



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Ronald S. Burke, Jr.

Deputy Under Secretary, Office of Policy & Oversight Veterans Benefits Administration

Ronald S. Burke, Jr. was appointed as the Deputy Under Secretary for Policy & Oversight on April 26, 2021. Mr. Burke is responsible for administering benefits programs for Veterans and beneficiaries in a \$130B organization of over 25,000 employees.

Prior to this appointment, he served as the Executive Director for Pension & Fiduciary Service and was responsible for the development and implementation of policies, procedures, training, and quality assurance related to the administration of VA's pension program. In fiscal year 2020, this program paid more than \$4.2 billion to over 378,000 of our most financially challenged wartime Veterans or their survivors. Additionally, Mr. Burke was responsible for the administration of VA's fiduciary program, which protects our most vulnerable beneficiaries who are unable to manage their financial affairs. In fiscal year 2020, the fiduciary program provided oversight of fiduciaries managing more than \$3.4 billion for more than 162,000 beneficiaries.



Mr. Burke previously served as the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations and was responsible for the effective operation, oversight, and workload distribution of 56 regional offices and five district offices. He has also served in numerous leadership positions throughout VBA and has led key modernization efforts, such as the development and implementation of the National Work Queue and the automated processing of eligible pension and survivor claims. Mr. Burke was a member of an accredited Veterans Service Organization for five years prior to joining VA.

Mr. Burke was born and raised in Maryland and served his country honorably in the United States Marine Corps. Married with two children and two grandchildren, Mr. Burke enjoys spending time with his family and friends.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2021-Present	Deputy Under Secretary, Office of Policy & Oversight, Washington, DC
2019-2021	Executive Director, Pension and Fiduciary Service, Washington, DC
2015-2019	Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations, Washington, DC
2010-2015	Director, National Capital Region Benefits Office, Washington, DC
2009-2015	Director, Appeals Management Center and the National Capital Region Benefits Office, Washington, DC
2006-2009	Veterans Service Center Manager, Winston-Salem VA Regional Office
2004-2006	Veterans Service Center Manager, Baltimore VA Regional Office
2003-2004	Supervisory Veterans Service Representative, Baltimore VA Regional Office
2002-2003	Rating Veterans Service Representative, Baltimore VA Regional

MAJOR MILITARY ASSIGNMENTS/AWARDS/DECORATIONS:

Recipient, Navy Achievement Medal

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS:

Executive Level Operational Management Training – The George Washington University, November 2016
VA Senior Executive Strategic Leadership Course – UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School, February 2013
Graduate, Senior Executive Service Career Development Program, January 2012
Leadership Coaching, 2008
Introduction to Leadership, April 2004
Division Leadership and Management Training, February 2006

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS:

Lifetime Member, Disabled American Veterans