years, culminating in promotion to Brigadier General and the role of Commander, Air Force Medical Readiness Agency, Defense Health Agency. Brigadier General Koeniger has extensive wartime and humanitarian relief operational experience. He supported operations in the Balkans as the Air Transportable Clinic Chief in support of Operation Shining Hope. He is a two-time deployed Medical Group Commander serving at both Al Dhafra AB, United Arab Emirates and at 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 received 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, D.C.
2010 Military Health System Capstone Symposium, Arlington, Virginia.
2007 Interagency Institute for Federal Health Care Executives, Washington, D.C.
2006 Master of Science, National Security Strategy, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
1995 Family Practice Residency, Eglin AFB, Florida
1994 Aerospace Medicine Primary Course, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas
1992 Doctor of Medicine, Uniformed Services University Health Services, Bethesda, Maryland
1982 Bachelor of Science, Biochemistry, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana