

## Biography for Kent D. Thomas

Colonel Kent D. Thomas (ret) served in the United States Army for 24 years. He served in the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, at the United States Military Academy, in the 3d Armored Division, V Corps Headquarters, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division.

Thomas has a Bachelor of Science in International Affairs from Georgetown University, a Master of Science in Industrial Relations from Purdue University, and a Master of Military Art and Science from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He is also a graduate of Command and General Staff College, School of Advanced Military Studies, and United States Army War College.

Colonel Thomas' most recent assignments prior to retirement were: Commander, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Armor; Operations Officer (G-3), 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division; Garrison Commander, Fort Riley, Kansas.

After retiring from the Army in 1998, Thomas worked for Missouri State University, serving as System Vice President for Administrative Services, Chancellor of the West Plains campus, Project Manager for the implementation of the university's administrative computing system, Special Assistant to the President, and Assistant Vice President for International Programs.