



WILLIAM J. DRIVER

Administrator of Veterans Affairs

When he announced his selection of William J. Driver to be Administrator of Veterans Affairs on December 26, 1964, President Johnson said:

"I am particularly pleased to announce Mr. Driver's appointment since he is the first career official to administer the affairs of America's veterans. He is being promoted to the important post on the basis of outstanding achievement and demonstrated ability over a period of 16 years in the VA."

The VA Administrator is a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict. He served from 1942 to 1946 as a commissioned officer with Headquarters, Adjutant General, European Theatre of Operations, and during his 1951 to 1953 recall to active duty he served as a Lieutenant Colonel with the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, U.S. Army. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Order of the British Empire, and the Croix-de-Guerre.

Mr. Driver was born May 9, 1918, in Rochester, N.Y. He was graduated cum laude from Niagara University in 1941 with a degree in Business Administration. To this was added an LL.B degree in 1952 from George Washington University following several years of night class attendance at law school under the World War II G.I. Bill. In the summer of 1965 he received a Master's Degree in Public Administration from George Washington University.