

Sixteen Retire at Fort Ord

Sixteen retiring soldiers were honored recently in ceremonies at the South Parade Field, Fort Ord.

With a combined total of over 360 years of active military service, the Army men made up one of the largest monthly retirement ceremonies of the year.

The retirees were congratulated by Maj. Gen. George L. Mabry, commanding general of the U.S. Army Combat Developments Command Experimentation Command, during the parade, which featured four 90-men companies marching in review.

Music for the ceremonies was provided by the 52nd Army Band under the leadership of Sgt. Samuel Smith. The band played To The Colors and the National Anthem as the final tribute to the group of retirees.

Among the retirees, many of whom participated in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam conflict, were Lt. Col. Theodore M. Devine, Lt. Col. Dennie S. Wardell, Lt. Col. Clarence A. Hassel, Maj. William J. Stevenson, CWO4 James C. Moberly, CWO3 Walter G. Larsen, Sgt. Maj. Lester Edgar, Sgt. Maj. Felipe A. Hernandez, 1st Sgt. William H. Benton, MSgt. John E. Secher, MSgt. John M. Craven, Sfc. Melvin H.



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Retirees Honored

Reviewing troops with Maj. Gen. George Mabry, commanding general of the Combat Developments Command

Experimentation Command at Fort Ord, are 16 career men being retired during a recent ceremony.