



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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## **AL CARTER**

Alfred ("Al") Carter is Chief of Staff of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs in Largo, Fla. The retired Army Colonel provides operational and administrative oversight of the department's functional entities and activities involving nearly 1,260 employees with an annual budget of more than \$112 million; impacting more than 1.5 million veterans and their families. He was appointed as Agency Chief of Staff in 2011 following his retirement after 28 years of military service; transitioning as the Agency's Deputy Executive Director in 2012 and again resuming the Chief of Staff role in 2019.

He served in numerous command and staff leadership positions in the U.S. Army as a Military Police Officer with duty assignments encompassing more than 40 countries including combat tours in Qatar, Afghanistan and Iraq and three assignments with U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla., during OEF/OIF campaigns.

His key assignments include Deputy Chief of Staff Provost Marshal and Operational Protection Chief, U.S. Army South, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas; Director, Joint Security Office (Fwd) and Deputy Chief of Staff (Fwd) U.S. Central Command, Qatar; Director, Security Directorate, USCENTCOM, Tampa, Fla.; Commander, 795th MP Battalion, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.; Deputy Inspector and Inspector General, XVIII Airborne Corps, Ft. Bragg, N.C.; Executive and Operations Officer, 19th Military Police Battalion (CID), Korea; Headquarters' Commandant and Chief, Plans Branch, U.S. Army Criminal Investigations Command, Ft Belvoir, Va., and 3rd United States Army Liaison Officer to U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.

Colonel Carter received more than 30 individual, joint and unit medals during his military career.

He graduated from the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, receiving a Reserve Commission (Distinguished Honor Graduate) and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology/Criminal Justice. He later earned a Master of Science Degree in Management Administration from Central Michigan University.

Al is married to Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Marlené Carter and they have two children.

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