

ARBON W. STRATTON**Chief Benefits Director**

Arbon W. Stratton, head of the vast VA Department of Veterans Benefits, has been with the Veterans Administration since 1944. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and entered Government service with the U.S. Employment Service and the War Manpower Commission before coming with the Veterans Administration. After field service in Salt Lake City and Cheyenne as Authorization Officer and Adjudication Officer, he was transferred to Central Office, Washington, D.C. as a Legal Consultant in 1956. He moved through the directorships of the Compensation and Pension Service and the Operations and Evaluation Staff before becoming Deputy Chief Benefits Director in February, 1963. He became Chief in February, 1965. As head of the Department of Veterans Benefits, Stratton's responsibilities include compensation and pension, vocational rehabilitation and education, G.I. loans, G.I. insurance, War Orphan's Education and the Guardianship program.