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VA Secretary statement on the leadership change at the helm of VA's Board of Veterans' Appeals

WASHINGTON — President Biden has announced his intended nominee to serve as the chairman of the Veterans' Board of Appeals for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The current chairman, Cheryl Mason, will continue to serve in that role until a nominee is confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

The department wants to recognize the extraordinary contributions chairman Mason has made during her tenure as the board chair. As the first woman, military spouse and suicide survivor to serve as chairman, she has been a dedicated advocate and champion for Veterans, their families and caregivers. Her work at the board has resulted in increased access and improved outcomes for Veterans and their families — doubling the number of hearings and decisions of her predecessors.

Chairman Mason has been tireless and hugely successful in her stewardship of the board, and the department and our Veterans are much the better for it.

Upon stepping down from the chairman's position, Ms. Mason will continue working with the department on the challenges of military spouse employment, a subject on which she is one of the nation's leading experts.

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