



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Timothy Sirhal

Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits

Veterans Benefits Administration



Timothy Sirhal currently serves as the Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits at the Department of Veterans Affairs. In this role, he leads more than 30,000 employees across the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) who deliver a full range of non-medical benefits to Service members, Veterans, their families, and survivors. These programs include Disability Compensation, Pension and Fiduciary services, Home Loan Guaranty, Life Insurance, Education benefits, Military to Civilian Readiness, and Veteran Readiness and Employment. He oversees the nationwide administration of these benefits through 56 regional offices, specialized processing centers, and VBA headquarters. Each year, VBA serves nearly seven million beneficiaries and distributes more than \$235 billion in direct benefits.

When not acting in his current role, he is the Executive Director of Insurance Service. In this role, he is responsible for VA's national life insurance programs, which includes 11 different programs with 5.6 million insured at a face value of \$1.5 trillion. In total, the programs disburse approximately \$2 billion in benefits annually. He has operational control over an administrative budget of \$47 million and over 300 employees, and he maintains responsibility for a variety of legislative, regulatory, and national policy initiatives relating to VA life insurance.

He also formerly served as Executive Director of the Office of Administrative Review, where he administered VBA's modernized decision review (higher-level review) program for Veterans and survivors who disagree with VBA's decision on a benefit claim. He also oversaw remands to VBA from the Board of Veterans' Appeals and had operational control of over 1,200 employees.

Prior to joining VBA, Timothy served as Appellate Attorney for the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Office of General Counsel, representing the agency before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. In that role, he focused on legal matters arising from VBA's disability compensation, pension, insurance, and fiduciary programs. He also worked as an attorney at private law firms in the Philadelphia area, focusing on employment and elder law, and is currently licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2024 – Present	Executive Director, Insurance Service
2022 – 2024	Executive Director, Office of Administrative Review
2016 – 2022	Deputy Director, VBA Insurance Service
2015 – 2016	Senior Management and Program Analyst, VBA Office of Disability Assistance
2013 – 2015	Chief, VBA Integrated Disability Evaluation System
2011 – 2013	Attorney, VA Office of General Counsel

EDUCATION:

Juris Doctorate, Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia, PA
Master of Arts, Corporate Communications, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA
Bachelor of Arts, Journalism, Millersville University, Millersville, PA