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Col. (Ret.) Bruce W. Johnson

Class of 1960



Bruce Johnson graduated from Grove City College as a distinguished Air Force ROTC graduate.

Within the Air Force, he was Air Force Civil Engineer—United Kingdom region, the Department of Defense Construction Agent for the U.K., and the Air Force Regional Civil Engineer for the UK and Spain. He also managed the design and construction management of the Military Construction Program, NATO, Military Family Housing. In addition, he was the U.S. European command regional wartime construction manager for the UK and the senior liaison with the UK's Property Services Agency.

Johnson's assignments included Florida and Okinawa before leaving active duty for a position as plant engineer with Owens-Illinois, Inc. He served the Air National Guard for two years when he was recalled to active duty during the Gulf of Tonkin crisis. Further assignments took him to Georgia, Europe, Oklahoma and Korea. In 1983, he was appointed director, engineering and construction, Headquarters Strategic Air Command.

Throughout his career, Johnson was involved in many aspects of military life. He served as chapel usher and choir member; as consultant to the British government on US engineering and construction requirements; and adviser to NATO on Hardened Facilities Construction requirements. His writings were published in the USAF Engineering Quarterly.

Johnson wears the Senior Missile Badge and Luftwaffe Engineer's Wings in gold. His military decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, the Combat Readiness Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Honor Medal. Johnson was promoted to colonel in 1981.

Following retirement from the USAF in 1990, Johnson was appointed director of engineering & construction and facilities at the Orlando International Airport. In 1990 he was appointed a vice president with Parsons Aviation, working first in Korea on the Incheon International Airport and then in 1996 in Sarajevo, Bosnia (BiH), to rebuild the airports of BiH. He retired in 2003.

Additional degrees: Master's degree, Auburn University; Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama; US Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.