



Curtis L. Coy

Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity Veterans Benefits Administration

Curtis (Curt) L. Coy was appointed to be the first Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity in the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) on May 9, 2011. In this role, Mr. Coy oversees all education benefits (GI Bill), vocational rehabilitation and employment for wounded warriors and disabled Veterans, loan guaranty service (VA Home Loans), Veterans transition and employment programs, and VBA collaboration with Department of Defense programs. These programs work collectively to assist Veterans in achieving personal and economic success.



Prior to this appointment, Mr. Coy was a senior executive at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for nearly 11 years. For eight of those years, he was the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration at the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). In this role, Mr. Coy was responsible for exerting corporate leadership to ensure the success of the business aspects of the ACF mission – over 70 national social service programs with a total budget of over \$47 billion in grants. He held other key senior leadership roles in HHS including Director of the Programs Support Center, a \$500 million fee-for-service organization, Deputy Commissioner and Chief Financial Officer of the Food and Drug Administration.

For almost seven years, Mr. Coy worked at PricewaterhouseCoopers as a senior Managing Consultant. Prior to his civilian career, Mr. Coy served in the Navy for 24 years as a Surface Warfare and Supply Corps officer. He began his military career as an enlisted member in the United States Air Force. He subsequently accepted an appointment at the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating with the Class of 1975.

He is the recipient of a number of distinguished awards, to include most recently the Western Area Veteran Education Specialists (WAVES) Bill Pearson Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award, the National Association of State Approving Agencies Lifetime Leadership Award*, the Presidential Rank Award, the Surgeon General of the United States' Medallion and the HHS Secretary's Distinguished Service Award. His military decorations include Meritorious Service Medals, Commendation Medal and Achievement Medals. Mr. Coy has been selected as a Fellow in the National Academy of Public Administration and the National Contract Management Association.

Mr. Coy earned two Master's Degrees from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. A strong believer in higher education, Mr. Coy served as an Adjunct Associate Professor for the University of Maryland University College (UMUC) Graduate School of Management and Technology as well as two Community Colleges. He has been selected for the International Who's Who of Professionals, Who's Who in America and Who's Who Historical Society.

His greatest source of pride, however, is being a father and grandfather and a devoted husband of Denise.

* Note: Mr. Coy is the second recipient of the NASAA Lifetime Leadership Award. The first was Congressman Jeff Miller; Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, the third was Senator Johnny Isakson; Chairman of the Senate Veteran Affairs Committee.