



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 (DUS) for Policy & Oversight on April 26, 2021. Mr. Burke is responsible for ensuring the effective operation and oversight for ten Business Lines and Program Offices. These services and programs provide guidance and oversight for over 24k employees and are responsible for over \$123B in benefit payments to Veterans, Service Members, their family members, and survivors. Mr. Burke leads the coordination of enterprise-level initiatives, projects, and procedural changes that provide Veterans and claimants access to disability compensation, pension, education, vocational readiness, employment, transition assistance, insurance, and home ownership.

Prior to this appointment, he served as the Executive Director for Pension & Fiduciary Service and was responsible for the administration of VBA's pension program, which, in fiscal year 2020, paid more than \$4.2B to over 378k of our most financially challenged wartime Veterans or their survivors. Mr. Burke was also responsible for the administration of VBA's fiduciary program, which protects our most vulnerable beneficiaries who are unable to manage their financial affairs. In fiscal year 2020, this program provided oversight of fiduciaries managing more than \$3.4B for more than 162k beneficiaries.

Mr. Burke previously served as the Assistant DUS for Field Operations and was responsible for the effective operation and oversight of 56 regional offices and five district offices. He has also served in numerous leadership positions in VBA and 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 three grandchildren, he 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
2009-2015	Director, Appeals Management Center & 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
Division Leadership and Management Training, February 2006
Introduction to Leadership, April 2004

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS:

Lifetime Member, Disabled American Veterans.