



## Mr. Eddie C. Riley

Eddie C. Riley is the Director of the Veteran Employment Services Office (VESO) for the Department of Veteran Affairs. He is responsible to the Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration for expanding and enhancing recruitment programs to increase the percentage of Veterans employees in VA and the Federal Workforce, improving Veteran employee retention in VA, and providing support to VA employees who are active members of the reserve component, before, during and after deployment.

Mr. Riley's 29 years of military, entrepreneurial and Federal government experience have established him as a professional with broad and diverse insight. He served 21 years combined on active duty and in the Air Force Reserve as a public affairs professional and retired in 2006. Before entering the Federal service, he established a communications consulting firm and pursued one of his passions in establishing and operating a restaurant.

As a Veteran, business owner, government consultant and Federal employee, he has successfully supervised and led teams in a variety of subject matters and disciplines, including Equal Employment Opportunity, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Public Affairs and Marketing, and Strategic Planning. He also has managed a variety of Human Resources functions including recruitment, staffing, and training in organizations with budgets ranging up to \$50 million.

Mr. Riley previously served as the Executive Assistant to VA's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Resolution Management. Prior to joining VA in 2012, he was Director of Corporate and Strategic Communication with the Office of Naval Research and served in similar positions with other Navy and Defense Logistics Agency organizations.

He is committed to leveraging his broad experience with employment in the government and private sector to connect with Veterans and leadership across VA and Federal agencies, and to advance the VESO mission of recruiting, retaining and reintegrating Veteran employees.

Mr. Riley has a Bachelor of Science in Journalism from the University of Maryland and a Master of Arts in Communication from the University of Oklahoma.



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