



John Steele Sr.

John Steele Sr. is currently Vice Chairman and a Strategic Advisor for Hilltop Companies. This title, though, does not reflect his impact on the company. John's parents started the company and transitioned leadership to him nearly sixty years ago. He successfully ran the company for several decades and now has transitioned it to his son, John Steele, Jr.

Under John's leadership, Hilltop expanded its service area significantly for both Ready Mix Concrete and Aggregates, now spanning from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia. John led the team to build some of the biggest and most complex projects the Cincinnati region has ever undertaken; including the Miami Fort and Zimmer Power Plants, Riverfront Stadium, I-471 Bridge and Central Street Bridge and their successors have continued the tradition with projects including Great American Tower, Great American Ballpark, Paul Brown Stadium, Fort Washington Way, and many others that make up the Cincinnati skyline.

John is now and has been throughout his lifetime, very involved in the community and industry. He has supported and served as a board member of many organizations, including Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati, University of Cincinnati College of Nursing, The Cincinnati Art Museum, The University Club of Cincinnati, and the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. In 1998 he received the Spirit of Construction award from the construction industry of Greater Cincinnati, in 2016 he was inducted into the Greater Cincinnati Business Hall of Fame and in 2018 he received the Great Living Cincinnati award from the Cincinnati Regional Chamber.

Lt. JG John Steele also served our country in World War II as a pilot on U.S. Aircraft carriers. After the war, and before taking over the helm at Hilltop Companies, Mr. Steele returned to Dartmouth College, graduating in 1948.