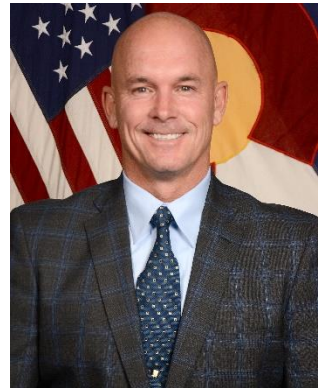


# David Callahan

## Division of Veterans Affairs Director

Mr. Callahan assumed duties as the Director for the Division of Veterans Affairs on October 1, 2021.

Mr. Callahan has over 35-years of federal and state service, most recently directing the Strategic Operations and Organizational Effectiveness efforts for the Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. During this period he also served as the Interim Deputy Executive Director for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Interim Director for both the Division of Veterans Affairs-West and Division of Veterans Affairs-East. He has more than 30-years of leadership experience while serving in various command and staff positions in the U.S. Army, including multiple deployments in support of Operation Desert Storm (Iraq), Operation Iraqi Freedom (Iraq) and Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan).



He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1981, serving as a 19D Cavalry Scout at Fort Hood, TX and Germany. He joined the Colorado National Guard in 1985 serving as a Sergeant, Cadet, and Second Lieutenant with the 157<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery while attending the University of Northern Colorado. He returned to active duty in 1988, serving in various Armor, Cavalry and Infantry assignments. Mr. Callahan was reassigned to the Colorado National Guard as an active duty officer in 2005, serving as the Senior Army Advisor to The Adjutant General of Colorado and later as the State Inspector General for the Colorado National Guard.

“It is an honor to serve as the Director of the Division of Veterans Affairs and I am dedicated, along with our great team of DVA employees, in ensuring our State's Veterans and their families receive the highest levels of customer service and that's exactly what we plan to deliver.”

Mr. Callahan holds a PhD in Educational Leadership, Research and Policy from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, a Master of Military Arts & Science from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, a Master of Business Administration from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science from the University of Northern Colorado.

He and his wife Chrissy have seven grown children and live in Parker Colorado with their Colorado Mountain Dog Accalia. David enjoys officiating High School Football, Basketball and Baseball and taking advantage of all that Colorado has to offer.