



Joe Perez, MBA
Assistant Director
South Texas Veterans Health Care System

Joe Perez was appointed Assistant Director for South Texas Veterans Health Care System (STVHCS) on January 1, 2012. In this capacity, he is charged with an annual budget of approximately \$20 million and management responsibility of more than 300 employees in Environmental Management Service, Police Service, Voluntary Service, Recreation Service, Engineering Service, facility planning and emergency management. The Assistant Director also coordinates with the Office of Information Technology and Veterans Canteen Service on behalf of South Texas VHCS.

Mr. Perez received his bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas in 2003 and completed his Masters in Business Administration with a concentration in Health Organization Management at Texas Tech University in 2005.

Mr. Perez began his VA career in 2005 as an Administrative Fellow at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center (MEDVAMC) in Houston, Texas. In 2006, he was appointed as the Inpatient Health System Specialist for the Medical Care Line which also included managerial oversight of the facility Emergency Department. In 2007, Mr. Perez was appointed as the Diagnostic Referral Center Director at the MEDVAMC. In this role, he provided managerial oversight to a VISN specialty referral program focused on coordinating highly specialized medical and surgical care throughout VISN 16. He also managed the MEDVAMC's Interfacility Transfer Center, Fee Basis, DSS, and Systems Redesign programs.

Mr. Perez is a graduate of the VISN 16 Leadership Development Institute (LDI) and graduate of VHA's Health Care Leadership Development Program (HCLDP).

Mr. Perez is a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran who proudly served in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. He is also a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives.