



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Randy C. Reeves

Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs

Randy C. Reeves was nominated by President Donald J. Trump to serve as the 6th Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs and was confirmed by the United States Senate on November 8, 2017.

As Under Secretary, he leads 136 national cemeteries in providing dignified burial services for Veterans and eligible family members. His responsibilities include maintaining the cemeteries as national shrines; design and construction activities related to the establishment of new national cemeteries; overseeing memorial programs to honor the service of Veterans, including the provision of headstones, markers, medallions and Presidential Memorial Certificates; and administering federal grants to help states, territories and tribal governments establish Veterans cemeteries.



Prior to his confirmation, Mr. Reeves served as the Executive Director of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board from 2011-2017. During his tenure, he drastically increased service to Mississippi Veterans while consistently improving fiscal accountability and efficiency of operations. Mr. Reeves also served as the President of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs (NASDVA) in 2017, an organization whose members serve and represent our Nation's 22 million Veterans. In January 2009, he was appointed as the first Director of the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemetery and coordinated funding for and oversaw construction of Mississippi's first State Veterans Cemetery. He was appointed Deputy Director of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board in late 2009 where he was responsible for leading Strategic Planning and Modernization initiatives for the Agency.

Mr. Reeves originally entered military service in 1980 when he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He served for eight years as an enlisted man in the Air Force and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Navy in 1988. During his 27-year military career he served at sea and ashore in various positions, including command. He is a Veteran of Operation Desert Storm and the Global War on Terrorism with multiple deployments during combat operations.

Mr. Reeves was inducted into the G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center's Wall of Honor in November 2017. He was recognized for his work in Mississippi government with the 2013 Excellence in State Government Award and received the NASDVA President's Award for his work on behalf of Veterans in 2013 and 2015. In October 2015, he was appointed as a member of the Veterans Affairs Rural Health Advisory Committee.

Mr. Reeves is a Certified Public Manager and a graduate of the John F. Kennedy School of Government Senior Executive Program at Harvard University, the John C. Stennis Institute State Executive Development Institute at Mississippi State University, and the Institute for Educational Leadership Education Policy Fellowship program. He earned a Master's degree in Health Science from Touro University and earned a Bachelor's degree in Management from Peru State College in Nebraska. He is the recipient of numerous military and civilian honors and awards.