



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Jeanine M. Gilson

Acting Chief Financial Officer Office of Financial Management

Jeanine M. Gilson has been serving as the Acting Chief Financial Officer in the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) since February 1, 2025. As a key member of VBA's senior leadership team, Ms. Gilson provides expert advice and counsel in all financial management matters related to VBA's \$197 billion budget. This budget supports operations for 34,000+ employees focused on providing benefits and services to Veterans, Servicemembers, and their families in a way that honors their service to the nation.



Ms. Gilson is concurrently serving as the Deputy Chief Financial Officer for Accounting and Business Operations in VBA and was appointed to this position on May 20, 2023. In this capacity, she provides expert advice and counsel in all financial management matters involving accounting policy and reporting; financial systems; administrative accounting; benefit payment and accounting; and fraud, waste, and abuse operations to ensure the integrity of VBA's \$197 billion budget and protect over \$166 billion in disability compensation benefits.

Prior to this appointment, Ms. Gilson was detailed as the Acting Senior Advisor for Strategic Initiatives and the Acting Deputy Chief Financial Officer. In these roles, she provided advice and counsel in all matters aligned with implementing the Office of Financial Management's (OFM) strategic plan and in all financial management matters related to VBA's \$158 billion budget. On her watch, VBA's outstanding contributions to the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) financial statement reports resulted in VA receiving the Association of Government Accountants' Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting (CEAR) award for the third and fourth consecutive times. She also served as the OFM Finance Services Staff Director, where she provided strategic direction and leadership to a team focused on delivering operational support, financial policy review and analysis, internal control, improper payment avoidance, and training.

Ms. Gilson previously served as the Director of VBA's Compensation Service Training Management Staff where she oversaw all technical skills training provided to 12,500+ VBA disability claims processing staff, the joint VBA/Department of Defense (DOD) Warrior Training and Advancement Course program, VBA's National Training curriculum, and training for DOD staff on the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2023 – Present	Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Office of Financial Management, VBA
2022 – 2023	Acting Senior Advisor for Strategic Initiatives, Office of Financial Management, VBA
2021 – 2022	Acting Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Office of Financial Management, VBA
2020 – 2023	Director, Finance Services, Office of Financial Management, VBA
2018 – 2020	Director, Training Management Staff, Compensation Service, VBA

EDUCATION:

2023	VA Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program, Washington, DC
2021	Senior Executive Fellows, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA
2018	Leadership for a Democratic Society, Federal Executive Institute, Charlottesville, VA
2014	Assistant Director Development Program, VBA, Washington, DC
2007	Leadership VA, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC
1990	Bachelor of Arts, English Literature, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA