

Brig. Gen. (PA) John L. Patten
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Brig. Gen. (PA) John L. Patten distinguished himself with meritorious service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania while serving as the Deputy Adjutant General, Veterans Affairs from 1995 to 2001, an era of unprecedented growth in the Veterans Affairs Bureau.

Patten established new and innovative benefits for Veterans and oversaw monumental achievements in the further development of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Specifically, he oversaw the seamless transition of Scotland School from the Department of Education to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the construction and completion of two new Veteran's homes and the creation of another new home in the Delaware Valley, guided the establishment from the Department of Military Affairs to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and was appointed as the first Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans Affairs. Additionally, he is considered to be the sole driving-force behind the completion of the new Veteran's Memorial under construction at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery that will honor all of Pennsylvania's Veterans.

Patten's unique ability to foster intergovernmental agency cooperation and development of a national, and indeed, international reputation for the model of efficiency in Veteran's programs is in keeping with the highest traditions of government service and reflects great credit upon himself, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.