



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Karen L. Brazell

Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary Office of Enterprise Integration

On April 7, 2020, President Donald J. Trump, directed Karen Brazell to Perform the Duties of the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Enterprise Integration (OEI). In this role, she continues to focus on enhancing Veteran and employee experiences through effective enterprise integration with an emphasis on people, processes, technology, innovations, and management capabilities. Mrs. Brazell will lead the Departmental efforts in strategic planning, enterprise risk management, performance management, policy management and analysis, transformation and innovations, data analytics and statistics, data governance, and interagency coordination and collaboration.



Mrs. Brazell previously served as the Principal Executive Director and the Department's Chief Acquisition Officer in the Office of Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction. There, she oversaw acquisition, contract administration, supply-chain processes, and major construction and real property management with a budget of more than \$30 billion and over 1,700 employees for the Department. Before joining Veterans Affairs, Mrs. Brazell served as Chief of Staff for the White House Military Office, where she oversaw strategic planning, engagement planning, communication product development, staff coordination and integration, special projects, policy development, and resource management. She also served as Deputy Director of the Acquisition and Resource Integration, Naval Facilities Command, responsible for enterprise-wide acquisition and resource integration for the White House Military Office, Policy, Plans and Requirements directorate.

Mrs. Brazell served on active duty in the United States Army from 1984-1988, then spent 17 years as a DoD contractor before joining the DoD civilian service in 2006.

Mrs. Brazell earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Chapman University and a Master of Arts in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix. She is a graduate of the Office of Personnel Management Federal Executive Institute, a Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act Level III Program Manager, holds a Certificate in Executive Leadership from the Federal Executive Institute, and a Certificate in Public Leadership from Brookings Institute. Mrs. Brazell received the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 2018.