

Signal Regiment distinguished inductee

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Johnson

Exemplifying all of the endearing and enduring qualities we have grown to expect from every Signaleer who crosses the threshold of the Signal Center, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Johnson is nominated for induction as a Distinguished Member of the Signal Regiment.

Entering the Army in April 1970, with an initial assignment as a Communications Center Specialist, Johnson served with the Defense Communications Agency-Southwest Asia Mainland Region (Vietnam). A native of Canton, Ga., he subsequently served DCA in Washington, D.C.

Through out his illustrious career Johnson served over 24 years overseas to include six tours in Germany, one in Korea and another combat tour in Southwest Asia as the Command Sergeant Major of the 44th Signal Battalion during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

He has served in every enlisted leadership position from team chief to command sergeant major. Johnson also performed as an instructor at the Infantry School, Fort Benning Ga. and on both the Equal Opportunity and Organizational Effectiveness Staffs at Headquarters V Corps Frankfurt, Germany.

A consummate leader,

educator and mentor, he completed a myriad of military schools to include the Defense Race Relations Institute, Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, First Sergeants Course and the U.S. Sergeants Major Course Class 32.

Johnson holds a Bachelors of Science Degree from the University of Maryland and culminated his military career as the Command Sergeant Major for the Communications-Electronics and Fort Monmouth.

His awards and decorations include: the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster and numerous other meritorious acknowledgements service awards, ribbons and staff badges.

Johnson was also the recipient of the Signal Corps Association's Silver Order of Mercury.

Since his retirement, as a contractor with Computer Sciences Corporation Johnson has provided communication technical services to the Product Manager for Air Traffic Control at Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

He completed a Communications Study for the USMC Cooperative Engagement Capability/ Joint Composite Tracking Network, and the JCTN Concept of Employment development efforts. The project included collecting and com-

pling technical data to support using Enhanced Position Location Reporting System and other Army Battle Command Systems in sensor to shooter netting.

He assembled Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence Technical Studies and trained select personnel on C4I equipment.

He completed the Avenger Forward Looking Infrared Sensor Test Bed Verification, Validation, and Accreditation Plan.

Johnson continues to assist the Office of the Product Manager, Air Traffic Control in the development, acquisition, testing, and sustaining of fixed based Air Traffic Control communication systems.

He conducted Voice Communications Switching System New Equipment Fielding and Training at 53 Army locations worldwide. He also coordinated several major Engineering Change Proposals for the VCSS and the AN/FMQ-13 Wind Measuring Set replacement program.

He developed an ATC Fixed Base Equipment Inventory Checklist and collected technical data to build a Database to be used for future Fixed Base ATC communications upgrade programs.

Our country has benefited greatly from his dedicated selfless service, both in and out of uniform, and he continues to display all of the characteristics of one who has served proudly as a member of our distinguished corps.



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