



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

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**MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARIES, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES, AND  
OTHER KEY OFFICIALS**

**SUBJECT:** Delegation of Authority to Carry Out Responsibilities Required Under  
38 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 733 and Certification Under 5 U.S.C. § 2302(c)  
(VIEWS 1789673)

1. **DELEGATION.** The Assistant Secretary for Accountability and Whistleblower Protection is delegated the authority to:
  - a. Carry out the responsibilities set forth in 38 U.S.C. § 733, including developing and overseeing training prescribed in 38 U.S.C. § 733 and issuing policies to carry out the training and other requirements prescribed under 38 U.S.C. § 733 and;
  - b. Carry out the responsibility of obtaining and maintaining certification from the U.S. Office of Special Counsel in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 2302(c).

I have determined these responsibilities to be related to the functions of the Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection (OAWP).

2. **AUTHORITY.** 38 U.S.C. §§ 303, 323(b)(4), and 512(a); 5 U.S.C. § 2302(c).
3. **RESTRICTIONS.** This delegation is concurrent with the Secretary's authority and does not preclude the Secretary from exercising any of the authorities or otherwise further delegating the authorities delegated herein. The delegation is also concurrent with the delegation referenced in 5 U.S.C. § 2302(c)(5).
4. **REDELEGATION.** Authorities delegated herein may be redelegated within OAWP by the Assistant Secretary for Accountability and Whistleblower Protection.
5. **EFFECTIVE DATE AND EXPIRATION DATE.** This delegation is effective upon signature. I waive the 2-year sunset date required by Department of Veterans Affairs Directive 0000, Delegations of Authority.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert L. Wilkie".

Robert L. Wilkie