



**JOHN A. EVANS, SR.**

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U. S. Air Force and U. S. Army Veteran  
Vietnam War

**Section 1**

John A. Evans, Sr. was nominated by David May. John's Nomination Form enclosed.

**Section 2**

John A. Evans, Sr. DD214(s) are enclosed for your review.

**U. S. Air Force**

1 SEP 53 to 31 AUG 57

3 SEP 57 to 30 AUG 63

Air Force Service, 10 years

**U. S. Army**

29 OCT 63 to 26 JUN 64

27 JUN 64 to 26 JUN 70

27 JUN 70 to 31 may 74

Army Service, 10 years, 8 months, 17 days

When John was assigned to Sewart Air Force Base, **314<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Wing**, in Smyrna, Tennessee, **his unit, was awarded an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, 11 JAN 55.** John's Military Career \*Total Service Time\* is Twenty (20) years, Eight (8) months, and Seventeen (17) days. John served two (2) tours of duty in Vietnam. First Tour in Vietnam was with Army 73<sup>rd</sup> SAC at Vung-Tau from 19 MAY 68 to 18 MAY 69. Second Tour in Vietnam was with the 610<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company from 11 SEP 70 to 03 SEP 71 at Da Nang. John earned the rank of Sergeant First Class (E 7) before retiring from Active Duty.

**Section 3**

John left Cleveland East Tech High School early to enlist in the U.S. Air Force. John earned his GED in 1955 while serving in the U.S. Air Force.

Please review John's U.S. Air Force DD214 and his U.S. Army DD214.

Please note the numerous Other Service Training Courses Successfully Completed during John's Military Career. John trained to be the very best Noncommissioned Officer (NCO). John loved the training he received and with that training he earned high marks in leadership and as an Outstanding Aircraft Mechanic in both the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Army. John's leadership, commitment, and encouragement he gave to the airmen and soldiers who served with him contributed to John's high-standards to be the very best NCO and Aircraft Mechanic.

#### **Section 4**

John A. Evans, Sr. has membership in following Veteran Service Organizations:

Veterans of Foreign Wars (Life Member 1975), Disabled American Veterans (Life Member 1982), AMVETS (Life Member 2001), and

The American Legion Western Reserve Post 315 (Life Member 1982). John served as The American Legion Post 315 "Service Officer" for many years. Post 315 closed and John transferred to The American Legion Clifton Post 421. Post 421, John served as Service Officer, VA&R (Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee). Also, he has served as The American Legion 13<sup>th</sup> District "Gifts for Yanks Program Chairman" and Service Officer.

#### **Section 5**

On 20 MAR 97 John A. Evans, Sr. was appointed as The American Legion's VA Voluntary Services (VAVS) Deputy-Representative at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center (LSCLEVANC). On 19 JAN 99, John was appointed The American Legion VA Voluntary Services Representative. John continues to do an outstanding job on the LSCLEVAMC Voluntary Services Advisory Committee as the Legion's VAVS Deputy-Representative. In January 2008, John asked his VAVS Deputy-Representative Leroy Brinkhoff if he would trade positions with him and become The American Legion Representative. John would stay on as The American Legion Deputy-Representative. Leroy and John have worked well together over the years. John A. Evans, Sr. and Leroy Brinkhoff have a very close friendship in serving veterans at the LSCLEVAMC. For many years Leroy has thought of John as being his mentor when talking about being The American Legion's VAVS Representative and Deputy-Representatives. Leroy and John continue to work together on VA Voluntary Services projects and that is why they are a great team for The American Legion at the LSCLEVAMC. Leroy and John attend the LSCLEVAMC Director's meetings regularly so they can update members of The American Legion 13<sup>th</sup> District on what is new at the LSCLEVAMC. Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center, is the third largest VAMC in the country, recognized John A. Evans, Sr. on June 24, 2016 as **The 2016 Volunteer of the Year, You Make a Difference!**, in Appreciation of the Service provided to the LSCLEVAMC. **John's Commitment and Dedication to Volunteerism is Exemplary.** Through his service to others, John has demonstrated his outstanding character, the very best of the American spirit, Volunteerism, supporting other veterans who need assistance.

John started volunteering at the LSCLEVAMC in October 1992 after retiring from Federal Aviation Administration, Ohio Airway Facilities Sector, of The Department of Transportation with sixteen years and six months of service.

**In October 2017 John will celebrate his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service as a LSCLEVAMC Volunteer and as of September 2016 he has 17,900 hours volunteering.** WOW! \*Please note that John's total hours for 2017 will be calculated at the end of the 2017 fiscal year, 9/30/2017. By that time John will have over 18,000 credited volunteer hours.

On December 3, 2016 The American Legion Department of Ohio recognized John with Certificate of Appreciation of outstanding service and assistance which contributed to the advancement of The American Legion Programs.

The American Legion 13<sup>th</sup> District, presented John A. Evans, Sr. their 2009-2010 Officer Award (VA Voluntary Services). The American Legion VAVS Representative In Recognition and Appreciation of Devoted Service to The American Legion.

John received The American Legion 13<sup>th</sup> District "Legionnaire of the Year" Award for 2000.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7413 presented John A. Evans, Sr., a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of many years of Outstanding Service as the Post Service Officer and Devotion To Duty, dated May 22, 1999.

The U.S. House of Representatives presented John A. Evans, Sr. a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, Golden Guild Award, Department of Veterans Affairs. On behalf of the United States Congress and the citizens of the 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in Ohio, dated October 17, 2007 for his Excellent Service, signed by the late Stephanie Tubbs Jones, Member of Congress.

Also, on October 17, 2007, Congressman Dennis Kucinich, Ohio 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, presented John A. Evans, Sr. with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, Golden Guild Award Recipient for John's volunteer work at LSCLEVAMC.

### **Section 6**

It is my Honor and my pleasure to nominate my friend, John A. Evans, Sr., to the Selection Committee for the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2017.

As a member of the LSCLEVAMC Voluntary Services Committee, I have known John for almost twenty years. John has represented The American Legion for the past 20 years as their VAVS Deputy-Representative or Representative. He has distinguished himself with valuable VAVS Committee experience and has a wide range of skills on how to provide service to veterans hospitalized at the LSCLEVAMC. Many VA employees may not know John's name, but they do know him, as The Guy, wearing his American Legion garrison cap **as being Mr. American Legion**. People here at LSCLEVAMC, speak highly of John, as a man with compassion for his fellow veterans.

When I think about John's Volunteerism, I am thinking about the "Four Big C's !"

**1. Commitment            2. Camaraderie            3. Compassion            4. Change**

**1. Commitment:** John's Military Career was 20 years, 8 months, and 17 days, his Career at Federal Aviation Administration, Ohio Airway Facilities Sector of 16 years and 6 months, and then John started his volunteer work with LSCLEVAMC. John's Commitment and Dedication for 25 years is his pledge to help veterans who are using the LSCLEVAMC and supporting the LSCLEVAMC Voluntary Services programs through The American Legion "Gifts for Yanks Program." John is Making a Difference.

**2. Camaraderie:** John being military retiree has truly enjoyed working with our veterans of all branches of service, working together with all the veterans service organizations, and working with LSCLEVAMC Voluntary Services staff, Cleveland VA management, and The American Legion "Gifts for Yanks Program." John's military career, with a rank of Sergeant First Class, has given John the skills and leadership needed to work together with anyone. John is Making a Difference.

**3. Compassion:** John has a wide range of interpersonal skills to instruct and to encourage others. He has shown a lot of compassion to those he is working with as well as the concerns of misfortune(s) of veterans he is trying to help. John is Making a Difference.

**4. Change:** Assisting veterans so they can see how to have a better quality of life. Change in VA Voluntary Services is another way of Management working in a different way to better serve our hospitalized veterans and providing new training for our volunteers. John is a leader on the VAVS Committee in working side-by-side with VA supporting the programs to help our hospitalized veterans and their families at LSCLEVAMC.

John does not hesitate to speak up at Volunteer Committee meetings if he sees something that needs improvement or change. He was instrumental in the medical center providing the committee members with a complete financial report. A that is easy to read so the veterans service organizations can track all of their donations and their disbursements from their GPF (General Post Fund) accounts. John is Making a Difference.

The American Legion donations for LSCLEVAMC Voluntary Services Programs for October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2016 (the last five years).

Louis Stokes Cleveland VAMC "Gifts for Yanks Program"

Veterans Activities	\$	41,142	
Items purchased		81,558	
Monetary Donations		<u>69,909</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>192,609</b>	<b>DONATIONS</b>

The American Legion Representative Leroy Brinkhoff and his Deputy-Representative, John A. Evans, Sr. are working together to ensure the hospitalized veterans are not forgotten. Any veteran who has been in a long-term stay status knows how important volunteers are at a VA Medical Center that have veterans' activities available for them. Veterans activities are making a difference for the veterans to have a speedy recovery. Volunteers like John A. Evans, Sr. are Making a Difference!

John A. Evans, Sr. has 25 years of volunteering and over 18,000 hours. Department of Veterans Affairs calculating how much money John's volunteering has saved them. The average worker works 40 hours per week and 50 weeks per year. A worker will work 2,000 hours per year.

**John, as a volunteer, is worth:**

- 1) 18,000 volunteer hours divided by 2,000 hours worked per year = **9 full years**
- 2) 2,000 hours per year x \$ 24.14 (VA hourly rate) = \$ 48,280 earnings per year
- 3) \$ 48,280 X **9 years** = **\$ 434,520.00** John saved VA. . . . . WOW!

John A. Evans, Sr. and his wife, Tency, have been married for fifty-one (51) years and they are blessed with six (6) grown children, Jamil, Diane, John, Jr., Duave, Ricky, and Denise. John and Tency enjoy hearing about their 21 grandchildren and 20 Great-grandchildren activities their children has blessed them with. John's number one hobby is being a VOLUNTEER, listening to them to see if he could be of help to them. And, John is a big Cleveland sports fan watching the Cleveland teams (CAVS and Indians) be successful in winning.

In Closing, I would like to give the members of the Selection Committee a vivid impression of John's activities with The American Legion and his volunteerism at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center. He has volunteered for over 25 years with 18,000 credited hours. **Again, that is a BIG, WOW!** John is making a difference as a strong veteran advocate serving as The American Legion Deputy-Representative. He is a strong supporter of the LSCLEVAMC VAVS Programs and the LSCLEVAMC Director's Mission to serve our veterans. I mentioned earlier when I think of John's character and the devoted work he does to assist veterans I think of the 4 BIG C's, Commitment, Camaraderie, Compassion, and Change. John is making a difference. It was truly my pleasure to sit down with John several times to travel down memory lane with him. I enjoyed every minute I spent listening to his life experiences and opportunities to be the best at what he did most, helping other veterans. A distinguished record in serving his country plus serving two tours in Vietnam. After retiring from the military and then from the Department of Transportation, he started another outstanding career with the Department of Veterans Affairs as an American Legion volunteer. We are blessed to have John as a LSCLEVAMC Volunteer who is making a difference for us. Looking over John's training certificates he successfully completed, his certificates of appreciation for a job well done, his volunteer service certificates for his volunteer hours, his Volunteer of the Year Award presented by LSCLEVAMC, and his plaques from The American Legion for his dedication and service. I truly enjoyed listening to John's memories, his successes in life, and the smiles for remembering all the good times, and how proud he was informing me how many children (6), and grandchildren (20), and great-grandchildren (21), he and Tency are blessed with.

Yes, this was a memory that I will not forget. I am honored to nominate John A. Evans, Sr. to the Selection Committee for the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2017. And, John hasn't even thought about retiring as an American Legion volunteer. John is making a difference.