
John V. Meyers



John V. Meyers has recently been appointed by the Santa Rosa Tribal Council to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Santa Rosa Cahuilla Corporation. Mr. Meyers will also serve as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation. Mr. Meyers has served the Tribe as a member of the Tribal Council for a number of terms prior to his current roll with the corporation. Mr. Meyers elected not to run for reelection in 2013 in order to assume current duties with the Tribe's Corporation.

In 1997 Mr. Meyers created Native American Industrial Distributors (NAID), a multi-disciplined federal contracting firm. John built NAID into a multi-million dollar company and was sold in 2011.

John brings to the Tribe's economic development effort a unique combination of leadership, management skills, energy and experience acquired over the past fifty years. John graduated from San Jacinto High School in 1959. He continued his education under the GI Bill at Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Mr. Meyers also earned a Master of Science Degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College in Washington, D.C. Mr. Meyers' distinguished military and Federal public service careers have spanned over thirty years.

Born and raised on the Santa Rosa Indian Reservation, John is the elder-living member of the Tribe. In 1966 John was drafted into the U.S. Army. Rising from Private to Colonel, he served with distinction during two combat tours in Vietnam and a combat tour in Desert Storm. Colonel Meyers is one of the country's most highly decorated American Indians. His personal awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters; Distinguished Flying Cross w/5 OLC; Bronze Star Medal w/2 OLC; Meritorious Service Medal w/1 OLC; Air Medal 30 Awards; Army Commendation Medal w/5 OLC; Army Achievement Medal; Senior Aviators Badge; Parachutist Badge; Pathfinder Badge; Air Assault Badge; and the Special Forces Tab. He is the recipient of numerous service, campaign and foreign awards and decorations. In 2009 Colonel Meyers was inducted into the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame.

Colonel Meyers completed a thirty-one year military career in the Army Reserves and active component, having commanded at every level, including Battery, Battalion and Brigade. He has also served in a variety of responsible staff positions at the highest levels of the Army, as Assistant Director for Legislative Liaison, U.S. Special Operations Command, and as Assistant Director for the Plans, Programs & Policy Directorate, Office

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of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Research, Development & Acquisition in the Pentagon.

Although he retired from active service in June 1997, Colonel Meyers was meritoriously appointed by the Chief Army Reserve, to the position of Army Reserve Ambassador for the State of Maryland, during which time he held the equivalent Rank of Major General. Ambassador Meyers was awarded Emeritus status in 2008. Mr. Meyers also served as a Member of the Board of Directors for the U.S. Army Historical Foundation until 2011.

Mr. Meyers' public service career included a variety of Federal Civil Service and appointed positions. Beginning with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1975 John's service spanned four Presidential Administrations. The more important Senior Executive Service appointments were in the Department of Defense as the Director, Equal Opportunity (Military); Department of Housing & Urban Development as the Director of the Office of Indian Housing, and in his last position as the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Veterans Employment and Training at the Department of Labor. In each of these positions Mr. Meyers' responsibilities included the development and implementation of National Policy and the development and management of program budgets approaching three quarters of a billion dollars. He retired from the Department of Labor in 1992. John's accomplishments in these positions have received laudatory recognition from the President's Committee on Management Improvement and throughout Indian country.

In 1991 The Chapel of the Four Chaplains at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania inducted Mr. Meyers into the Legion of Honor for Humanitarian Service, based on his life-long service to all men and women, regardless of race or faith.

John Meyers' wife of 43 years is the former Alvilda Propes.

John's children are;

Bryan Vance Meyers

Mary Christine Canchela

Ronye Ann Meyers

John Jeremy Meyers

Felicite Hawkins
