

COLONEL SAMUEL F. KEMMERER CLASS 55-43

Colonel Kemmerer was initially assigned to the 932nd Field Artillery at Camp Gruber and served with the battalion in the Mediterranean and European Theaters as Motor Transport and Assistant Communications Officer. After Victory in Europe he remained there as part of the Allied Occupation Forces until returning to the States. He was then stationed at Fort Bragg, serving as Small Arms Instructor Chief and later Weapons Department Chief. Upon release from active duty he joined the U.S. Army Reserves.

In the Reserves he served as Commanding Officer, Battery B, 904th Field Artillery Battalion and later Commanding Officer Battery C, 791st Field Artillery. After graduating from Command and General Staff College he served in several positions with the 205th Field Artillery Battalion and was the Assistant Operations Officer for the National Guard and Army ROTC Corps at Lehigh University and Lafayette College. After promotion to Colonel he was assigned as Director, Command and General Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Before enlisting in the Army, he taught elementary school and returned to that profession after the War and taught for another twelve years. In 1958 he joined the East Penn, Pennsylvania School District where he was the principal of Washington, Jefferson and Kings Highway Schools until his retirement in 1978.

Colonel Kemmerer's decorations include the Bronze Star Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.