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Assistant Secretaries – Indian Affairs: 1977-2016

Forrest J. Gerard (Blackfeet) ^{1/}	October 13, 1977 – January 19, 1980
Sidney L. Mills (Oglala Sioux) ^{4/}	January – July 1980
Thomas W. Fredericks (Mandan-Hidatsa) ^{3/}	August 1980 – January 1981
Thomas W. Fredericks (Mandan-Hidatsa) ^{1/}	January 2 – 16, 1981
James F. Canan ^{2/}	January – May 1981
Kenneth L. Smith (Wasco) ^{1/}	May 15, 1981 – December 7, 1984
John W. Fritz (Cherokee) ^{2/}	December 1984 – December 1985
Ross O. Swimmer (Cherokee Nation) ^{1/}	December 5, 1985 – January 29, 1989
William P. Ragsdale (Cherokee Nation) ^{2/}	January – June 1989
Dr. Eddie F. Brown (Tohono O’Odham-Yaqui) ^{1/}	June 26, 1989 – July 7, 1993
Ada E. Deer (Menominee) ^{1/}	July 16, 1993 – November 1997
Kevin Gover (Pawnee) ^{1/}	November 12, 1997 – January 3, 2001
Michael J. Anderson (Muscogee Creek) ^{2/}	January 5 – 21, 2001
James V. McDivitt ^{2/}	January 22 – July 3, 2001
Neal A. McCaleb (Chickasaw Nation) ^{1/}	July 4, 2001 – December 31, 2002
Aurene M. Martin (Bad River Band Chippewa) ^{2/}	January 5 – August 1, 2003
David W. Anderson (Lac Courte Oreilles Chippewa) ^{1/}	February 2, 2004 – February 12, 2005
James E. Cason ^{5/}	February 13, 2005 – March 8, 2007
Carl J. Artman (Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin) ^{1/}	March 5, 2007 – May 23, 2008
George T. Skibine (Osage) ^{6/}	May 23, 2008 – May 22, 2009
Larry Echo Hawk (Pawnee) ^{1/}	May 22, 2009 – April 27, 2012
Donald “Del” Laverdure (Crow/Little Shell Chippewa) ^{2/}	April 27, 2012 – October 9, 2012
Kevin K. Washburn (Chickasaw Nation) ^{1/}	October 9, 2012 – January 1, 2016
Lawrence S. Roberts (Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin) ^{2/}	January 1, 2016 - Present

^{1/}Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (AS-IA) [**Senate confirmed; name and term of service are in bold**]

^{2/}Acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

^{3/}Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

^{4/}Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

^{5/}Associate Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior who assumed authorities, functions and duties of the AS-IA pursuant to Secretarial Order #3259, as amended, dated August 11, 2005.

^{6/}Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development – Indian Affairs. In accordance with the delegation of authority issued by Interior Deputy Secretary P. Lynn Scarlett on May 23, 2008, he temporarily assumed the responsibilities of the AS-IA following the departure of Carl J. Artman.