

PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS

CATEGORY –
Executive Generally

Executive Order 007

Transfer of the Department of Veterans Affairs

Whereas, the Executive Office of the President has found that the existence of the Department of Veteran's Affairs as its own entity has proven to be redundant and not required.

Thus, it is has been decided that the departments functionality would increase if moved to be a sub-department under the Department of Defense.

Section 1. Reorganization

(a) The Department of Veterans Affairs is transferred to the Department of Defense as a sub-department. The duties performed by the former shall be determined at the discretion of the Secretary of Defense.

(b) The position Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall be appointed by the President of the United States with the advice and consent of the senate. The Secretary shall be equivalent to that of a Service Secretary.

(c) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall directly report to the Secretary of Defense.

Section 2. Enforcement

(a) The personnel employed in connection with, and the assets, liabilities, contracts, property, records, and unexpended balances of appropriations, authorizations, allocations, and other funds employed, used, held, arising from, available to, or to be made available in connection with the functions transferred by this order, subject to section 1531 of title 31, United States Code, are transferred to the Department of Defense for appropriate allocation.

(b) All guidelines, orders and rules of the Department of Veterans Affairs will remain in effect until suspension, adjustment, or termination by the appropriate governing body.

Section 3. General Provisions.

(a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trump", with a large, stylized initial "T" that loops around the rest of the name.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

October 2, 2024.