

# **RETIREMENT CEREMONY**

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**U. S. ARMY  
CAMP A. P. HILL  
Bowling Green, Virginia**

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COLONEL LOWELL E. THOMPSON

27 January 1972

Today the United States Army pays tribute to Colonel Lowell E. Thompson on the occasion of his retirement from active federal service. Colonel W. W. Weyant will accompany Colonel Thompson on the reviewing stand.

COMMANDER OF TROOPS

Captain Peter J. Thompson

PARTICIPATING ELEMENTS

Honor Guard	USAMCENFL Honor Guard
Band	392d Army Band
Colors	USAMCENFL Color Guard

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Fort Lee Honor Guard and Band form on Parade Field, 1500 hours

Inspection of Honor Guard and Band by Reviewing Party

National Anthem	392d Army Band
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Reading of Retirement Order	Adjutant
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Presentation of Certificate	Post Commander
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Remarks by Colonel Thompson

Band Serenade	392d Army Band
"Auld Lang Syne"	
"The Army Song"	
"What Is A Soldier"	
"Old Soldiers Never Die"	

A reception for guests will be held in the Post Exchange Snack Bar immediately after the Retirement Ceremony.

In case of inclement weather, the Retirement Ceremony will be held at 1500 hours in the Post Classroom, Building S-137.

COLONEL LOWELL E. THOMPSON

Post Commander

Camp A. P. Hill

Bowling Green, Virginia

15 October 1969 — 7 September 1971

Colonel Lowell E. Thompson received his commission as a second lieutenant in the USAR in May 1940, upon graduation from Texas A&M, College Station, Texas.

He entered on active duty in July 1940 and was assigned to the 2d Chemical Mortar Battalion. He served in various positions in the battalion and was Company Commander of Company D, 2d Chemical Battalion, during the Sicilian and Italian campaigns.

He was recalled to the states after the capture of Rome for a position as 4.2 Mortar Instructor at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia.

In June 1945 he assumed command of the 782d Chemical Mortar Battalion and after its deactivation in September 1945 was Division Chemical Officer of the 95th Infantry Division and then the 4th Infantry Division.

COL Thompson then attended a six month course at Command & General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

In June of 1946 he was sent to Ohio State University for a graduate course in chemical engineering and nuclear physics. He was elected to Sigma Xi and Phi Lambda Upsilon, honorary scholastic societies, and graduated in June 1948 with an MS degree.

He was then assigned as Assistant Chief, Radiological Defense Branch, Chemical Corps School, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland.

In March 1951 he was assigned to Armed Forces Special Weapons Project (now Defense Atomic Support Agency) as Radiological Safety Officer at Sandia Base, New Mexico.

In January 1953 he was assigned to Headquarters, USAREUR, as Special Weapons Officer for the command.

He returned to the states in July 1955 to attend the long course at the Command & General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Following graduation from Command & General Staff College, COL Thompson was assigned as Deputy Director, Munitions Development Division, Chemical Warfare Laboratories, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland.

In January 1957 he was assigned as Chief, Nuclear Activities Office, Chemical Corps Research and Development Command, Washington, D. C.

In August 1960 he assumed command of the 2d Chemical Battalion (SG) at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, and in September 1961 assumed command of the 81st Chemical Group, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

In July 1962 he was reassigned to Test and Evaluation Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, as the Director, Nuclear Chemical and Biological Equipment.

In May 1965 he reported to Headquarters, Eighth U. S. Army, Korea, as Chief of the Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Division, G-3.

In June 1966 he returned to the states for assignment with Cloud Gap, a classified project. While there he completed the Correspondence Course ICAF.

In March 1967 he was assigned to Headquarters, USCONARC, as Chief, NBC Branch, Training Division, G-3.

In January 1968 he took a team to Vietnam for a classified inspection project.

On 15 October 1969 he assumed command of Camp A. P. Hill, a position he held until 7 September 1971 when he was assigned to Medical Holding Detachment, Kenner Army Hospital, pending retirement.

COL Thompson will reside in Brownsville, Texas after retirement.

His awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Army Commendation Medal, RAME Medal, Army Defense Medal, Army Campaign Medal, Army Occupational Medal (Germany), World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster.