**STEVEN SCHLIESMAN**

Mr. Steven Schliesman currently serves as Lead for Benefits Delivery Projects, Product Development, Office of Information and Technology (OIT). In this role, he managers IT projects that facilitate effective delivery of Veteran benefits through advanced technology solutions.

Mr. Schliesman previously served as Director of the Major Transformation Initiatives, Project Management Division, PD OIT. Where he led and managed all IT development projects that specifically supported the Secretary’s 16 Major Initiatives to transform the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) into a 21st Century organization.

Before joining VA, Mr. Schliesman served as the Division Chief of PM NSC’s Technical Management Division. In this role, he provided senior technical expertise with management oversight over the technical domains of the Army’s largest IT programs, including the Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program (I3MP), the Army's Area Processing Centers (APCs), Command Center Upgrade/Special Project Office (CCU/SPO), Land Mobile Radio (LMR) program, and Defense Messaging System - Army (DMS-A).

A retired Army Officer, LTC(R) Schliesman had a distinguished career and held key positions including Project Director, Defense Communications Systems – Southwest Asia (PD DCS-SWA), where he was responsible for the deployment of the I3MP Program throughout the CENTCOM theaters of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait; Assistant Product Manager, Defense Communications Systems – CONUS; participatant in the Army’s Training with Industry program; served on the Headquarters, Department of the Army staff as the Executive Officer to the Executive Director of Enterprise Integration, Army’s Chief Information Officer / G6 (CIO/G6); and as Software Engineer with Field Services Division of USA PERSCOM.

Mr. Schliesman received a Bachelor of Environmental Design (Architecture) in 1990 from the University of Colorado at Boulder and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) with an emphasis in Computer Resources and Information Technology in 2002 from Webster University, where he was an Honor Graduate and recipient of the Adam Yagodka Award for Organizational Development. In addition, he obtained a Chief Information Officer (CIO) certificate in Information Operations in 2003, an E-Government Certificate in Organization Transformation and Electronic Government in 2005, and IA Certificates in Information Assurance in 2008 from the National Defense University, Information Resource Management College.

Mr. Schliesman has been referenced in various articles as a technical expert and authority on implementation and deployment of IT. He is a CompTIA IT Project+ Certified Professional, and his Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) Certifications include Program Management, Information Technology, Acquisition Logistics, and Test and Evaluation. Mr. Schliesman was also recognized by an Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) 2009 Leadership Award for demonstrated contributions to the war fighter through the use of Information Technology, and most recently recognized by Federal Computer Week with a 2013 Federal 100 award.

Mr. Schliesman’s wife, Toni M. Schliesman, is a graduate of Monmouth University, where she earned a Masters Degree in Psychological Counseling. They currently reside in Highlands, New Jersey.