

STAFF BIOGRAPHY

Elizabeth Joyce Freeman

Director

Elizabeth (Lisa) Joyce Freeman is the Director of the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. She was appointed to the position Feb. 11, 2001.

She oversees one of the most complex health care systems in the country, with more than 6,300 staff and volunteers, and 808 operating beds. Further, she is responsible for initiating and maintaining a cooperative relationship with the health care system's educational affiliate, Stanford University School of Medicine, other local hospitals, neighboring VA Health Care Systems, and the Sierra Pacific Network Office at Mare Island, Calif.



She began her VA career in 1983 as a Resident Engineer at the VA Medical Center in Oklahoma City, Okla. Later positions held include, Senior Resident Engineer, Shreveport, La.; Project Manager, Southern Region, VA Central Office; Health Systems Specialist, Southern Region Field Support Office, VA Central Office; Health System Administrator Trainee, VA Palo Alto Health Care System; Chief Operating Officer, VA Sierra Pacific Network Office, San Francisco, Calif.; Associate Director, VA Palo Alto Health Care System; and Acting Director, VA Palo Alto Health Care System.

She graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering in 1983 and received a master's degree in Business Administration from Louisiana Tech University in 1987. She is a licensed civil engineer in the state of Virginia.

In addition to her VA responsibilities, she is a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives and serves as a formal mentor to numerous VA emerging leaders. She is a member of the California Hospital Association's Santa Clara County Section and served on the 2006 Board of Directors for the Hospital Council. In 2005, she received the VA Alumni Association's Honorary Leadership Award. She received a Presidential Rank Award at the meritorious level in 2005 and at the distinguished level in 2009. In 2011, she was named one of the top 100 influential women in Silicon Valley. She completed the Brookings Institution Certificate in Public Leadership Program in 2012.