



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Karen L. Brazell

**Principal Executive Director and VA Chief Acquisition Officer
Office of Acquisition, Logistics and Construction**

**Acting Assistant Secretary
Office of Enterprise Integration**

Karen L. Brazell was appointed Principal Executive Director for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) (OALC) on August 6, 2018. As the advisor to the Deputy Secretary on acquisition, logistics, and construction issues, she directs the development of policies, determines priorities, and establishes organizational goals and objectives for OALC. She also serves as Chief Acquisition Officer, overseeing acquisition, contract administration and supply-chain processes for the Department.



On April 7, 2020, Mrs. Brazell was directed to also perform the duties of Assistant Secretary for VA's Office of Enterprise Integration. In this role, she continues to focus on enhancing Veteran and employee experiences through effective enterprise integration with an emphasis on people, processes, technology, innovations, and management capabilities. Mrs. Brazell will lead the Departmental efforts in strategic planning, enterprise risk management, performance management, policy management and analysis, transformation and innovations, data analytics and statistics, data governance, and interagency coordination and collaboration.

Prior to joining VA, Mrs. Brazell served as Chief of Staff for the White House Military Office where she oversaw strategic planning, engagement planning, communication product development, staff coordination and integration, special projects, policy development, and resource management. Prior to that, she served as Deputy Director of the Acquisition and Resource Integration, Naval Facilities Command, responsible for enterprise-wide acquisition and resource integration for the White House Military Office, Policy, Plans and Requirements directorate.

Mrs. Brazell served on active duty in the United States Army from 1984-1988, then spent 17 years as a DoD contractor before joining the DoD civilian service in 2006.

Mrs. Brazell earned a Bachelor's of Science in Computer Science from Chapman University and a Masters of Arts in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix. She is a recent graduate of the Office of Personnel Management Federal Executive Institute, a DAWIA Level III Program Manager, and holds a certificate in Public Leadership from Brookings Institute. She received the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 2018.