



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Robert D. Snyder **Interim Chief of Staff** **COL, US Army (Retired)**

Mr. Snyder was appointed as the Interim Chief of Staff of Department of Veterans Affairs by Secretary Robert A. McDonald on January 18, 2016.

As the Chief of Staff, he works closely with the Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Under Secretaries in managing day-to-day operations of the federal government's second largest Cabinet department, with over 340,000 employees in VA medical centers, clinics, benefits offices and national cemeteries throughout the country.



Prior to this appointment, Mr. Snyder served as the Executive Director of the MyVA Task Force. In this role, Mr. Snyder led the largest organizational transformation in the Department's history, MyVA. The MyVA transformation is Veteran-centric and demonstrates the VA values by putting Veterans at the center of VA service. Mr. Snyder joined the Department of Veterans Affairs in June 2009 and was appointed as the Executive Director of the VA/DoD Collaboration Service where he oversaw the development of joint policies and programs between the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense. In September 2010, he was appointed as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Office of Policy and Planning and served as the Acting Secretary from January 2013 until October 2014.

During a 26-year Army career, Mr. Snyder served in various operational assignments as a Field Artillery Officer. From 1989 until 1993, he was assigned to the faculty of the Department of Social Sciences at West Point. Additionally, he served in multiple staff assignments including as a Strategist in the Office of the Army Chief of Staff and as the Senior Military Advisor to the Director for Operational Test and Evaluation within the Office of the Secretary of Defense. After his 2007 retirement from the Army, he joined the team of Accenture Management Consulting as a Senior Consultant.

Mr. Snyder is from Ravenswood, West Virginia and is a 1981 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He obtained a Master's Degree in Political Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Master's Degree in Strategic Policy from the National War College.

Mr. Snyder is married to the former Margaret Haller of Roselle Park, New Jersey. They have three children: Kristin, Kelsie, and Kyle.