

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

CEREMONIAL MISC. No. 01-20

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE RETIREMENT OF ROGER E. JOHNSON

Before BARTLEY, *Chief Judge*, and PIETSCH, GREENBERG,
ALLEN, MEREDITH, TOTH, and FALVEY, *Judges*, and
NEBEKER, KRAMER, HOLDAWAY, GREENE, KASOLD,
HAGEL, MOORMAN, LANCE, DAVIS, and SCHOELEN, *Senior Judges*.

ORDER

Before the Court is the matter of the retirement of Roger E. Johnson, whose commitment to helping others has marked his distinguished career. Before Mr. Johnson became our colleague at the Court, he served in the United States Navy and as a civilian employee of the United States Army. He began serving the country in 1972 when he enlisted in the Navy, carrying out duties that included managing enlisted records and training sailors in equal opportunity matters, at times while deployed on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. *John F. Kennedy*. In 1980, Mr. Johnson brought his talents and experience to the Army as a civilian employee specializing in civilian personnel management and administration of the Army Materiel Command's expansive overseas travel program.

Roger Johnson arrived at the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in February 1991. From his first day at the Court and for the nearly 30 years that followed, Mr. Johnson drew on the administrative skills and discipline he developed in Navy and Army service to provide exemplary service to the Court as an Administrative Analyst.

During his tenure at the Court, Mr. Johnson demonstrated talent and skills in many areas, and he has served the Court and its Judges with loyalty and professionalism. His wide-ranging responsibilities have included coordinating all Court travel, heading up the Court's emergency response programs and teams, serving as an Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor, facilitating access to training for Court employees, and managing all areas of obtaining CLE credit for judicial conference attendees. Roger has also spearheaded the Court's annual Combined Federal Campaign, each year leading the Court's response to the needs of others, with passion and dedication. And in all that he does, Roger Johnson leads by example with a rare combination of professionalism, grace, humility, good humor, and remarkable kindness.

Mr. Johnson has regularly been recognized for outstanding performance. Most notably, he is one of only 14 Court employees to have received the Frank Q. Nebeker Award for exceptional and exemplary service to the Court. Roger Johnson is an invaluable employee whose loyalty and public-spirited service are evident to all who interact with him and he will be keenly missed.

Upon consideration of the foregoing, and as he departs to enjoy retirement, it is

ORDERED that Roger E. Johnson take with him our gratitude for the many years of outstanding service he has rendered to the Court, our admiration for his many accomplishments, the warmth of our continued friendship, and our very best wishes.

DATED: May 31, 2020

PER CURIAM.