

# JAMES "JIM" FISCHL

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# **EXPERTISE**

Veterans Benefits • Veterans Services • Regulatory Compliance

### BACKGROUND

Jim Fischl, Director of Field Services for Veterans Benefits, is an Air Force veteran with more than 40 years of experience in veterans services. He supervises Paralyzed Veterans National Service Officers at Veterans Affairs spinal cord injury centers and VA regional offices across the nation, helping veterans obtain and secure the benefits and services they've earned.

Initially joining Paralyzed Veterans in 2011 as a national service officer at the Appeals Management Center in Washington, DC, Fischl was promoted to Acting Associate Director of Field Services and Operations a year later, and shortly thereafter to Acting Director of Field Services, before officially taking the helm of the department in 2013.

Prior to joining Paralyzed Veterans, Fischl served 11 years in various supervisory capacities with The American Legion and 26 years with VA, where he retired as the Chief of the Veterans Services Division. His supervisory duties at VA included monitoring regulatory compliance associated with payment of educational benefits, and supervision of payments made to incompetent beneficiaries. He was also active in public affairs and served as a liaison with the Department of State to provide service to veterans who resided outside of the United States. In this capacity, Fischl developed and implemented effective benefit training programs for the U.S. embassies and their consulates.

# **EDUCATION**

BA, Point Park College

#### MEDIA EXPERIENCE

Television: WRC-TV • NBC • WJLA-TV • ABC

Radio: Radio One Network