

BRIEF OF
NUMA POMPILIO AVENDANO
Colonel, Ret. Army of the United States

Born: Santander, Spain 2 December 1901
Infancy and early childhood in Hamburg, Germany
Father: Educated in Heilderburg, University and member of Investment Banking Firm.
Mother: Educated in girls catholic school in Lyon, France

Probably inherited love for the Military Service from late paternal grandfather who was a general officer in the Spanish Army.

Came to the United States at age eight, located in New Orleans, La.
Grammar school at Rugby military academy, New Orleans.
Highschool at Gulf Coast Military Academy, Gulfport, Miss.
College at College of the City of New York (CCNY) New York, NY

Enlisted in USMA Detachment of Field Artillery

After one enlistment returned to New Orleans and enlisted in Battery C 141st Field Artillery, attaining grades of Sergeant and First Sgt. After a three week special school at Fort Bragg, NC and because of service in the USMA F.A. Detachment and grades attained in the National Guard, I was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant Field Artillery, on 25 July 1925.

In 1927 I attended and graduated in the Battery Officers Course, now called basic Course, in 1927 Fort Sill, OK

In 1949 I attended and graduated The Artillery Officers Advance Course Fort Sill, OK
Attended and graduated Air-Ground Operations School, Southern Pines NC

Promoted 1st Lt. 1929

Promoted Captain June 1939

Promoted Major Feb. 1941 (Active Federal service)

Promoted Lt.Col. February 1943

Promoted Colonel October 1945

As ~~SM~~ S3 2nd Battalion 141st FA participated Louisiana Maneuvers of 194

Transferred to Tank Destroyer Command July 1943, Exec O 3rd TD Group

Overseas to England August 1943

Ordered to the Royal Armour Corps Tactical Officers School, Brasinose College, Oxford England (3 months) returned to home station and detailed to Planning Group V Corps.

Landed in France at Utah Beach at 1300 6 June 1944

Participated in Normandy Campaign to Cherbourg, thence to St.Lo, to Aachen (Germany) Koln, to St.Vith and battle of Bulge. After VE Day (Victory in Europe) redeployed to Okinawa for the last efforts of the Japanese before surrendering.

Assigned as Deputy Port Commander, Port of Naha.

Returned to the United States on emergency leave granted by General Stillwell.

To duty at Fort Sill until June of 1945. Returned to New Orleans to reactivate 141st and 935 FA Battalions, Constituting the Famous WASHINGTON ARTILLERY OF NEW ORLEANS. In command until November 1955 Retired as Colonel, Field Artillery, Army of the United States on 1 January 1961.

Relocated Lawton, Oklahoma 16 July 1975.

Attended a special OCS Class at Fort Bragg in 1924. (The only one that year.) They consolidated all at Bragg.