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## Biographical **INFO**

### **JOSEPH W. JOHNSTON**

Secretary/Treasurer

DAV National Service Foundation (NSF)

Joseph W. Johnston, a service-connected disabled veteran who served in the Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars, was elected national commander for the nearly 1 million-member DAV at the organization's 2013 National Convention in Orlando, Florida, and was elected secretary/treasurer of the DAV National Service Foundation in 2023.

Johnston joined the Army in 1966, serving first as an enlisted soldier and later as a commissioned officer. His career as an Army Ranger and paratrooper included service as a member of the 101st Airborne Division, 1st Infantry Division, 10th Mountain Division, 2nd Infantry Division, 82nd Airborne Division, 7th U.S. Corps and Joint Chiefs of Staff. He retired at the rank of colonel in 1992. Johnston was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in 2007.

A member of DAV Chapter 63 in Ohio, Johnston holds a master's degree in business and executive management from Central Michigan University and the Army's Command and General Staff College. He has worked for nonprofit organizations since his military retirement.

For more than a decade, he served as a member of Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services, the largest social service organization in the tristate metropolitan area. He retired in 2014 as the chief executive officer of the organization. From 2009 to 2010, he was recognized as Cincinnati chief financial officer of the year and subsequently, in 2011, as a recipient of the Greater Cincinnati Second Act Award.

Johnston and his spouse, Laurie, reside in Melbourne, Florida.