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COLONEL ROBERT E. NELSON, JR.

Colonel Robert E. Nelson, Jr. was born in Eatonton, Georgia on October 14, 1929. He was graduated from the Eatonton High School in 1946. He received a B. S. Degree from North Georgia College, Dahlonega, Georgia in 1950.

Colonel Nelson received his commission through the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and entered military service at Fort Benning, Georgia on July 25, 1950. In September 1950 he was assigned as a platoon leader with the 15th Infantry Division in Korea. After receiving wounds in combat in Korea, he was evacuated to Fort Benning for hospitalization. Since that time, he has had assignments at Fort Sill, Oklahoma as a student officer; in Germany with the 112th Infantry, 60th Infantry, and 47th Infantry Regiment; at Middle Tennessee State College as ROTC instructor; in France as G-3 (training) at Headquarters, 4th Logistical Command; at Fort McPherson, Georgia (1963-1965) as Chief, Enlisted Branch in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Third U. S. Army Headquarters; in Vietnam in J-3 (War Plans Division), Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) in 1966-1967; at Fort Gordon, Georgia as a battalion commander; and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas as a member of the staff and faculty at the Command and General Staff College. His current assignment is Chief, Plans and Military Personnel Division in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, at Third U. S. Army Headquarters, Fort McPherson.

Colonel Nelson's decorations and awards include the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Vietnam; the Army Commendation Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster; the Vietnamese Staff Service Honor Medal, First Class; the Purple Heart in December 1950 in Korea; and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

His military education includes the Infantry Officers Advanced Course at Fort Benning in 1957 and the Command and General Staff College course at Fort Leavenworth in 1966.

Numismatics is Colonel Nelson's hobby.

Colonel and Mrs. Nelson and their son reside at Fort McPherson.