



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

April 11, 2018

**MEMORANDUM FOR DEBORAH SCHER, EXECUTIVE ADVISOR TO THE SECRETARY,
CENTER FOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS**

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority to Accept and to Solicit Gifts, Devises, and Bequests under 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§ 8301, 8103, 8104, 2406, and 2407

1. **DELEGATION:** The Secretary of Veterans Affairs (SECVA) hereby delegates his authority to accept and solicit gifts and donations on the Department's behalf under 38 U.S.C. §§ 8301, 8103, 8104, 2406, and 2407 to Deborah Scher, Executive Advisor to the Secretary, Center for Strategic Partnerships, for gifts and donations below \$1,000,000.00 (no more than \$999,999.99). Subject to said fiscal limits, Executive Advisor Scher may consider, accept, and solicit gifts as SECVA might without requiring the Secretary's review and signature. SECVA retains the superior discretion and authority over all gift/donation acceptance and solicitation matters, and exclusively for gift or donations matters valued at \$1,000,000.00 or greater.

2. **AUTHORITY:** SECVA may delegate any of his functions or duties to other agency officers or employees under 38 U.S.C. § 512. This Delegation addresses SECVA's gift acceptance authority under 38 U.S.C. §§ 8301, 8103, 8104, 2406, and 2407. SECVA may accept gifts, devises, and bequests of all kinds under 38 U.S.C. § 8301 to benefit Veterans who are or will be patients or members of hospitals or homes, or that enhance his ability to provide services and benefits. He may accept gifts of real property and real property interests under 38 U.S.C. §§ 8103 and 8104, subject to the major medical construction limits defined in 38 U.S.C. § 8104(a)(3)(A) and (B) requiring Congressional notice and approval. SECVA may also accept gifts or donations that benefit national cemeteries under 38 U.S.C. §§ 2406 and 2407. SECVA's explicit authority to accept gifts includes the implicit authority to solicit them, *Authority to Solicit Gifts: Memorandum Opinion for the Director Office of Government Ethics*, Attorney General Office of Legal Counsel Opinion, January 19, 2001, and *Authority to Solicit Gifts under 38 U.S.C. § 8301*, VAOPGCPREC 2-2015, March 20, 2015.

3. **RESTRICTIONS:** This Delegation has primacy over preceding delegations, but does not replace them. This Delegation allows Executive Advisor Scher to act in SECVA's place in considering, accepting, or soliciting gifts or donations on the agency's behalf from private sector third parties only when a gift or donation's value is below \$1,000,000.00 (no more than \$999,999.99) and only with respect to the statutory authorities referenced above. Executive Advisor Scher shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the acceptance and solicitation for gifts and/or donations.

4. **REDELEGATION:** Executive Advisor Scher may not further re-delegate these authorities.

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5. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This delegation of authority is effective upon SECVA signature and shall continue at the SECVA's discretion. The requirement in VA Directive 000 that delegations of authority be limited to 2 years is hereby waived.

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Robert L. Wilkie
Acting



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**MEMORANDUM FOR DOUG CARMON, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY,
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- 1. DELEGATION:** The Secretary of Veterans Affairs (SECVA) hereby delegates his authority to accept and solicit gifts and donations on the Department's behalf under 38 U.S.C. §§ 8301, 8103, 8104, 2406, and 2407 to Doug Carmon, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Center for Strategic Partnerships, for gifts and donations below \$1,000,000.00 (no more than \$999,999.99). Subject to said fiscal limits, Special Assistant Carmon may consider, accept, and solicit gifts as SECVA might without requiring the Secretary's review and signature. SECVA retains the superior discretion and authority over all gift/donation acceptance and solicitation matters, and exclusively for gift or donations matters valued at \$1,000,000.00 or greater.
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- 3. RESTRICTIONS:** This Delegation has primacy over preceding delegations, but does not replace them. This Delegation allows Special Assistant Carmon to act in SECVA's place in considering, accepting, or soliciting gifts or donations on the agency's behalf from private sector third parties only when a gift or donation's value is below \$1,000,000.00 (no more than \$999,999.99) and only with respect to the specific statutory authorities referenced above. Special Assistant Carmon shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the acceptance and solicitation for gifts and/or donations.
- 4. REDELEGATION:** Special Assistant Carmon may not further re-delegate these authorities.

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