

**STEPHEN T. WURTZ**  
**ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR**  
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Under different titles due to reorganization, Wurtz has essentially served in his current capacity since 2004. He began his career with VA in 1974 as a Veterans Claims Examiner and has held progressively responsible positions in both the Insurance operating divisions and in the Insurance Service, which is the headquarters component of VA's Life Insurance program.

VA's Insurance Program administers and manages ten separate lines of insurance protection for Veterans, Servicemembers, and their families. Combined, these programs account for \$1.3 *trillion* in nationwide life insurance and traumatic injury protection coverage for 6.7 million veterans, service personnel and reservists, and their families. We administer and managing six Government life insurance programs in our Philadelphia office. We are also responsible for supervising the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program, including Family SGLI, Traumatic Injury Protection coverage, and the Veterans' Group Life Insurance program, providing both technical and program guidance to the Office of Servicemember's Group Life Insurance.

Wurtz graduated from Temple University with a B.B.S. degree in 1969. He received his Juris Doctor degree from Temple's School of Law in 1973 and was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar the following year.