



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Dr. Tamara Bonzanto

Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection

Dr. Tamara Bonzanto is the first Assistant Secretary for Accountability and Whistleblower Protection at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Dr. Bonzanto was nominated by President Donald J. Trump in July 2018, and was confirmed by the Senate on January 2, 2019.

As Assistant Secretary, Dr. Bonzanto leads VA's Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection (OAWP) and advises the Secretary of Veterans Affairs accountability within VA. Under her leadership, OAWP conducts investigations into allegations of senior leader misconduct and allegations of whistleblower retaliation by VA supervisors; refers whistleblower disclosures for investigation; tracks and confirms VA's implementation of recommendations from audits and investigations carried out by investigative entities; identifies trends so that VA can proactively address of concern; and develops and implements training on whistleblower rights and protection for VA employees.

Prior to joining VA, Dr. Bonzanto served as a healthcare investigator for the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Veterans' Affairs. As a healthcare investigator, Dr. Bonzanto conducted numerous site visits at VA facilities nationwide, engaged with whistleblowers, advised Members of Congress on legislation, and managed oversight hearings regarding VA.

Dr. Bonzanto's career in healthcare began when she enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 2001. She served as a Hospital Corpsman in a variety of roles and was honorably discharged in 2006. Dr. Bonzanto's passion for assisting service members brought her back to the military as a contracted nurse case manager for the Army, where she became an expert in coordinating soldiers' healthcare between the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, and civilian healthcare providers in 13 northeastern states.

Dr. Bonzanto is a registered nurse. She earned her Doctorate of Nursing Practice at the Jefferson College of Nursing at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

