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Officer Retires with a bang!

Rock Island, Ill. – Lt. Col. Russell Taylor salutes the flag during the March 15 retreat ceremony at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill. Taylor, the former chief logistics plans officer for the Army Sustainment Command – Army Reserve Element, retired after 28 years of service. His last act before retirement was to fire the cannon during retreat and assist with folding and storing the flag.

“As a fitting tribute to my military career, I wanted to assist the Warriors who are taking my place to store the flag safely and securely prior to dusk,” Taylor said. “I just love my flag and my country. To me, participating in retreat that day seemed the honorable and fitting way to retire quietly. Though others were there observing the ceremony, for me it was a personal moment between me and my flag -- both of us saying goodbye that day.” *[Tom Bauer, ASC-ARE, contributed to this article]*

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