



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

David R. McLenachen

Executive Director

Medical Disability Examination Office Veterans Benefits Administration



David McLenachen was appointed Executive Director of the Veterans Benefits Administration's (VBA) new Medical Disability Examination Office (MDEO) in October 2020. As Executive Director, Mr. McLenachen oversees VBA's contract medical disability examination program for VA's disability compensation and pension benefits. In 2020, the program completed almost 1.1 million examinations for Veterans with pending benefit claims.

Prior to his appointment as MDEO Director, Mr. McLenachen served as the first Executive Director of VBA's new Appeals Management Office (currently Office of Administrative Review (OAR)). As Executive Director, he led VBA's implementation of the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017 and administered VBA's decision review program for Veterans and survivors who disagree with VBA's decision on a benefit claim.

Prior to his appointment as OAR Director, Mr. McLenachen was VBA's Deputy Under Secretary for Disability Assistance and administered VA's compensation, pension, dependency and indemnity compensation, monetary burial benefits, and Veterans' life insurance and traumatic injury programs. He also oversaw the administration of VA's fiduciary program, which provides fiduciary services for beneficiaries who cannot manage their VA benefits, and VBA's outreach and benefits assistance programs. Mr. McLenachen also previously served as the first Executive Director of VBA's Pension and Fiduciary Service.

Prior to his Senior Executive Service positions in VBA, Mr. McLenachen was a Deputy Assistant General Counsel in VA's Office of the General Counsel handling regulatory law and accreditation of representatives matters, as well as legal matters arising in VA's compensation, pension, insurance, burial, and cemetery benefit programs. He started his Federal Civil Service career in 1991 as a law clerk for the Honorable David O. Belew, Jr., in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

Mr. McLenachen is a U.S. Army Veteran.

SES CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2020 – Present	Executive Director, Medical Disability Examination Office
2016 – 2020	Executive Director, Office of Administrative Review
2015 – 2016	Deputy Under Secretary for Disability Assistance
2011 – 2015	Executive Director, Pension and Fiduciary Service

EDUCATION:

J.D.	The John Marshall Law School, Chicago
M.P.A.	University of Oklahoma
B.A.	University of Maryland