



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

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**National Director of VA Chaplain Service
Department of Veteran Affairs**

Chaplain Lesher is entrusted with the sacred honor of providing for the spiritual well-being of our Nation's Veterans and leading 800 plus chaplains in the Department of Veterans Affairs. Chaplain Lesher was the recipient of the 2016 VA Under Secretary's Award for Excellence in Chaplaincy, the 2013 Distinguished Service Award from the Military Chaplains Association, the 2013 VA Secretary's Heart and Hands Award, the 2008 VA Secretary's Award for Excellence in Chaplaincy, and a 2009 VA Chaplaincy Best Practice Award. She also is one of the authors of the *God Understands* series.



CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2019 – Present	National Director of VA Chaplain Service
2011 – 2019	Chief of Chaplain Service – South Texas VA HCS, San Antonio, TX
2010 – 2011	Chief of Chaplain Service – Fargo VAMC, Fargo, ND
2009 – 2010	Chaplain – Louisville VAMC, Louisville, KY
2006 – 2009	Chaplain – Madison VAMC, Madison, WI
2001 – 2006	Chaplain – Providence Healthcare, Los Angeles, CA
2000 – 2011	Chaplain – Dauphin County Prison, Harrisburg, PA

EDUCATION:

2016 Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership, Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA
2001 Master of Divinity, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Myerstown, PA
1992 Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations, Messiah College, Grantham, PA

CERTIFICATIONS:

Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE), Certified Educator
National Association of VA Chaplains (NAVAC), Board Certified Chaplain