

VA**U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs**

News Release

Office of Public Affairs
Media RelationsWashington, DC 20420
(202) 461-7600
www.va.govFOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 19, 2022

VA stands up commission to recommend new Under Secretary for Benefits

WASHINGTON — Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough approved the establishment of a commission on July 19, to identify candidates to lead and manage the [Veterans Benefits Administration](#) in the position of Under Secretary for Benefits.

The Under Secretary for Benefits oversees non-medical Veterans benefits matters, with an operating budget of about \$6.2 billion, delivering \$135 billion in services and benefits to Veterans and their beneficiaries.

Additional information on the post can be found [here](#).

Joshua Jacobs, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, has been designated to Perform the Delegable Duties of the Under Secretary for Benefits, effective July 25. Thomas Murphy will resume his duties as Director, Northeast District, Veterans Benefits Administration.

The Veterans Benefits Administration helps Veterans build civilian lives of opportunity and well-being through the effective use of benefits and services. Via an integrated program of non-medical benefits authorized by law to Veterans, their dependents and survivors, VBA administers a broad range of benefits and services through 56 regional offices, 540 intake sites and out-based facilities, and 38 special processing and call centers. These offices and facilities are located nationwide with at least one regional office in every state including Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

###