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### **OIG Leader Dr. John D. Daigh, Jr., Receives 2018 Presidential Rank Award of Distinguished Executive**

WASHINGTON – Dr. John D. “David” Daigh, Jr., the VA Office of Inspector General’s Assistant Inspector General (AIG) for the Office of Healthcare Inspections has been awarded the 2018 Presidential Rank Award of Distinguished Executive. The award is one of the most prestigious honors conferred to the career Senior Executive Service (SES) by the President of the United States. The award recipients will be recognized [at a leadership summit](#) in Washington, DC, on Thursday, December 13, 2018.

The Distinguished Executive Award recognizes the extraordinary achievements by career executives in federal service. In addition to effecting meaningful change, nominees must demonstrate the highest level of leadership acumen. Only one percent of the career SES may receive this rank.

Dr. Daigh, a Dallas native now living in Maryland, is a board-certified neurologist, certified public accountant, engineer, and retired Army Colonel. His work has resulted in advancements to the Veterans Health Administration that has, and will continue to benefit, the more than 9 million enrolled patients who have access to that system. Dr. Daigh has published more than 1,600 healthcare oversight reports, delivered testimony at more than a dozen congressional hearings, and conducted hundreds of briefings on how to better provide healthcare services to veterans.

“Dr. Daigh has been deeply committed for more than a decade to overseeing and improving the largest integrated healthcare system in the nation,” said Inspector General Michael J. Missal.” Dr. Daigh’s work has prompted VA to change how veterans access and receive quality care in such critical areas as crisis call responses, traumatic brain injury, military sexual trauma, pain management, and countless other areas that have had a positive impact on millions of veterans.

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