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Gov. Wolf Honors Inductees into Military and Veterans Affairs Hall of Fame

Annville, PA – Governor Tom Wolf helped to honor two members inducted today into the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs' prestigious Hall of Fame, recognizing their exceptional service to the department that supports Pennsylvania's nearly 800,000 veterans and 18,000 members of the National Guard.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 (ret.) John K. Schreier of Selinsgrove, Snyder County; and John A. Brenner (posthumously) of Mt. Wolf, York County, are the 2019 inductees.

"Today we honor two courageous men who honorably served our commonwealth and our country," Gov. Wolf said. "Chief Warrant Officer 5 John K. Schreier and John A. Brenner will have their names placed alongside 42 other women and men who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. They have already served as an inspiration to the people they led and now they will be held up as a model for generations to come."

"Induction into the DMVA Hall of Fame is the highest honor bestowed by this agency and is reserved for those who have demonstrated the highest commitment to our commonwealth and country," said Maj. Gen. Anthony Carrelli, Pennsylvania's adjutant general and head of the DMVA. "Chief Warrant Officer 5 Schreier served in uniform during the Vietnam War and continued his commitment to protecting our freedoms as a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard for more than 30 years. Mr. Brenner also served our nation during the Vietnam War, and then continued his service by working to improve the lives of veterans. Most notably as chairman of the State Veterans Commission."

Chief Warrant Officer 5 (ret.) John K. Schreier

John K. Schreier enlisted in the Army Reserve in the midst of the Vietnam War and eventually joined the Pennsylvania Army National Guard (PAARNG) where he served for more than 30 years. Schreier was renowned within the logistics community and served in many key positions to include supply technician, general support officer, property book officer, and supply systems analyst in the Logistics Division at National Guard Bureau.

During his career, Schreier influenced the inception of the 166th Regional Training Institute's Pre-Warrant Officer Candidate Course and Warrant Officer Candidate Course Programs at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA. Both programs were nationally recognized as the benchmark for training and development among the regions and commanders across the nation continue to rely on the efficacy of these programs.

In 2006, Schreier was selected as the Command Chief Warrant Officer by the adjutant general

of Pennsylvania. During his tenure, he fought for legislation and regulations to enhance warrant officer career management, the warrant officer educational system, and the warrant officer promotion system. Schreier's policy improvements doubled the number of candidates that graduated from Pennsylvania's Warrant Officer Candidate School program.

John A. Brenner

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.

Brenner served on the State Veterans Commission in various capacities from October 2004 to July 2019, including as its chairman. He was recognized throughout the commonwealth as a lead advocate for veterans and their families and for his tireless efforts promoting their support and assistance programs. His commitment to veterans also included service as the president of the Pennsylvania Veterans War Council. In 2000, Mr. Brenner was honored with the York County Veteran Meritorious Service Award.

Brenner also received the Lester Wise Memorial Award for decades of distinguished community service. His lifetime of community service includes his work with the Mt. Wolf Borough Council, St. John Lutheran Council, Northeastern and Pennsylvania Jaycees, Mt. Wolf Eagle Fire Company, Cub Scouts and youth sports. He passed away in July 2019.

Complete biographies and more information about the DMVA Hall of Fame can be found here. Photos of the three inductees can be found on flickr.

Photos and video from this event will be available at www.pacast.com.

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