

**Brief Bio: Craig A. Ploessl**

Mr. Craig A. Ploessl currently serves as the Military Spouse Program Manager, Veteran and Military Spouse Talent Engagement Program (VMSTEP) for the US Department of Veterans Affairs. He serves as the subject matter expert on all aspects of Military Spouse hiring and provides employment readiness assistance and outreach to Military Spouses, along with Veterans and transitioning service members.

He previously served as the Assistant Deputy, Recruiting & Accessions, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Force Management Integration at the Pentagon. He was the principal advisor on all policy and matters pertaining to Department of the Air Force and Department of Defense-wide talent acquisition (recruiting) and personnel matters.

Craig retired from the United States Air Force at the rank of Chief Master Sergeant (E-9) in 2018 after 30 years of service. He was the Air Force Senior Recruiter and served as the Chief, Accession Policy, and Career Field Manager for the Recruiting Career Field at the Pentagon. He was responsible for all programs related to hiring, training, developing, career progression, assignments, etc., for over 2,000 recruiting personnel.

A native of New Liberty, Iowa, he holds a bachelor's and master's degree in Human Resource Management from Columbia Southern University. He has completed several Professional Training courses and certifications during his 34 + years of Federal Service.