



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

David R. McLenachen

Director, Appeals Management Office Veterans Benefits Administration

David McLenachen was appointed Director of the Veterans Benefits Administration's (VBA) Appeals Management Office (AMO) in June 2016. In this role, he administers VBA's appeals program for Veterans and survivors who disagree with VBA's decision on a benefit claim. In this role, Mr. McLenachen is responsible for all appeals-related policy, and has operational control over 1,495 VBA employees who process appeals. In Fiscal Year 2017, these employees processed 272,986 appeal actions for claimants and resolved 124,666 appeals.



Prior to his appointment as the AMO Director, Mr. McLenachen was VBA's Deputy Under Secretary for Disability Assistance and administered VA's compensation program for Veterans with service-connected disability, needs-based pension program for wartime Veterans and their survivors, dependency and indemnity compensation program for the survivors of Veterans who die during military service or as a result of their service-connected disability, monetary burial benefits program to assist those who pay for a Veteran's funeral and burial, 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 Director of VBA's Pension and Fiduciary Service, which administers VA's pension, dependency and indemnity compensation, monetary burial benefits, and fiduciary programs. These programs annually provide benefits and services to almost 1 million Veterans and survivors, many of whom are elderly, have low income, or due to disability are unable to manage their VA benefits.

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 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:

2016 – Present	Director, Appeals Management Office
2015 – 2016	Deputy Under Secretary for Disability Assistance
2011 – 2015	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