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Employees honored for years of federal service

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Two Army civilian employees were honored Dec. 8 for nearly a century of combined service.

Lt. Gen. Larry Wyche, deputy commanding general of Army Materiel Command, presided over the ceremony honoring Joyce Kampsen property book manager for the Central Issuing Facility, and Roger Matzeder, material handler, in the CIF.

Kampsen was presented a 50-year pin and certificate that recognized her federal service, all of which has been at Fort Leavenworth, in Civil Service and in the supply career field. She will continue her career managing the CIF.

“I have this saying — ‘Excellence is not by accident’ — and this is what you are seeing here in the career of Joyce Kampsen,” Wyche said. “I have presented numerous awards. But, I have never given out a 50-year pin until now. It is truly an honor for me personally.”

Wyche said that to be successful during her career, Kampsen has had the continuing positive support from her spouse. Taking care of deploying soldiers, while keeping property accountability and always meeting the prescribed standards, amplifies the length-of-service achievement and takes a phenomenal effort, he said.

“Thank you — that is just about all I have to say,” Kampsen said. “And, please don’t ask when I’m retiring. I don’t know the answer to that question.”

Matzeder will retire Jan. 7 after completing 45 years of federal service.

“When you consider the length of service each of these honorees have rendered, 50 years and 45 years respectively, working in the same job field, that in itself is an uncommon achievement,” Wyche said. “Roger Matzeder concluding his career in such a stellar manner demonstrates his ongoing understanding of the contributions and value he brings to the organization. I can only say thank you because such an achievement took personal dedication at each of the various stages during 45 years of service.”

Wyche also presented Kampsen and Matzeder with coins from Maj. Gen Edward Daly, commanding general of the U.S. Army Sustainment Command. He also presented both with the Commanders’ Award for Civilian Service from Col. Eric Shirley, commander of the 407th Army Field Support Brigade. Both also received U.S. flags that have flown over Fort Leavenworth.

“Well, it has truly been a pleasure. I can truly say that I have not worked with a finer bunch of people in my life,” Matzeder said. “I will miss all of you, but we all cross this bridge at some time in life. I’m not going to hold up the traffic. Thanks for everything.”



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Deb Palmer, Logistics Readiness Center director, and Lt. Gen. Larry Wyche, deputy commanding general of U.S. Army Materiel Command, congratulate Joyce Kampsen, center, Central Issuing Facility manager, while presenting her with a flag that flew over Fort Leavenworth in her honor during a ceremony recognizing Kampsen for 50 years of federal service Dec. 8 at the CIF. Kampsen was also presented a 50-year pin and certificate, a coin and three-star letter from Wyche, and the Commander’s Award for Civilian Service. Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp