

Stephen B. Dillard
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Stephen B. Dillard, was selected as the Deputy Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives for the Department of Veterans Affairs in November 2004. Most recently he served as a Federal Designated Officer for the Secretary's Committee on Veterans' Education in Veterans Benefits Administration.

From 1998 - 2002, Mr. Dillard was appointed as the Director of the State of Florida State Approving Agency at the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs. In this role, he was responsible for the administration of the Montgomery GI Bill for Veterans who were enrolled in colleges, universities and technical schools that were approved for veterans training in the State of Florida.

From 1996 -1998, Mr. Dillard was a program analyst for the Division of Jobs and Benefits at the Florida Department of Labor. In this role, he worked with the Governor's Sterling Award for Quality (GSA) (which is Florida's highest honor for organizational performance and management excellence), Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Workforce Investment Boards, Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) and Local Veterans' Employment Representative Program (LVER) in order to assist veterans in achieving employment.

Mr. Dillard is a United States Navy Veterans who served from 1987 - 1994. He served in the Persian Gulf War in August 1990.

He supports and participates in using faith-based and community organizations, foundations and corporations in assisting veterans to transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency. He is co-founder of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church Project New Life which is a non-profit faith-based organization in Pensacola, Florida.

Mr. Dillard received his undergraduate degree in Political Science and Master of Public Administration degree from Reubin O' D. Askew School of Public Administration and Policy Florida State University. He is also a graduate of Leadership VA (LVA) 2007. He and his wife, Carolyn, live in Maryland with their two children Bradford and Skyler.

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