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## Biographical **INFO**

### **JOSEPH W. JOHNSTON**

Board Director  
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Joseph W. Johnston, a service-connected disabled veteran of the Vietnam and Gulf Wars, was elected Chairman of the board of directors of DAV (Disabled American Veterans) at the organization's 2014 national convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. In 2015, Johnston was elected director of the DAV National Service Foundation.

Johnston joined the U.S. 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, 2d Infantry Division, 82d 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, he was elected national commander at the organization's 2013 National Convention in Orlando, Florida.

Holding an M.A. in business and executive management from Central Michigan University and the Army's Command and General Staff College, Johnston has worked for nonprofit organizations since 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 operations officer of the organization. In 2009 to 2010, he was recognized as a Cincinnati chief operating officer of the year and subsequently, in 2011, as a recipient of the Greater Cincinnati Second Act Award.

Johnston and his spouse, Vicki Linn, reside in Winter Haven, Florida. Their family also includes four grown sons and a daughter, and 10 grandchildren.