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General Johnson entered West Point from Chicago IL. Following an outstanding cadet career, on graduation he was commissioned in the Corp of Engineers in 1976. His command and staff assignments were across the US to include the Pentagon, the Balkans and Iraq. He became the first African-American Deputy Commanding General of the Army Corps of Engineers. He was most recently the Vice President of Officials for the National Basketball Association.

Additionally, General Johnson was an Army War College Fellow at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies and received executive leadership and national security training at Harvard University, Gallup University, George Washington University, the University of Virginia, and the Center for Creative Leadership. He has Masters degrees in Operations Research (from GA Tech) and in National Security Strategy.

The National Society of Black Engineers recognized him with its Black Engineer of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award. He has also received the Black Engineer of the Year Professional Achievement in Government Service Award, and is a Distinguished Graduate Inductee for Georgia Tech.