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Steven Schliesman serves as the Assistant Deputy Chief Information Officer for IT Project Management, Product Development, Office of Information and Technology. He oversees the management of a myriad of interdependent VA projects which develop and deploy applications and systems that provide world class health care services and benefits to Veterans.

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 VA into a 21st Century organization.

Before joining VA, Mr. Schliesman served as the Division Chief for Program Management Network Service Center’s Technical Management Division. In this role, he provided senior level 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. He also participated 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 the Software Engineer with Personnel Command (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. His Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) Certifications include Program Management, Information Technology, Acquisition Logistics, and Test and Evaluation. Mr. Schliesman was also recognized with an Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Leadership Award for demonstrated contributions to the war fighter through the use of Information Technology; and recognized by Federal Computer Week with a 2013 Federal 100 award. Most recently, he received a 2014 Association for Federal Information Resources Management (AFFIRM) Leadership Award for Service to the Citizen.

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.