

**Gabriel Burns**  
Regional Director  
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Gabriel Burns joined the Tennessee Department of Veterans Services (TDVS) in October 2025 and currently serves as the Regional Director for Region 4 within the Veteran Claims Services Division.

Prior to his employment with TDVS, Gabriel served as the Knox County Veteran Service Officer in Knoxville, Tennessee. His earlier career includes leadership roles as a Field Operations Manager and Foreman, demonstrating a strong foundation in operational management and team coordination.

Mr. Burns honorably retired from the United States Marine Corps with the rank of First Sergeant after completing 20 years of active-duty service. His distinguished military career deployments include:

- Unit Deployment Program (UDP) – Okinawa (1999 and 2002)
- Air Contingency Battalion (ACB) Task Force Betio – Supported wildfire suppression efforts on the Clear Creek Complex
- Operation Dutch Bilat – Bilateral training with the Royal Netherlands Marine Corps (2000 and 2001)
- Marine Security Guard (MSG) – Detachment in Paris, France
- Operation Iraqi Freedom – Five deployments covering the Liberation of Iraq, Transition of Iraq, Iraqi Governance, National Resolution, and Iraqi Surge
- Operation Enduring Freedom – Afghanistan “Transition I” rotations 13-1 / 14-1
- NATO Black Sea Rotational Force (BSRF) – Mihail Kogalniceanu Airbase, Romania
- Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force – Crisis Response – Africa (SPMAGTF-CR-AF) – Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy
- Joint Task Force North (JTFN) – Missions supporting the U.S. Border Patrol in the Rio Grande Valley Sector, Texas, and Port of Entry in Puerto Rico

Gabriel is a graduate of several advanced military education and training programs.

Gabriel resides in Sevierville, Tennessee, with his wife Jennifer and their two sons, Thomas and Ryan.