

Joining the VA in Washington in February 1946 as Special Assistant to the Assistant Administrator for Contact and Administrative Service, Mr. Driver soon started on a chain of promotions that led to increasingly responsible positions. He was named Director of VA's huge Compensation and Pension Service in 1956, and in January 1958 became head of the entire Department of Veterans Benefits. In February 1961 he was named to the No. 2 post in the VA as Deputy Administrator, and he served in this position until he was named by President Johnson to be Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

He has been chosen by the President to serve on several important committees including the Board of Foreign Scholarships, the President's Committee on Health Manpower, the Joint-United States-Philippine Commission, the President's Council on Aging and the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

Administrator Driver is a 1964 winner of the coveted Career Service Award, and he holds the two highest awards granted by VA, the Exceptional Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal as well as the Management Achievement Award of the Society for the Advancement of Management. He was awarded the AMVETS Silver Helmet.

His wife, the former Marian McKay, is the daughter of Marion K. McKay, Professor-emeritus of Economics at the University of Pittsburgh, and Chairman of the Civil Service Board in that city. The Drivers have two sons, Joe and Kellie and reside in Falls Church, Virginia.