



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Danny Pummill, MNSS, MMAS

Acting Under Secretary for Benefits Veterans Benefits Administration

Danny Pummill was appointed Acting Under Secretary for Benefits in the Department of Veterans Affairs on October 19, 2015. In this position, he leads more than 20,000 employees in the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) in the delivery of non-medical benefits programs for Veterans, including disability compensation, pension and fiduciary, education, home loan guaranty, life insurance, vocational rehabilitation and employment, and transition, employment and economic impact. Through a nationwide network of 56 regional offices, special processing centers, and VBA Headquarters, he directs the execution of nearly \$90B in direct benefits to Veterans and their dependents.



Mr. Pummill was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in September 2007. Before becoming Acting Under Secretary, he served as Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits, second in command in VBA. Prior to that role, he served as Director of VBA Department of Defense Program Office, Deputy Director for Policy and Procedures in the office of Compensation and Pension Services, Veterans Benefits Administration in Washington D.C., and as a Senior Executive for the Department of the Army. While with the Army he served as the primary advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) responsible for policy and performance oversight for human resources (civilian and military), equal opportunity, equal employment opportunity, training, readiness, mobilization, military health affairs, force structure, manpower management, recruiting, and other critical matters as part of the Army leadership team.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2015 – Present	Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration
2013 – 2015	Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration
2012 – 2013	Director, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Defense Program Office Veterans Benefits Administration
2010 - 2012	Deputy Director for Policy and Procedures, Office of Compensation and Pension Services, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration
2007 - 2009	Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Medical and Health Operations, Office of Assistant Secretary of the Army Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Headquarters, Department of the Army
2003 - 2007	Director of Operations, Assistant Secretary of the Army Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Headquarters, Department of the Army
2002 - 2003	Student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington DC

2001 - 2002

Executive Officer to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Human Resources, Headquarters, Department of the Army

MAJOR MILITARY ASSIGNMENTS/AWARDS/DECORATIONS:

Mr. Pummill retired as a Colonel from the United States Army after serving for 33 years. He served as an Adjutant General Corps Officer and an enlisted Field Artillery and Infantry soldier in a variety of assignments. He has served at every level in the Army from squad through Headquarters Department of the Army. Commanding two separate Battalions, his duties have taken him to Panama, Central America, Korea, Europe, the Balkans, the Middle East and various locations throughout the United States.

EDUCATION:

2007 Wharton School of Business Advanced Management Program

2002 Masters in National Security Strategy (MNSS), National War College, Fort McNair, Washington DC

1996 Masters in Military Arts and Sciences (MMAS), Army Command and General Staff College, Leavenworth, KS

1983 BS in Law Enforcement, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI

AWARDS AND HONORS:

Legion of Merit U.S. Army

Horatio gates Gold Medal

National School Board Award

Horatio Gates Silver Medal