

**Department of  
Veterans Affairs**

**Memorandum**

Date: DEC 18 2019

From: Secretary (00)

Subj: Delegation of Authority to Approve Use of the Official Seal, Replicas,  
Reproductions, and Embossing seals (VIEWS# 1501575)

To: Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and Other Key Officials

1. **DELEGATION.** Under the authority vested in me as Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and pursuant to 38 United States Code §512(a), I delegate to the Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and Other Key Officials, the authority to affix replicas, reproductions, and embossed seals to challenge coins in accordance with the authorities below.

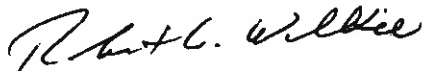
2. **AUTHORITIES.** Pursuant to 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §1.9, the Secretary or designee(s) is authorized to affix replicas, reproductions, and embossed seals to appropriate documents, certifications, and other material for all purposes as authorized by §1.9(d)(2)(ii-iv). In addition to meeting the title 38 requirements, VA Directive and Handbook 0023, *Tier 1 Graphic Standards*, lays out the appropriate format and usage of the VA seal and image.

3. **RESTRICTIONS.** Authority to approve the use of the official seal for any purpose other than challenge coins is excluded from this delegation of authority and remains under the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

4. **RE-DELEGATION.** No further delegation is authorized.

5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This delegation of authority is effective upon signature and will remain in effect for 2 years.

6. Please send any questions to Mr. Edward Murray, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management and Deputy Chief Financial Officer at (202) 461-6703, or Edward.Murray@va.gov.



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