



Department of Veterans Affairs

Office of Inspector General

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The VA Office of Inspector General welcomed Mr. Michael Missal, who was sworn in today by Mr. Robert McDonald, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs to lead the Office of Inspector General (OIG). Mr. Missal was nominated to be the Inspector General by President Barack Obama on October 05, 2015, and unanimously confirmed by the Senate on April 19, 2016. This position has been vacant since December 31, 2013.

“The Office of Inspector General and the Department of Veterans Affairs are fortunate to have an individual of Mr. Missal’s caliber join the team and lead the organization,” said Ms. Linda Halliday, Deputy Inspector General. Prior to his nomination, Mr. Missal was a partner at K&L Gates LLP since 1987. His practice focused on governmental enforcement, internal investigations and corporate governance. Among other matters, Mr. Missal was lead counsel for the Independent Review Panel concerning the 60 Minutes segment on President Bush’s Texas Air National Guard Service. Additionally, Mr. Missal assisted the Senate Select Committee on Ethics in its investigation of Senator John Ensign and was appointed by the Department of Justice to be the Examiner in bankruptcy proceedings of New Century Financial, one of the largest originators of subprime mortgages.

In his new position, Mr. Missal will oversee an organization of roughly 700 employees comprised of auditors, inspectors, administrative and criminal investigators, physicians and other healthcare professionals. Mr. Missal’s office is responsible for conducting and supervising audits and investigations; recommending policies designed to promote economy and efficiency in the administration of, and to prevent and detect criminal activity, waste, abuse, and mismanagement, in VA programs and operations; and keeping the Secretary and Congress fully informed about problems and deficiencies in VA programs and operations and the need for corrective action.

“My top three priorities for my new role include independence, transparency, and integrity. Specifically, to meet the needs of our veterans, our work has to be timely, objective and accurate. I’m confident with the assistance of the men and women of the VA-OIG we will be able to tackle the numerous issues that our country’s veterans face today. I’m extremely thrilled to join the team and look forward to facing the challenges that lay before us,” said Mr. Missal.