

1982 Engineer of Distinction



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Citation

Paul H. Shoun, Sr., Chief of the Power Operations Planning Staff, Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), was born January 17, 1922, in Johnson County near Mountain City, Tennessee. He received a baccalaureate degree in electrical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1950. He completed the U.S. Navy electrical program at the University of Minnesota and graduated from the Electrical Inter-Communication School in Washington, DC. He has done post-graduate work at the University of Tennessee and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

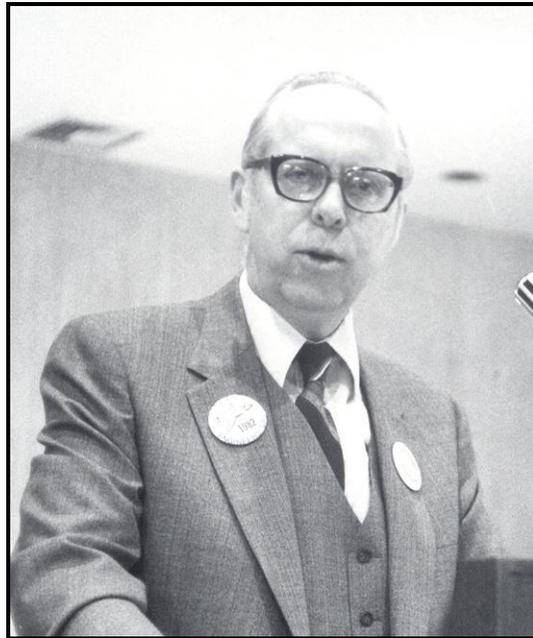
For nearly 40 years, Mr. Shoun has been involved in the energy industry. He has been chief of three major branches of TVA and has held several special project assignments before being appointed to his present position. Before World War II, he was employed by Reynolds Metals Company in Longview, Washington. After Pearl Harbor, he volunteered for the Navy and served aboard destroyers in the South Pacific. He served on the "picket line" during most of the major engagements of that theatre. His citations include the purple heart for wounds received during the battle of Tarawa.

Mr. Shoun has written numerous papers and articles for the technical press, including some which have been presented to congressional committees and included in the *Congressional Record*. He has served with distinction in a variety of leadership positions in civic and professional organizations, including the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, the Chattanooga Engineers Club, and the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers. He was "Engineer of the Year" in Chattanooga in 1966, was "Boss of the Year" for the Dixieland Chapter of the American Business Women's Association in 1971 and has been listed in several professional biographical citations, including *Who's Who in Engineering*. He has been a longtime member of the International Platform Association, was President of the Chattanooga Civitan Club in 1973, and received an outstanding leadership award from the Georgia Tech Alumni Association in 1968.

In the electric utility industry, Mr. Shoun has served in a wide variety of leadership roles. He is presently Chairman of the prestigious North American Electric Reliability Council Task Force for analyzing and critiquing major power outages in the United States and Canada. He has been actively involved in research and development activities of the Electric Power Research Institute and is serving a second 3-year term as

Chairman of the Power System Planning and Operation Task Force. Over the years, Mr. Shoun has been active in the development and promotion of engineering education regionally and nationally. He has served on the Board of Engineering Advisors at Tennessee Technological University for several years and is currently serving a second term as chairman of that body.

Mr. Shoun is an elder and lay leader in the First Christian Church of Chattanooga, having served as chairman of the board and president of the congregation during that church's centennial celebration in 1971-72. He is a much sought-after speaker for church, civic and professional groups.



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