

Robert T. Reynolds

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Robert Reynolds was appointed Deputy Under Secretary for Disability Assistance (DUSDA) of the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) in July 2016. In this role, Mr. Reynolds oversees the administration of VA's compensation program for Veterans with service-connected disabilities; a needs-based pension program for wartime Veterans and their survivors; a dependency and indemnity compensation program for survivors of Veterans who die during military service or as a result of their service-connected disability; a monetary burial benefits program to assist those who pay for a Veteran's funeral and burial; and Veterans' life insurance and traumatic injury programs. He is responsible for VA's Transition Assistance Program and the development of policy, planning, and integration of VBA's Direct Services and Client Outreach.



In January 2018, he also assumed the responsibility of VBA's Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity. In this expanded role, Mr. Reynolds oversees VA's education programs, home loan services, and vocational rehabilitation and employment for wounded, ill and injured Servicemembers as well as service-connected disabled Veterans. These programs work collectively to assist transition Servicemembers and Veterans in achieving personal and economic success.

In 2017, these benefits provided more than \$100 billion to over 5.1 million Veterans and survivors, and \$1.3 trillion in insurance coverage for 3.8 million Veterans and active duty Servicemembers.

Prior to his appointment as DUSDA, Mr. Reynolds established and served as the Director of VBA's Benefits Assistance Service. In this capacity, he provided executive level oversight in coordination, implementation, and administration of customer-centered outreach and direct services. These programs ensure active duty personnel, Veterans, Servicemembers (Active, Guard and Reserve), and family members understand and have access to VA benefits and services earned as a result of service to the Nation.

An Army Veteran, Mr. Reynolds served with the 82nd Airborne Division and U.S. Army Special Forces with overseas assignments at the Jungle Expert School, French Commando School, and Operation Southern Thrust. He was severely injured during a parachute accident and Honorably Discharged as a result of his Service Connected Disabilities. He is a member of several Veterans Service Organizations including the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, 82nd Airborne Association, Special Forces Association, and the Disabled American Veterans. Additionally, he served as the National Commander of the 1.3 million-member Disabled American Veterans during 2007-2008.

Mr. Reynolds resides with his wife in Alexandria, Virginia.