

**BIOGRAPHY OF
JEFF STEELE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
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Jeff Steele was named Assistant Director/Grassroots Coordinator of the National Legislative Division in June 2009.

He began his career with The American Legion in 2003 as a National Appeals Representative at the Board of Veterans' Appeals Unit - Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission. He has represented veterans, their spouses and dependents in over 3,000 appeals and hearings before the Veterans Law Judges at the Board of Veterans Appeals.

In 2006, he was promoted to a Team Leader position in the Unit and from 2008 to 2009 also served as a Veterans Law Specialist with The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program, which provides legal assistance to unrepresented appellants at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

Mr. Steele honorably served in the United States Army Reserves from 1983 to 1989 and is a graduate of Indiana University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

Originally from California, he was raised in Indiana. He is a member of The American Legion Post 1 in the District of Columbia.