

John B. Smith

John is currently retired, doing volunteer work in support of Christian towns in the Ninevah Plains in Iraq. Previously he was a senior supply chain executive with extensive experience in transforming organizations worldwide to world-class performance.

John has lived in 8 countries, besides the US: Germany, Belgium, England, Venezuela, Argentina, Canada, Japan and Korea. He was with Procter & Gamble for 25 years. Later he served as the Executive Vice President of Global Operations for Havells-Sylvania, based in Germany. Most recently, John has worked with Kraft Foods to design a supply chain work system (Integrated Lean Six Sigma), which incorporates High Performance Team Design, Servant Leadership, Total Quality Management and Total Productive Maintenance. He coached 9 organizations around the globe. In September 2014 John returned to the US to lead the transformation of the largest operation in Kraft.

He has been active in community affairs, most notably serving for two years as Campaign Chair of the United Way of Quinte in Ontario, Canada, and now for the Christians in Iraq.

John graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1974. He is a registered Professional Engineer and a Senior Member of the American Society of Quality. He served in the U.S. Army from 1974-1978 and was a Senior Parachutist and Ranger.

John and his wife, Mary, have 7 children who were born in 5 different countries. Their 13th grandchild will celebrate his first birthday in June.