

John C. Arant*, FCSI



*"In recognition of your distinguished and continued service to the Institute at Chapter, Region, and Institute levels; for your inspirational leadership to the membership, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 26th day of June, 1993."
Houston, Texas*



JOHN CLIFTON ARANT was born in Bastrop, Louisiana, in 1937. His family moved to Mobile, Alabama, in 1940, where he graduated from high school in 1956. In 1960, he graduated from the University of Alabama with a BS in Industrial Management. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army Airborne Infantry. He served two years on active duty, and three years with the Virginia National Guard 29th Infantry Division. He left the service with the rank of Captain.

Arant began his career in the construction industry in 1963 with the Lehigh Portland Cement Company in Charlottesville, Virginia, in Sales and Marketing. Promotions took him to Minneapolis, Minnesota, for two years, and then to Atlanta, Georgia.

In 1970, he joined the Dow Chemical Company in their Masonry Project. It was at this time he joined the Atlanta Chapter CSI and began to serve the needs of specifiers in the Southeast. He retired in 2002 and moved to Cumming, Georgia.

Arant served the Atlanta Chapter as Membership Chair, Secretary, Program Chair, Education Chair, Vice President,

and President. In 1993 and 1994, he served on the Chapter's Scholarship Foundation.

In 1987, he passed the Industry Certificate exam, later to become the CDT. Arant was a strong proponent of certification for all CSI members as a means to provide value to the construction industry and to themselves.

For the Atlanta Convention in 1992, John served on the Convention Program Committee.

Arant was an Eagle Scout, and a member of the Boy Scouts Order of the Arrow. After retiring, he was active in the American Legion, serving as Post 307 Commander and 9th District Commander, and was the Post 307 Legionnaire of the Year in 2014.

John's CSI career was spent in the Southeast, promoting CSI, and serving the needs of specifiers, architects, contractors, and distributors in Divisions 7 and 15.

Arant passed away 24 January 2025 in Cumming, Georgia.

CSI Membership

Atlanta Chapter, 1970

Central Virginia Chapter, 1990

Institute Offices, Committees

Director, FY 1987-1991

Vice-President, FY 1994

Institute Marketing and Membership Committee, 1993

Awards

Institute

Robert P. Brosseau Memorial Award, 1989

Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, 1991, 1993

Distinguished Service Award, 1996

Southeast Region

Charles J. Huckleberry Memorial Award, 1988

Atlanta Chapter

Chapter Industry Award

Student Chapter Award

President's Award, 1981, 1983, 1984