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Congressman Steven Palazzo presented Jones with a commemorative American flag which was been flown over the U.S. Capitol in honor of the 761st Tank Battalion veteran's wartime service.

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Lapel Pin for his service in World War II, the Marksmanship Badge with Rifle Bar, The American Campaign Medal, the European/African/Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with four Bronze Service Stars, the World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal with Germany Clasp and the Presidential Unit Citation awarded to the 761st Tank Battalion for extraordinary heroism in World War II.

"I'm going to try to reach to the bottom of my heart, to express what's in my heart, but that's impossible," said Jones. "It's not about me, but the thousands of men who fought under the flag for the freedom we now enjoy. We had a duty, and I think each and every man in the battalion was willing, and did what they could, and I can't say enough about them."

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Col. Dale Kuehl, (left) commanding officer of the 177th Armored Brigade, Maj. Gen. Kevin R. Wendel, (Center), commanding general of First Army Division East and Col. William Chlebowski, incoming 177th Armored Brigade commander salute as the National Anthem is played during the change of command/change of responsibility ceremony.

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Leslie B. Chlebowski was presented the traditional bouquet of yellow roses welcoming their family to the brigade. Col. Chlebowski's son Cole also attended.

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"I am humbled to have had the opportunity to serve with you."

Kuehl will continue to be part of First Army as the operations director at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.

Chlebowski, the incoming commander, said he was excited to join the Shelby team.

"In reviewing the recent history of this fine outfit, I found an organization that is in a constant state of change and an organization that knows how to adapt and accomplish the missions assigned to it," said Chlebowski. "With the military reduction of forces in Afghanistan and the budgetary challenges that face the Army, there are no doubt a few curve balls that are bound to come our way over the next two years."

"I am looking forward to together facing the challenges that an evolving environment will bring," he said. "Together we will write the next chapter of this great brigade's history."

Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Swanson, the senior enlisted advisor of the 177th Armored Brigade, acknowledged his retirement as he passed his responsibilities to incoming Com-

mand Sgt. Maj. Matthew McDowell.

Swanson gave a farewell speech imparting advice and gratitude he has accumulated from his 27 years of experience in Army.

"The partnership and support the team at Camp Shelby has given the 177th Armored Brigade has allowed us to focus on our mission of mobilization, training excellence, and demobilization of Soldiers," said Swanson.

"It has been a very rewarding experience and a great end to a great career," Swanson concluded.

Swanson will retire to North Carolina with his wife and two children.

McDowell, a native of Evansville, Ind., comes to First Army Division East from his most recent assignment as Command Sergeant Major of 1st Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kan.

The 177th Armored Brigade, part of First Army Division East, mobilizes, trains, validates and deploys Reserve Component units to support overseas military operations. Along with Reserve component units, the division's trainer/mentors prepare and deploy sailors and airmen, along with selected members of the interagency and intergovernmental departments, to provide trained and ready forces across a full-spectrum of operations to regional combatant commanders worldwide.