

Biography

John A. Brenner Inducted 2019

John A. Brenner served in the United States Army from 1965 to 1967 as a Radio Teletype Operator in Vietnam. He received the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. After his return from Vietnam, Mr. Brenner joined the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) Susquehanna Post 2493. He was a life member of the VFW and served in many capacities within the organization to include Post 2493 Commander, District 21 Commander, and State VFW "All-American" Commander.

Mr. Brenner served on the State Veterans Commission in various capacities from October 2004 to July 2019. His commitment to Veterans included service as the President of the Pennsylvania Veterans War Council and Chairman of the State Veterans Commission. In 2000, Mr. Brenner was honored with the York County Veteran Meritorious Service Award.

Mr. Brenner also received the Lester Wise Memorial Award for decades of distinguished community service. He was elected to Mt. Wolf Borough Council and eventually became the Council President. He also became Judge of Elections in the Mt. Wolf Borough where he continued to serve for 22 years. Mr. Brenner was the president of St. John Lutheran Church Council and an active member of the senior choir for over 50 years. Mr. Brenner was active in the Northeastern and Pennsylvania Jaycees where he served as a U.S. Jaycees Ambassador and a Junior Chamber international Senator. He volunteered as a cubmaster, youth sports coach, and umpire for many years in the community. Mr. Brenner was an active volunteer with Mt. Wolf's Eagle Fire Company No.1 and was eventually elected as the company's secretary.

Mr. Brenner's influence had a tremendous impact on his community. His military service, tireless involvement with Veterans' organizations, and affiliation with local government is considered a lifetime of service. With a continuous mindset of serving others, his contagious integrity and positivity amplified the best in those around him. Mr. Brenner entered his heavenly home on July 26, 2019.