



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Michael James Frueh

Chief of Staff Veterans Benefits Administration

Michael J. Frueh was appointed Chief of Staff of the Veterans Benefits Administration in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) on July 10, 2016. In this capacity, he serves as the senior staff advisor, responsible for the analysis of all VBA policy, program, and budgetary issues and proposals and recommending appropriate courses of action to the Under Secretary for Benefits.



Before becoming Chief of Staff, Mr. Frueh served as Director of VA's Loan Guaranty Service. In that role, he was accountable for more than 110 direct and 700 field staff, 600,000 new loan originations totalling \$150 billion, and 2.4 million outstanding loans totalling \$500 billion. He was responsible for helping Veterans obtain mortgages to purchase homes, retain their homes if they experienced financial difficulties, and adapt homes to help severely disabled Veterans live as independently as possible in their home.

Prior to serving as Director of Loan Guaranty Service, Mr. Frueh served as Assistant Director of Loan Guaranty Service for six years, responsible for all policies and procedures related to servicing, loss mitigation, and claims on VA's \$500 billion portfolio of outstanding guaranteed loans. Mr. Frueh began his tenure at VBA in 2002 as a Financial Analyst in Loan Guaranty Service.

Mr. Frueh gained many years of experience in the mortgage banking industry before joining VA, especially in the area of secondary markets. He previously worked in the structured finance group at PricewaterhouseCoopers, in Bankers Trust's asset securitization group in both Europe and North America, as well as at Andersen Consulting.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

July 2016 – Present	VBA Chief of Staff
2012 – 2016	Director, Loan Guaranty Service
2005 – 2011	Assistant Director, Loan Guaranty Service
2002 – 2005	Financial Analyst, Loan Guaranty Service

EDUCATION:

- 2005 – Masters of Business Administration, George Washington University
- 1991 – Bachelor of Science, Mathematics, Pepperdine University