

Past National Commander John A. Biedrzycki Dies at 73

Biedrzycki led the combat veterans organization from 2015 to 2016

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is mourning the loss of Past Commander-in-Chief John A. Biedrzycki, who passed away yesterday, August 29, 2019.

John A. Biedrzycki was elected national commander of the VFW on July 22, 2015, at the organization's 116th national convention, held in Pittsburgh, Pa.

John served in the U. S. Army from 1967 to 1970. He served in Korea as a Pay Distribution Specialist with the 7th Infantry Division. His decorations include the National Defense Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and Korean Defense Medal.

He joined the VFW in 1969 at Post 418 in McKees Rocks, Pa., where he was a Legacy Life member. He served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, County, District and Department (state) levels culminating with his election as Department Commander 2002-2003 in which he achieved All-American status. On the national level, John served on many committees, including Chairman of the National VFW Programs Committee, Chairman of the National Youth, Education and Community Service Committee and Vice Chairman of the National Legislative Committee.

He was a life member of the Military Order of the Cootie and a life member of the VFW National Home for Children. He also served as a member of the Board of Directors, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Museum in Pittsburgh, Pa.

John was a retired educator. He received his B.A. and Master's in Education from the University of Pittsburgh.

View John's obituary [here](#).

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