



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

July 30, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority for the Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection (OAWP) Disciplinary Reports to Congress (VIEWS 5514158)

1. **DELEGATION.** This memorandum delegates to the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) the authority to submit to Congress the detailed justification for not taking or initiating disciplinary action recommended by OAWP, as described in 38 U.S.C. § 323(f)(2).
2. **AUTHORITIES.**
 - a. 38 U.S.C. § 303 - Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
 - b. 38 U.S.C. § 512 - Delegation of authority; assignment of functions and duties.
 - c. 38 U.S.C. § 323 - Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection.
 - d. VA Directive 0000 - Delegations of Authority.
3. **RESTRICTIONS.** This delegation is concurrent with my authority as the Secretary and does not affect such authority to carry out or further delegate the authority delegated herein.
4. **REDELEGATION.** This authority may not be redelegated.
5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This delegation is effective upon my signature. I waive the 2-year expiration date required by VA Directive 0000. This delegation will remain in effect for 4 years until otherwise rescinded, modified or superseded.


Denis McDonough