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Director, National Veterans Service
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Ryan Gallucci is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the VFW National Veterans Service (NVS), which ensures veterans, service members and their families have access to their earned benefits through the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Defense, and Labor. To achieve this, Ryan oversees the VFW's network of more than 1,900 VA-accredited claims representatives located around the world, and on almost two dozen military installations, to ensure they have the necessary training and resources to provide the best possible service to their veteran clients.



Prior to his appointment as director, Ryan served as deputy director of NVS overseeing a variety of initiatives to include the expansion of VFW operations on military installations and the modernization of the VFW's constituent casework system.

He previously served as VFW's deputy legislative director, where he worked directly with Congress and federal agencies to craft and implement transition and education policies that benefited the veterans' community, such as in-state tuition protections for veterans and the redesign of the military Transition Assistance Program. Ryan also established the VFW-SVA Legislative Fellowship program, which offers exemplary student veterans the opportunity to learn about veterans' advocacy hands-on in Washington.

Ryan formerly served on the Secretary of Labor's Advisory Committee on Veterans Employment, Training, and Employer Outreach, providing feedback to the Department of Labor and Congress on the employment needs of veterans and the efficacy of federal employment programs for veterans. Ryan served as the chairman of the committee for 2016-2017.

Ryan served eight years in the U.S. Army Reserve and was deployed to Iraq in 2003-2004 where he received the Bronze Star for meritorious service and the Combat Action Badge. He used his G.I. Bill benefits to earn a bachelor's degree in journalism and political science from the University of Rhode Island. Prior to joining the VFW staff, Ryan served as deputy communications director for AMVETS.

He and his wife, Katie, reside in Annapolis, Md., with their daughters, Lily and Mia. He is a member of VFW Post 3150 in Arlington, Va.

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