



# Veterans Benefits Administration *Quick*Submit

**User Manual** 

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#### 1 Introduction

The *Quick*Submit application replaces Direct Upload to provide Veteran Business Partners, Veterans, Veteran Family Members, and VA Employee/Contractors, with the ability to upload Veteran evidence electronically, making it the fastest and most proficient way to submit Veteran evidence to the VBA Claims Intake Center. *Quick*Submit provides an efficient alternative to faxing or mailing documents to the Claims Intake Center. *Quick*Submit also provides an audit history of all material uploaded to Digitized Mail Handling Service (DMHS) improving both Veteran and employee experiences by enabling claim evidence materials to be electronically accessible for immediate processing.

The *Quick*Submit application is a modernized, flexible platform. It uses the latest technologies and human centered design to improve the user experience, facilitate the submission of Veteran evidence, reduce upload errors, and improve processing time.

# 2 Accessing the *Quick*Submit

From the *Quick*Submit Login page, you may sign in using Single Sign On Internal (SSOi) or Single Sign On External (SSOe). The two most common methods are using the VA Personal Identification (PIV) card and Personal Identification Number (PIN) or using an ID.me account.

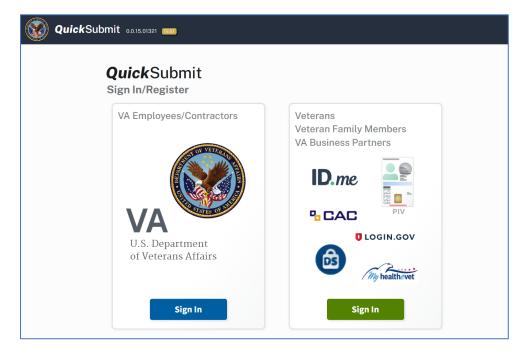


Figure 1: QuickSubmit Login Screen

# 2.1 Single Sign-On for Veteran, Veteran Family Member, VA Business Partner and VA Employee/Contractor Users

To login using a VA PIV card from within the VA network, select the VA graphic and select the credentials associated with your PIV.

To login with external authentication, select the type of authentication applicable and follow the instructions.

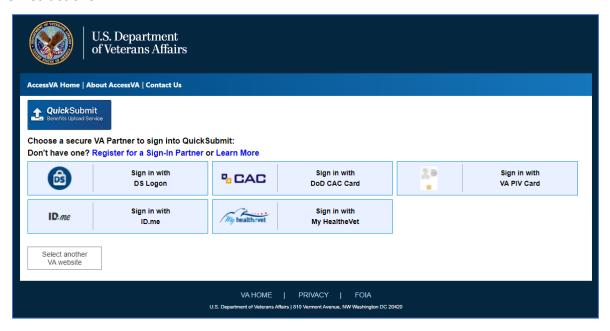


Figure 2: Select Type of Authentication

If you select "Sign in with ID.me" and do not have an ID.me account, the system will guide you through the process to create one.

After the authentication process is complete, if you have an active *Quick*Submit account, you are directed to the *Quick*Submit landing page. Otherwise, you are directed to the User Registration page to select your user type and enter your registration information.

#### 2.2 Initial User Registration and Identification

As a new user, you are required to register during your first sign-on attempt. Registration is a one-time event and future logins will automatically take you to the *Quick*Submit landing page.

To register, select the appropriate User Type on the User Identification screen: Veteran, Veteran Family Member, VA Business Partner (e.g., officer, private attorney, or agent), or VA Employee/Contractor. The VA Employee/Contractor option is only available for a VA PIV sign in.

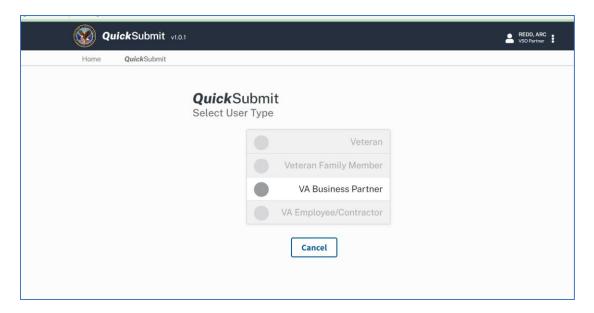


Figure 3: Select User Type Screen

#### 2.2.1 VA Business Partner

If your user type is VA Business Partner, you must select a Role and one or more Organizations. The system restricts the user from proceeding further if the required fields are not entered.

If applicable, enter an Accreditation Number. Accreditation Numbers are between 4–6 numerical characters.

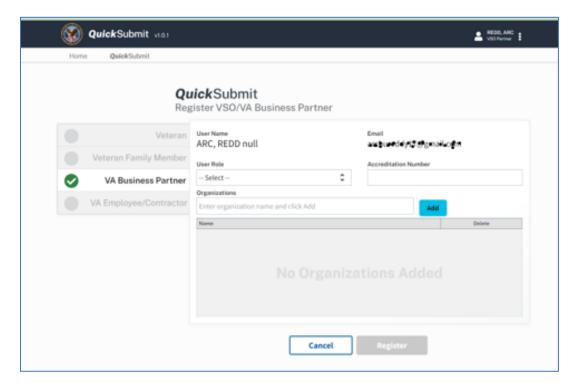


Figure 4: VA Business Partner Registration screen

Select your organization from the drop down and select the Add button to create your list of organizations. If your organization is not in the drop-down options list, type the organization's name and click the Add button. The new Organization is added to the listing.

To remove an organization from your list, use the trash can icon next to the Organization name.

Once all information is entered, select the Register button to complete the registration process.

Select the Cancel button to stop the action and navigate back to the previous step.

#### 2.2.2 Veteran or Veteran Family Member

If your user type is Veteran or Veteran family member, check that your prepopulated name is correct. Veterans also enter File Number and ZIP code. Select the Register button to complete the registration process.

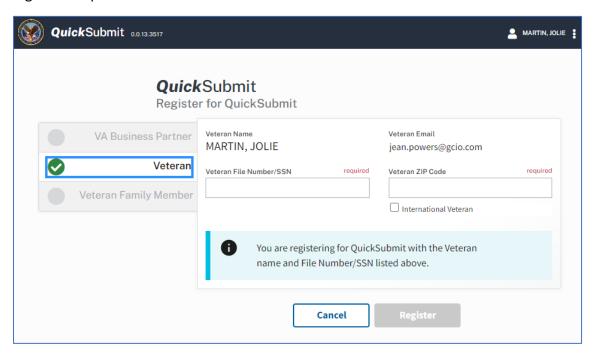


Figure 5: Veteran Registration Screen

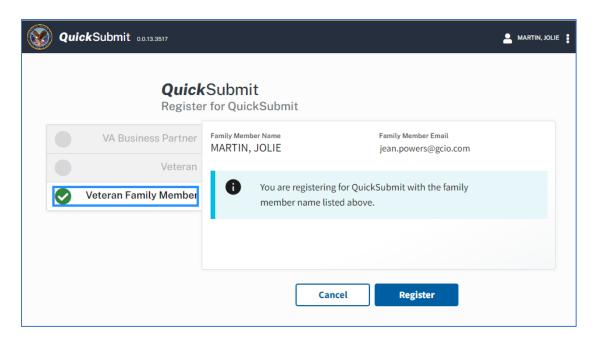


Figure 6: Family Member Registration Screen

#### 2.2.3 VA Employee/Contractor

VA Employee/Contractors must have PIV credentials and may only login and register for *Quick*Submit using a VA PIV card from within the VA network. The username and email displays. Select the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) Admin check box if you need Admin privileges. Once all information is entered, select the Register button to complete the registration process. You will have immediate access to the system as an Internal Employee.

If you have selected COR user, the request is sent into an approval queue. Once the request is reviewed by a COR user, you will receive an email informing you that you have been approved or denied. If approved, you will have COR access upon entering *Quick*Submit. If denied, you will have Internal Employee level access.

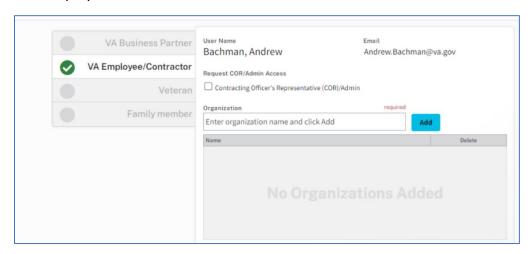


Figure 7: VA Employee/Contractor Registration Screen

Once registered, VA Employee/Contractors may login using their PIV credentials through the VA network or through the external login and selecting Sign in with VA PIV Card.

# 3 QuickSubmit Landing Page

The *Quick*Submit application allows you to securely transfer electronic claim documents and information directly into the CM Portal for immediate processing before final documentation is forwarded to the Veterans Benefits Management System (VBMS). *Quick*Submit also allows you to view a list of files that you have submitted. The Landing page defaults to display the list of your uploads, but you may navigate to the upload page, view notifications, access help documents, or logout.

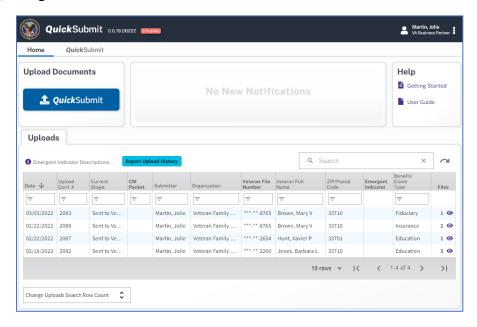


Figure 8: QuickSubmit Main Page

#### 3.1 Help

Two help links are provided. The Getting Started and the User Guide links.

- 1. The Getting Started link opens a window with quick reference instructions for a new user to help with basic navigation and screen functions.
- 2. The User Guide link opens a detailed document describing the *Quick*Submit functionality.

#### 3.2 User Profile

Select the ellipses next the username and choose User Profile to view current profile information.

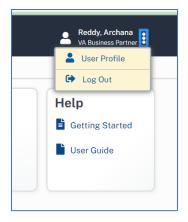


Figure 9: Select User Profile

Select the Edit Profile option to edit your profile information. All user types can edit their profile except a Veteran Family Member.

- A family member contains name and email. Edits are not allowed.
- Veterans can edit their ZIP Code.
- VA Business Partners can edit the Business Partner Type and Organizations and request to add or remove Supervisor access.
- Employee Contractors can update their organization and request or remove COR access.

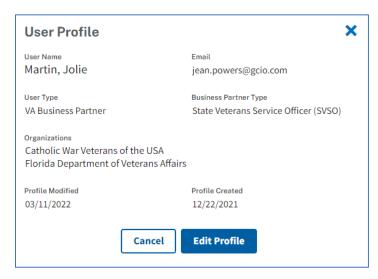


Figure 10: User Profile Screen for a VA Business Partner

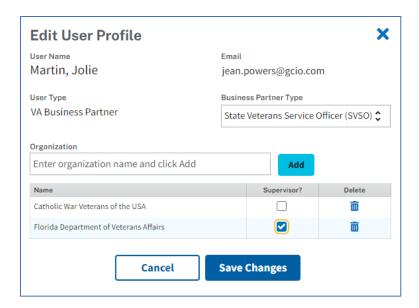


Figure 11: Edit User Profile Screen for a VA Business Partner

If a VA Business Partner requests Supervisor Access their request enters a queue for approval by an Admin User. If approved, the user will be granted Supervisor privileges and able to view all uploads for their organization.

#### 3.3 Notification Section

The Notifications Section displays the status of the most recent uploads.



Figure 12: Notifications Panel

#### 3.4 Logout

Select the ellipses next the username and choose "Logout" to disconnect. The system automatically ends the session after **30** minutes of inactivity.

# 4 Upload Documents

The *Quick*Submit application transfers claim documents and information directly into the Central Mail Portal (CM Portal) for preliminary processing.

Documents should be submitted for one (1) Veteran (Veteran File Number entered) per Upload. To ensure a successful submission, remove password protection (if applicable) so documents are accessible. Also, do not submit documents with multi-layered properties, regardless of type (Microsoft Word, PDF, or image) as the document will be rejected.

#### 4.1 The Upload Screen

The Upload Screen includes three sections:

- 1. Veteran Information
- 2. Submission Information
- 3. Attach Files

Click the Submit button after entering all required information. Required fields are marked 'required' for easy identification.

#### All attached document files must conform to the following criteria:

- 1. A maximum of 30 files can be uploaded
- 2. Allowed file types: PDF, DOC/DOCX, JPG/JPEG, TIF/TIFF, PNG
- 3. Recommended resolution is 300dpi
- 4. Maximum allowed file size is 200mb

Failure to follow these instructions may result in a Submission Rejection Notification after the Automated Submission Review.

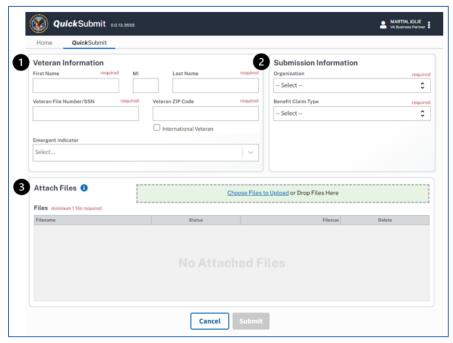


Figure 13: Upload Screen for a VA Business Partner with No Files Uploaded

#### 4.1.1 Veteran Information

The Veteran Information section is displayed on the left side of the screen. This section includes Name, File Number, Zip Code. Enter the required information.

For a Veteran this section is prepopulated and not editable.

For a VA Business Partner and Employee, the Emergent Indicator field is available for selection to ensure that documents are processed in the priority order.



Figure 14: Veteran Information for VA Business Partner or VA Employee/Contractor



Figure 15: Veteran Information for a Veteran or Veteran Family Member

#### 4.1.2 Submission Information

The Submission Information section is displayed on the right side of the upload screen. For the VA Business Partner or VA Employee/Contractor, this section includes the Organization and Benefit Claim Type. Select the organization represented. Select the appropriate Benefit Claim Type to ensure accurate routing of the documents submitted.



Figure 16: Submission Information for a VA Business Partner or VA Employee/Contractor

For the Veteran or Veteran Family Member, the Submission Information section only has the Benefit Claim Type. Select the appropriate Benefit Claim Type to ensure accurate routing of the documents submitted.



Figure 17: Submission Information for a Veteran or Veteran Family Member

#### 4.1.3 Attach Files

The Attach files section is at the bottom of the screen. One (1) or more documents must be attached to submit the Upload. There are two (2) methods to Attach Files:

- 1. Click the 'Choose Files to Upload' and select the appropriate documents.
- 2. Click the Open button to initiate file transfer or the Cancel button to exit the window.
- 3. Drag one (1) file or multiple files from the computer or designated folder in File Explorer and release in the Drop Files Here box.

All attached files appear in the File Name listing. Confirm there are no missing documents. Eliminate unwanted files by clicking on the trash can icon.

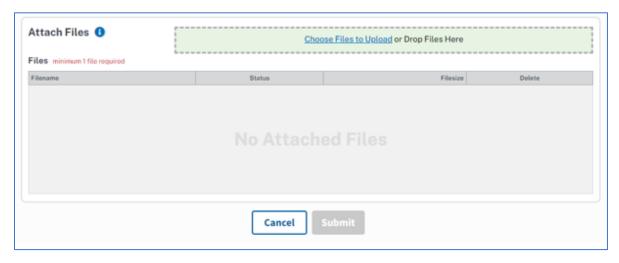


Figure 18: Attach Files for VA Business Partner or VA Employee/Contractor

The Veteran or Veteran Family Member have an informational message that encourages them to contact a Veteran Service Organization for help in preparing their documents.

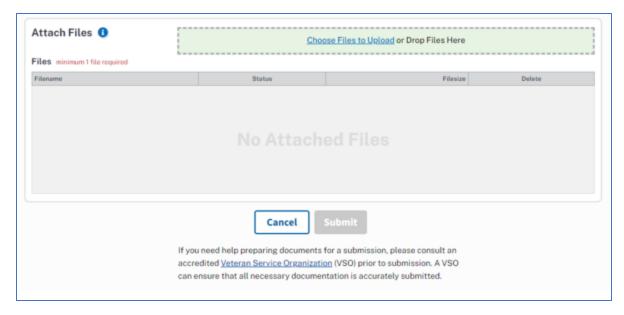


Figure 19: Attach Files for Veteran or Veteran Family Member

The Submit button is disabled until the required criteria has been entered and at least one file has been attached. Clicking on the submit button completes the upload. The Cancel button removes the contents in all criteria fields.

A confirmation message appears upon successful submission to display the key submission information in the landing page Notifications panel.

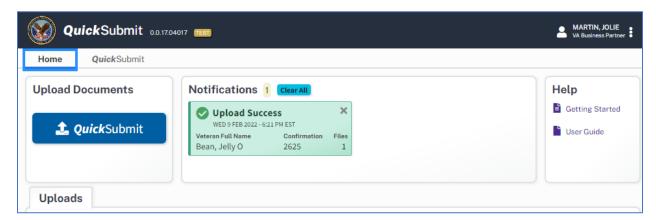


Figure 20: Upload Files Confirmation Message

# 5 Upload History

The Upload history is available on the Landing Page. All the previous uploads made by the user are visible in table view. The uploads can be filtered and sorted as desired by the user.

#### 5.1 Upload History Table

The table displays summary information for packets for the past year. If the result set is greater than 10,000 the results grid will have advanced search fields to filter the results.

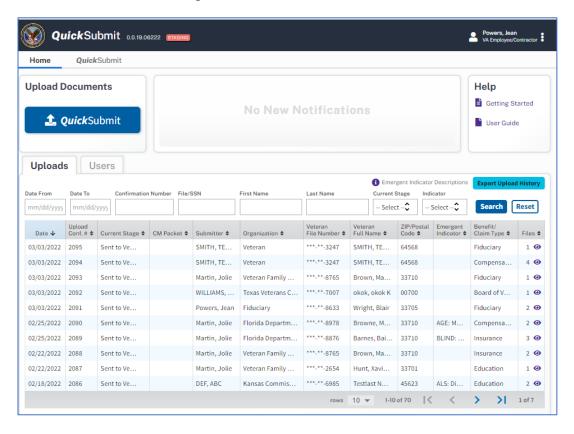


Figure 21: Uploads Grid with > 10,000 results

Enter any or all the following fields and select the Search button to filter the results grid: Date Range, Confirmation Number, File Number, Last Name, and Current Stage. Select the Reset button to clear any search criteria.

If the resulting grid has fewer than 10,000 rows, you may filter using the Search field or using the filter fields at the top of the grid columns.

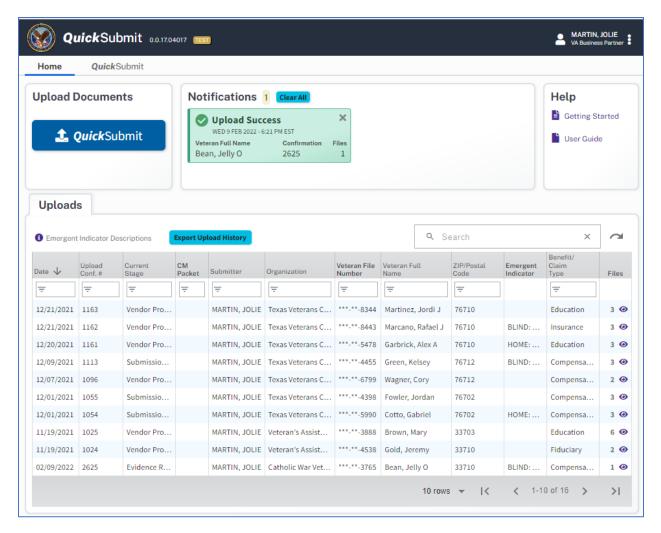


Figure 22: Uploads Grid with < 10,000 results

Uploads are sorted based on Submission Date, starting with the most recent. Date and time values are noted in Central Standard Time (CST).

The basic packet grid information includes the following columns:

- 1. Date Date of submission (sorted by most recent date)
- 2. Upload Confirmation Number Unique identifier assigned to the submission
- 3. Current Stage The status of the Packet submission
- 4. CM Packet Number Unique numerical identifier assigned to the CM Packet created from the corresponding claim submission
- 5. Submitter The name of the representative who made the submission.
- 6. Organization Organization associated to the submission to enable look-up.
- 7. Veteran File Number Unique numerical identifier assigned to each Veteran by the VA
- 8. Veteran Full Name Full Name of the Veteran.
- 9. ZIP/Postal Code postal code associated with the Veteran address

- 10. Emergent Indicator The Emergent Situations associated with the documents to enable prioritization of submissions. The abbreviated text is displayed in the grid.
  - a. Emergent Indicator Descriptions Icon The icon can be used to see the detailed descriptions.
- 11. Benefit Claim Type The classification of submissions to facilitate routing within CM portal and DMHS.
- 12. Files Number of files attached to the submission. Select the eye icon to view the list of files in the packet. Files may be selected and viewed or downloaded.

#### 5.1.1 The Current Stage of Submission

The Current Stage field identifies the progress of the submission. Below lists the definitions for the various Current Stages.

- 1. Uploading Initial strange of submission transmission.
- 2. Evidence Received DU claim successfully uploaded and is ready for vendor processing.
- 3. Vendor Processing DU claim is converted into a CM Packet by the conversion vendor.
- 4. Submission Failed-Resubmit- DU claim failed conversion vendor processing for various reasons. Resubmit.
- 5. Available in Mail Portal Vendor processing is complete, and the packet is available in the CM Portal.
- 6. Complete Packet status is finalized.

#### 5.2 Uploads Grid Display Settings

The grid display is flexible and may be changed to show a select number of rows per page.

- 1. The Rows dropdown can be used to toggle between displaying 10, 25, 50 or 100 rows
- 2. The < and > arrows can be used to paginate to desired pages to view previous uploads.

#### 5.2.1 Results Grid Sorting

Each column can be sorted by clicking on the header to organize the column contents with the highest/newest entry first and the lowest/oldest entry last. The Downward Sorting Arrow reverses the listing with the lowest/oldest entry first and the highest/newest entry last.

Click immediately after the column name (right side) to reveal the Upward and Downward Sorting Arrow icons. The Results Grid rows automatically reconfigure based on the column order selection.

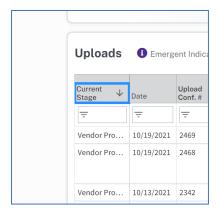


Figure 23: Sort Column Example

#### 5.3 Uploads Grid for less than 10,000 results

If the number of uploads is less than 10,000, the results grid has additional features such as column reordering, column filtering, and Search field filtering.

#### 5.3.1 Column Reordering

All columns in the Results Grid can be placed in any order to suit personal preference:

- 1. Place the cursor in the header for that column and hold down the left mouse button.
- 2. Drag the cursor to rearrange the columns as desired

Select the Arrow button on the right side of the Search box at the top of the upload section to restore the default column order.

#### 5.3.2 Results Grid Filtering

All columns in the Results Grid have a Filter field beneath the column name to identify results that meet certain parameters. Filtering options are dependent upon the type of data in the column.

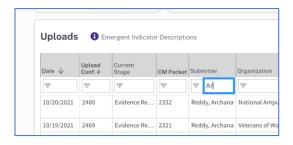


Figure 24: Results Grid Filtering

#### 5.3.3 Search

The Search bar can be used to search previous uploads by all the columns except for Emergent Indicator and Files. The Uploads Grid displays refined results for the text entered in the Search field. The results are refined as the text is being typed into the search field.

The **X** icon stops the action and returns the unfiltered submissions.

#### **5.4** Export Upload History

The user can use the Export button to export the upload history. Clicking on the Export button saves the file (in .CSV format) on the desktop.

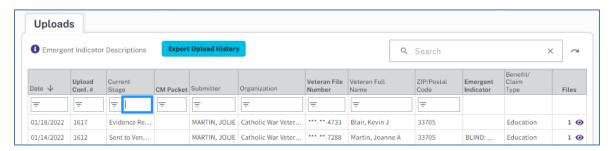


Figure 25: Export Upload History

#### 6 Administrative Functions

#### 6.1.1 Approve Administrative Access Requests

The Administrative user can view the access requests and approve or deny the requests as necessary. From the Users tab the Admin Requests table lists the users that have requested COR/Admin privileges.

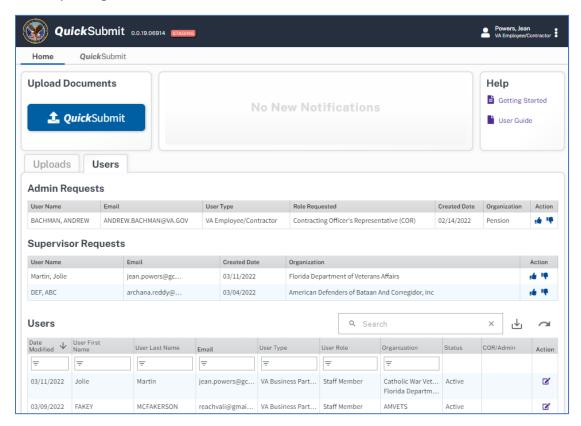


Figure 26: Admin User Request Access Table

The Thumbs-up and Thumbs-down buttons can be selected to approve or deny an access request. When the thumbs up icon is selected the Approve Request page displays for the Admin User to add a Comment and select Approve to provide Admin Access to the selected user.

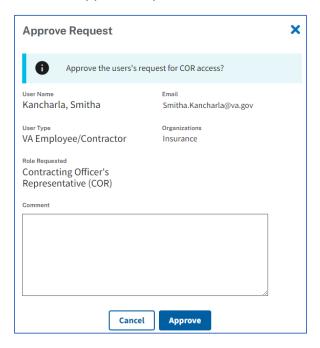


Figure 24: Approve Admin Access Window

When the thumbs down icon is selected the Deny Request page displays for the Admin User to add a Comment and select Deny, to deny Admin Access to the selected user.

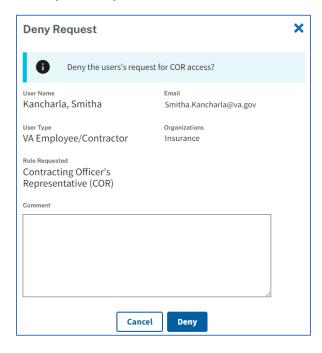


Figure 25: Deny Admin Access Window

#### 6.1.2 Approve Supervisor Access Requests

The Supervisor access approval process is identical to the Admin Access approvals.

The Thumbs-up and Thumbs-down buttons can be selected to approve or deny an access request. When the thumbs up icon is selected the Approve Request page displays for the Admin User to add a Comment and select Approve to provide Supervisor Access to the selected user.

If approved, the user is granted Supervisor privileges and may view all uploads for their organization.

#### 6.1.3 Search and Edit Users

The Administrative User can filter or search users and edit the profile information. Typing the letters into the search bar will search on First Name, Last Name, Email, User Type, and User Role. You may also enter numbers in date format MM/DD/YYYY to search for a date.

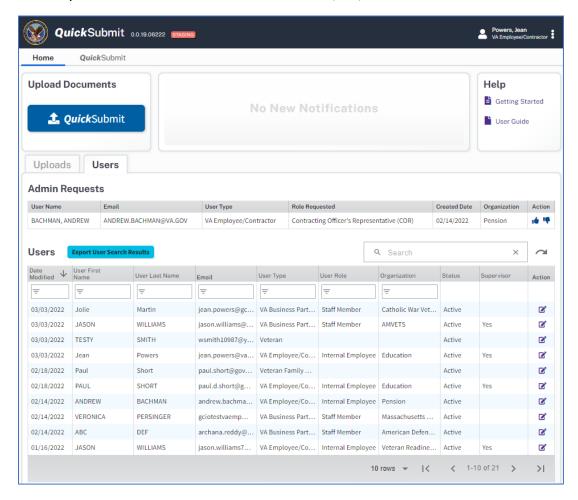


Figure 25: Users Tab

Select the edit icon for the User to edit. The Edit User page will display.

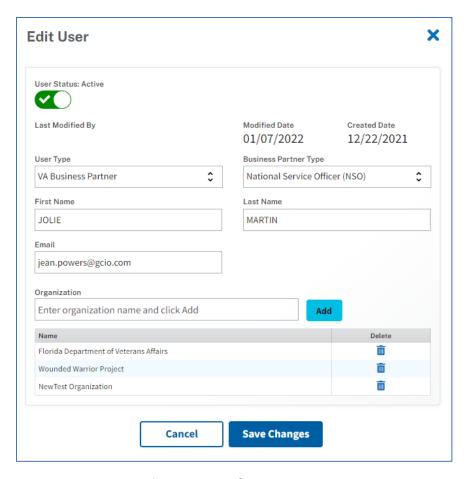


Figure 27: Edit User page for a VA Business Partner

The Admin/COR user can inactivate the selected user or change their User Type, Business Partner Type, First Name, Last Name, email, and/or Organizations. Changing the User Type will change the input fields to align with the updated user type.

An Inactive user must be activated before changes may be made to their profile.

#### 6.1.4 Deactivate Users

From the Admin Edit User page, selecting to deactivate a user will display a screen to select a "Deactivation Reason" and enter a "Deactivation Message". The three deactivation reasons available in the dropdown list are "Administrative Deactivation", "User Request for Deactivation", and "Inactive for 90 Days". The system will set a user to "Inactive" if they have not logged in for 90 days.

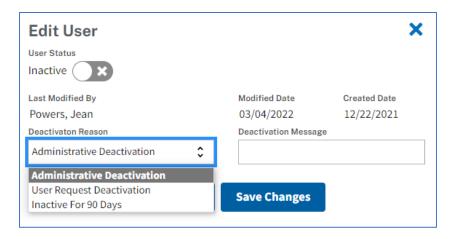


Figure 28: Edit User Deactivate a User

If the user was deactivated by an administrator, then the next time they attempt to login they will get a message and will not be allowed to login. The message will direct them to contact the <a href="https://www.vcip.vbaco.gov">VCIP.VBACO@va.gov</a> to request reactivation.

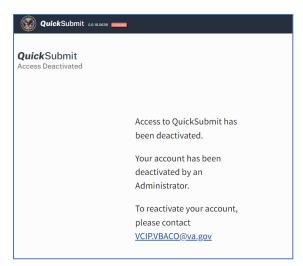


Figure 29: Deactivated by Admin login message

If the user was deactivated by an administrator at their request, then the next time they attempt to login they will get a message and an opportunity to reactivate their account. Selecting the "Reactivate *Quick*Submit" button will reactivate their account and take them to the *Quick*Submit Home page.

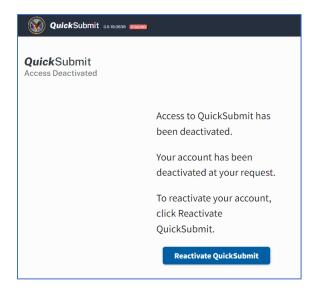


Figure 30: Deactivated by User Request login message

If the user was deactivated for 90 days of inactivity, then the next time they attempt to login they will get a message and an opportunity to reactivate their account. Selecting the "Reactivate *Quick*Submit" button will reactivate their account and take them to the *Quick*Submit Home page.

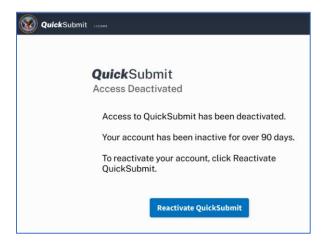


Figure 31: Deactivated by 90 Days Inactivity login message

# 7 Submission and Rejection Email Notifications

The *Quick*Submit users receive email notifications for successful submission or rejection of a packet.

#### 7.1 Successful Submission Confirmation Notification

Contact VCIP at the following email address with any questions concerning the Direct Upload Submission Confirmation. The Confirmation Number is included in the email.

Thank you for your *QuickSubmit* submission to the VA Claims Intake Center. Your submission has been received and will be processed in the order that it was received. You may review the status of the submission at any time by logging into *QuickSubmit* and reviewing your historical submissions.

Date and time (CT) of submission: 12/20/2021 4:56:13 PM

Confirmation Number: 1161

First and Last Name (of Veteran): Alex Garbrick

Benefit Claim Type: Education

Number of Files: 3

To review your submitted documents, please visit *QuickSubmit*.

For questions regarding VA benefits or claim status, please call 1-800-827-1000 or visit <u>VA.gov Home | Veteran Affairs</u>

Having issues with your submission? Please contact the Business Transformation Services (BTS) (formerly the Veterans Claims Intake Program (VCIP) team) at <u>VCIP.VBACO@va.gov</u>.

Figure 32: Successful Submission Confirmation Email Example (Test data)

#### 7.2 Submission Rejection Notification

A Submission Rejection Notification indicates that the submission upload was denied by the *Quick*Submit review process.

Submission rejections occur for various reasons:

- 1. Missing documents
- Attached document files do not meet specified file criteria
- Inaccessible files (e.g., file corruption or password protection)
- 4. Files (PDF, JPG/JPEG, TIF/TIFF, or DOC/DOCX) with multi-layered properties
- Multiple Veterans in one (1) submission
- 6. Security risks (e.g., malware such as a virus, worm, Trojan, or hybrid)
- 7. Technical difficulties

The Current Stage column in the Results Grid on the View Uploads page identifies the Submission Rejection status (Submission Failed – Resubmit).

Perform the Upload process again. Remove password protection (if applicable) and resubmit ALL required documents for one (1) Veteran (Veteran File Number entered). Confirm there are no missing documents and that attached document files conform to the specified file criteria.

#### 7.2.1 Resubmission Assistance

Submission Rejections must be resubmitted.

If the resubmission attempt fails, contact the VCIP Help Desk for assistance. The Original Submission and unsuccessful Resubmission Confirmation Numbers must be included in the email.

For Issues with submissions, please contact Business Transformation Services (BTS) at VCIP.VBACO@va.gov

For questions regarding VA benefits or claims status, please call 1-800-827-1000 or visit <u>VA.gov</u> <u>Home | Veteran Affairs</u>.

# 8 Appendix A – Acronyms

This list contains all acronyms and abbreviations used in this document, along with their definitions.

Acronym	Definition
CM	Centralized Mail
CSV	File extensions used by spreadsheet programs (e.g., Microsoft Excel)
СТ	Central Time
DOC/DOCX	DOC is a filename extension; DOCX is an image format
DU	Direct Upload/QuickSubmit
DMHS	Digitized Mail Handling Service
GCIO	GovClO
JPG/JPEG	Method for digital image compression
PDF	Portable Document File
PIN	Personal Identification Number
PIV	Personal Identification Verification
TIF/TIFF	Tag Image File Format
VA	Department of Veteran Affairs
VBA	Veterans Benefits Administration
VCIP	Veterans Claim Intake Program
VBMS	Veterans Benefits Management System
VSO	Veteran Service Organization