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VA Sunshine Healthcare Network Announces New Healthcare System Director

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) is pleased to announce the appointment of Thomas Wisnieski, MPA, FACHE, as the new director of the [North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System](#).



“We are excited to bring Mr. Wisnieski on board as the new director of the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System. His sound leadership qualities and proven experience will be valuable assets for the facility, the employees and volunteers, and most importantly, for the Veterans we are honored to serve,” said Nevin M. Weaver, [VISN 8](#) Network Director. “We anticipate he will arrive at the medical center within the next 45 to 60 days to begin his appointment.”

Wisnieski joined the VA more than 30 years ago and has held progressive leadership positions at VA medical centers in New York, Louisiana and South Carolina. Most recently, he served as the medical center director at the Biloxi VA medical center which includes four outpatient clinics, a community living center and blind rehabilitation center. He was responsible for a budget of nearly \$359 million and approximately 2,000 employees.

Wisnieski holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration with Health Care Emphasis from State University of New York at Brockport, N.Y. He is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Wisnieski will oversee delivery of health care to more than 121,200 Veterans and an operating budget of \$850 million at one of the nation’s largest VA health care systems. With nearly 4,800 staff and facilities in Gainesville, Lake City, Jacksonville, Lecanto, Marianna, Ocala, Palatka, St. Augustine, St. Marys (GA), Tallahassee, The Villages, Valdosta (GA), and Waycross (GA), the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System is one of the most complex of the nation’s 152 VA Medical Centers.

In addition to health care services for Veterans, the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System offers extensive education programs for doctors, nurses, and allied health professionals and more than 300 research projects.

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