



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Cheryl Rawls, MPA

Director, Pension and Fiduciary Service Veterans Benefits Administration

Cheryl J. Rawls was appointed as Director of the Pension and Fiduciary Service, VBA Headquarters on July 10, 2016. The Pension and Fiduciary Service is responsible for the development and implementation of policies, procedures, training, and quality assurance related to the administration of VA's pension program, under which VA paid more than \$8.3 billion in benefits in 2015 to over 592,000 of our most disadvantaged wartime Veterans and their survivors. The Service is also responsible for the administration of VA's fiduciary program, which protects Veterans and other beneficiaries who as a result of their disabilities are unable to manage their financial affairs. In 2015, the fiduciary program provided oversight of fiduciaries managing more than \$3 billion for almost 224,000 beneficiaries.



CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2016 - Present	Director Pension and Fiduciary Service, VBA Headquarters
2012 - 2016	Director, VA Regional Office, Winston-Salem, NC, Veterans Benefits Administration
2007 – 2012	Director, VA Regional Office, Little Rock, AR, Veterans Benefits Administration
2005 – 2007	Director, VA Regional Office, Huntington, WV, Veterans Benefits Administration
2003 – 2005	Assistant Director, VA Regional Office, Newark, NJ
2002 – 2003	Supervisory Management Analyst, Western Area Office, Office of Field Operations Phoenix, AZ
2001 – 2002	Lead Management Analyst, Office of Field Operations, Washington DC
1999 – 2001	Management Analyst, Office of Field Operations, Washington DC

MAJOR MILITARY ASSIGNMENTS/AWARDS/DECORATIONS:

Levy Officer, 172 Infantry Battalion, Fort Richardson, AK
Commander, Replacement Detachment, 6th Infantry Division (L), 203rd Personnel CO, Fort Richardson, AK
Adjutant and Secretary to the General's Staff, HQ Third ROTC Region, Fort Riley KS
Commander, HQ Company, 18th Military Intelligence Battalion, HHC, Augsburg GE

EDUCATION:

DoD Vanguard Senior Executive Development Program
VA Senior Executive Strategic Leadership Course, UNC Chapel Hill
Leadership VA (LVA)
Assistant Director Development Program (ADDP)
Leadership for a Democratic Society, Federal Executive Institute
2004 One-VA Senior Executive Service Career Development Program (SESCDP)
Company Commander/First Sergeant Course
Project Management Professional, Georgetown University, Washington DC
Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of the District of Columbia
BS in Business Management, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, VA