
Retired Soldier Takes Security Job at WF

The Army has a program called Operation Transition in which it trains retiring soldiers to do a job in civilian life.

Sgt. 1.Cpl. Robert R. Upson, 54, who has retired from the Army after six years' duty in Winston-Salem, did not need such training.

In the Army, he was a graduate of military police and provost marshal school and much of his Army career was spent in jobs that related to security.

Last week, he went to work in the security office of Wake Forest University. "It was just the kind of job that I wanted," he said.

Shortly before his retirement, Upson was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his work in Winston-Salem. It was presented by Maj. Kenneth K. Jones, senior adviser here.

Upson said he wanted to stay in Winston-Salem. "I have spent more time here than anywhere else. I like it here. I think it is a good town to rear our family."

Since 1963, Upson, whose home originally is in Tampa, Fla., has been with the Army Reserve headquarters on North Green Street here.

He served four years and nine months in World War II. He took two years out to work for a Chicago trucking firm and then returned to the Army for 21 more years.

His duty since then has included service in both Korea and Vietnam. He also was an aide to Gen. Williston B. Palmer when he was European commander.

Since 1964, Upson has worked side by side with his wife, Mrs. Josette Upson, who is secretary to the Army adviser for this area.

The Upsons have two daughters, Robin Lee, 8, and Kathleen Mary, 7, and live at 115 Flintfield Drive.