**STEVEN SCHLIESMAN**

Mr. Steven Schliesman currently serves as the Assistant Deputy Chief Information Officer for IT Project Management, Product Development, Office of Information and Technology. He leads the management of a myriad of interdependent VA projects developing and deploying the applications and systems that provide world class health care services and benefits to the Veteran.

Mr. Schliesman previously served as Director of the Major Transformation Initiatives 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 the 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) and the Army's Area Processing Centers (APCs).

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 theaters of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait; participatant in the Army’s Training with Industry program; served on 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 PERSCOM.

Mr. Schliesman received a Bachelor of Environmental Design (Architecture) from the University of Colorado at Boulder and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) with an emphasis in Computer Resources and Information Technology 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, an E-Government Certificate in Organization Transformation and Electronic Government, and IA Certificates in Information Assurance.

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 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) Leadership Award for demonstrated contributions to the war fighter through the use of Information Technology; recognized by Federal Computer Week with a 2013 Federal 100 award; and most recently received a 2014 AFFIRM Leadership Award for Service to the Citizen.

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