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### New Director of Center for Minority Veterans Named

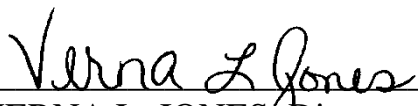
The Department of Veterans Affairs has appointed Barbara Ward to the Senior Executive Service and assigned her as the Director of the VA's Center for Minority Veterans.

"Barbara Ward is an outstanding fit in her new job and will provide a fresh perspective on women and minority issues," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "She possesses a unique blend of administrative and leadership skills that will greatly benefit all Veterans. We are lucky to have her."

Ward previously served as Deputy Secretary for Women and Minority Veterans Affairs, California Department of Veterans Affairs from 2007-2011. She is a United States Air Force, and Vietnam-Era Veteran, who served as a commissioned officer in the Air Force Nurse Corps from 1972-1974. In her new position, she will serve as the principal adviser to the Secretary on the adoption and implementation of policies and programs affecting minority Veterans.

For more information about the Center for Minority Veterans, please visit: <http://www.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans>.

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