

United States Army
Fires Center of
Excellence & Fort Sill



Retirement Ceremony



20 November 2020
Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Sequence of Events

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

* NATIONAL ANTHEM

* INVOCATION

REMARKS

COLONEL CARL POPPE

*ARMY CAPABILITIES MANAGER
FIELD ARTILLERY CANNON BATTALIONS*

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

*THE SOLDIER'S CREED

*OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE

*AULD LANG SYNE

*ARMY SONG

*Please Stand

Honored Retirees

CSM DENNIS J. CALVERT

MAJ NICHOLAS DYMOW

MAJ TARON X. EPPS

MAJ BRIAN N. SOUTER

CPT PHILIPPE J. KELLY

1SG MICA J. SNELL

WG-9 ROBERT L. OPDYKE

SFC ANTHONY L. CLAY

SFC TORRANCE V. EDWARDS SR.

SFC COREY J. RANABARGAR

SFC CESAR A. RODRIGUEZ

SFC JOSE A. RODRIGUEZ

SSG LESLIE D. MCCORMICK

SSG PHILLIP C. TOWNER

SSG JOHN E. TOZER

MRS. LASHERRIE R. EDWARDS



Colonel Carl A. Poppe



Colonel Poppe is a native of Raymore, Missouri and received his commission in the Field Artillery on June 1, 1996, from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He is currently serving as the Army Capabilities Manager for Brigade Combat Teams – Fires since July of 2020.

Colonel Poppe has held a variety of command and leadership assignments from Battalion Commander, Battalion Executive Officer, Battalion Operations Officer, Brigade Fire Support Officer, Battery Commander, Company Tactical Officer United States

Military Academy, Aide de Camp, Platoon Leader and Fire Direction Officer. Colonel Poppe also served in staff positions as a Joint Staff Action Officer in J-35 (Global Force Management), and as the I Corps Fire Support Officer. Since arriving at Fort Sill in 2019, he spent a year on the Fires Center of Excellence team as the Director of Doctrine and Training Directorate.

His assignments include tours at Fort Bragg, NC, with 1-377th Field Artillery Regiment (AASLT); Fort Hood, TX, with 3rd Battalion, 16th Field Artillery Regiment; the United States Military Academy, West Point; Camp Ederle (Vicenza), Italy, with the 173rd Airborne Brigade; Warner Barracks (Bamberg), Germany, with the 4th Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment; Naval Support Activity (NSA) Norfolk, VA; and at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA. He has operational deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Colonel Poppe holds a Bachelor's of Science from the United States Military Academy, a Master's Degree in Counseling and Leadership Development from Long Island University, and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies (with a concentration in Global Security Studies) from the U.S. Army War College. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, The Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign medals, the NATO medal along with the Airborne, Air Assault, Jumpmaster, and Joint Staff Identification Badges.

He is married to the former Sarah Byram of Raymore, MO. They have 3 children; Keaton, Grant, and Vaughn.

The Soldier's Creed

I am an American Soldier.

I am a warrior and a member of a team.

I serve the people of the United States, and live the Army Values.

I will always place the mission first.

I will never accept defeat.

I will never quit.

I will never leave a fallen comrade.

I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills.

I always maintain my arms, my equipment, and myself.

I am an expert and I am a professional.

I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy, the enemies of the United States of America in close combat.

I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.

I AM AN AMERICAN SOLDIER!

Old Soldiers Never Die

Old Soldiers never die, never die, never die;

Old Soldiers never die, they just fade away.

*Young Soldiers wish they would, wish they would, wish
they would,*

Young Soldiers wish they would, they'd just fade away,

They'd just fade away,

They'd just fade away.



The Army Song

March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free.

*Count the brave, count the true,
who have fought to victory.*

We're the Army and proud of our name.

We're the Army and proudly proclaim.

*First to fight for the right and to build
the Nation's might and the Army goes rolling along.*

*Proud of all we have done fighting 'til
the battle's won and the Army goes rolling along.*

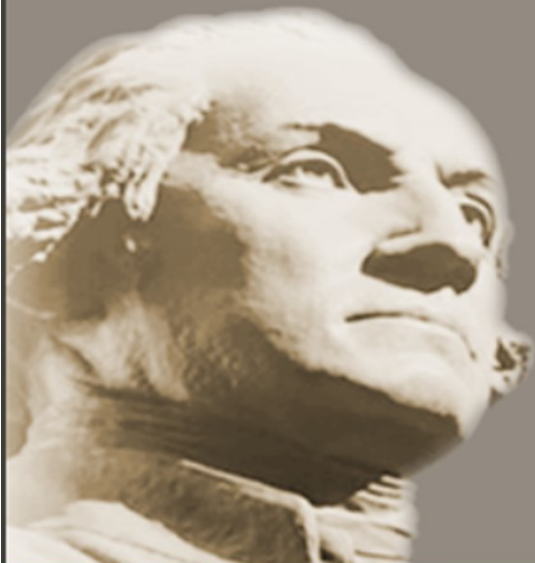
Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey! The Army's on its way.

Count off the cadence loud and strong.

For where'er we go, you will always know

That the Army goes Rolling Along!





"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation."

*-General George Washington,
November 10th, 1781*