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**Cheryl L. Mason Confirmed as Inspector General for the
Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General**

WASHINGTON – The Honorable Cheryl L. Mason was confirmed by the Senate as the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) on July 31, 2025. She was sworn in on August 4, 2025. As inspector general, Mason sets the direction for initiatives to prevent and detect fraud, waste, abuse, and gross mismanagement at VA. She also advances audits, inspections, reviews, and investigations that promote economy, efficiency, and accountability, as well as addressing criminal activity in VA programs and operations.

Inspector General Mason has a distinguished career of dedicated federal service at the VA, Department of Defense, and Federal Labor Relations Authority in addition to private law practice. She recently served as chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals at VA where she led a team of 1,200 personnel to meet the mission of conducting hearings and deciding appeals for veterans and their families.

Earlier in her career, Inspector General Mason served as a champion for military spouse employment and engagement with the federal government and as an ambassador of the President's Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End the National Tragedy of Suicide (PREVENTS). She holds a bachelor of arts in political science and psychology from Ohio Northern University and a juris doctor from Creighton University School of Law. She is the spouse of a retired US Air Force lieutenant colonel and daughter of a World War II US Navy veteran.

The Inspector General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-452), as amended, established a statutory inspector general for VA. The inspector general has authority to inquire into all VA programs and activities as well as the related activities of people or entities performing under grants, contracts or other agreements. In addition, Public Law 100-322, Veterans' Benefits and Services Act of 1988, charged the OIG with oversight of the quality of VA health care.

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