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## Top Skills

Public Trust  
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# Michael Parrish

Chief Acquisition Officer at U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
United States

## Summary

Michael D. Parrish was appointed Chief Acquisition Officer and Principal Executive Director for the Office of Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction (OALC) on March 1, 2021. He serves as senior most advisor to the Secretary, providing policy and oversight for all of the Department's acquisition activities. He leads VA's 17,000 acquisition professionals and is responsible for the procurement budget of \$40 billion as well as the administration and oversight of approximately \$100 billion in major programs. Additionally, he manages VA's \$22 billion major construction and leasing program to support the largest integrated health care system in the United States, providing care at 1,255 health care facilities to over 9 million Veterans enrolled in the VA health care program.

Mr. Parrish has over 37 years of senior leadership experience in military, government, corporate, and non-profit organizations. Prior to joining the Department of Veterans Affairs, he served as Professor of Practice/Senior Advisor of Systems Engineering at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Mr. Parrish has been Chairman & CEO of several publicly traded companies and was founder and CEO for multiple Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses. Additionally, he held executive leadership positions for several General Electric (GE) companies where he served as General Manager for global logistics and services for GE's Water business, and as Managing Director for GE Capital specializing in ecommerce, six sigma, and productivity of several GE's equipment management groups.

A retired Colonel, Mr. Parrish served for 14 years on active duty and 21 years in the U.S. Army Reserves as a Senior Army Aviator and Army Acquisition Corps Officer, serving as an Air Operations Officer during Desert Storm. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1985 and holds a Master's Degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering from Stanford University as well as an MBA with Honors from the Wharton School at the University of

Pennsylvania. He is also a graduate of The Air War College and is DAWIA Level III certified in Program Management. Mr. Parrish is the past President of the West Point Society of Philadelphia and has served on the advisory boards of the American Society for Engineering Management, Delaware Valley Industrial Resources Center, USO of Southeast Pennsylvania/New Jersey and the United States Military Academy at West Point.

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## Experience

### U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

#### Chief Acquisition Officer

February 2021 - Present (2 years 9 months)

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### United States Military Academy at West Point

#### Professor of Practice - Engineering Management

June 2018 - February 2021 (2 years 9 months)

West Point, New York, United States

### US Army

#### COL (Retired)

1985 - April 2019 (34 years)

Aviator/Acquisition Corps

### Daleco Resources Corporation

#### CEO

2012 - 2014 (2 years)

### USO

#### Vice Chairman - Liberty USO

2007 - 2013 (6 years)

Environmental Infrastructure Holdings Corp.  
Chairman & CEO  
December 2009 - May 2012 (2 years 6 months)

Equisol, LLC  
President & CEO  
2003 - 2009 (6 years)

GE  
General Manager, Global Logistics  
2002 - 2003 (1 year)

GE Capital  
Managing Director, e-Business  
2000 - 2002 (2 years)

GE  
Manager, Strategic Initiatives  
1998 - 2000 (2 years)

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## Education

The Wharton School  
MBA · (2000 - 2002)

Stanford University  
MS, Astronautical Engineering, Astrophysics · (1994 - 1995)

United States Military Academy at West Point  
BSME, Aerospace Engineering · (1981 - 1985)