

**BIOGRAPHY OF DAVID SPIVEY
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David Spivey is the Deputy Director for Claims, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, where he serves in a liaison capacity with the American Legion's state and county service offices around the country, conducts quality review visits to VA regional offices and gives Congressional testimony regarding veterans' benefits issues. In addition, he continues to supervise The American Legion staff engaged in advocating for veterans and other VA appellants whose cases go before a Veterans Law Judge at the Board of Veterans' Appeals. Prior to being selected for this position, Mr. Spivey joined The American Legion as Senior Team Leader at the Board of Veterans' Appeals on April 25, 2016. He retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs after serving in a number of responsible positions at three regional offices and VA Central Office.

Mr. Spivey was born in Oak Park, Illinois, and grew up in Chicago. After graduating from the University of Illinois at Chicago, he joined the United States Army and served for 13 months with the 4th Infantry Division Headquarters in the Central Highlands. He was awarded a Bronze Star for Service while serving in Vietnam. After beginning his VA career at the VA regional office in Chicago, he earned a Master's Degree in Public Management at Northwestern University, taking evening classes while working full-time as a first-line supervisor.

During his VA career, Mr. Spivey served as the head of claims processing at two VA regional offices, one in Wilmington, Delaware and the other in New Orleans, Louisiana. New Orleans was a particular challenge as reflected by a series of very poor office evaluations prior to his reassignment there. Within five years' time, program officials at VA Central Office wrote that the office had become one of the best in the country. He went on to serve in several senior-level positions in VA Central Office, notably as Assistant Director for Procedures and Assistant Director for Policy in what is now known as the Compensation Service.

Mr. Spivey has a lovely wife, Elena, and two wonderful daughters, Brittany and Elizabeth, both attending college. The family resides in Fairfax, Virginia and is a member of Post 177 in Fairfax, VA.