

The Artillery Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame

Colonel Ned H. Aycock, Artillery OCS Class 52-43 meets the criteria for induction into the Artillery Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame.

In keeping with the original intent of the Fort Sill Artillery OCS Hall of Fame, the goal is to honor every graduate who attained the rank of Colonel (0-6) or above. On January 5, 1968, OCS Commandant Colonel Marlin Camp wrote *“The west room of the Lanyard Lounge (Building 3031) will be the Hall of Fame and now contains pictures of graduates who have attained the rank of full colonel and above, and graduates who have been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross or Medal of Honor. I now consider this the appropriate time to announce to the public, through Army news media, the establishment of this Hall of Fame to commence a concentrated effort for additional nominees.”*

During December 1968 Army Times included the following: *“Fort Sill officials say that many of the school’s distinguished alumni may be missing from the Hall’s roster because class lists from the school’s early days are incomplete and because the Hall was established too recently for an extensive search to have been completed yet. The school is seeking assistance from OCS alumni, in tracking down all eligible candidates for the Hall.”*

Inclusion in the Hall of Fame reflects credit upon both the individuals and the Artillery Officer Candidate School as an institution. Citizen soldiers who answered the call during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam are the legacy of Artillery OCS. An OCS graduate attaining the rank of full colonel is a significant accomplishment, and many who rose to that level in the 1960 and 1970’s were never recognized.

An unfortunate misconception for some time was that the Hall of Fame was only for Artillery branch (Field Artillery or Air Defense Artillery) officers. That was never the case. All Graduates from OCS at Fort Sill are eligible for the Hall of Fame, regardless of branch. Regular Army, Reserve, and National Guard officers are all qualified and self-nominations have always been accepted for the Hall of Fame.

Upon graduation from OCS he attended a ten week basic flying training course at an Army Air Forces Liaison Pilot School at Pittsburg, Kansas. He was promoted to Colonel (0-6) on February 6, 1970.

U.S., Select Military Registers, 1862-1985 for Ned H Aycock

National Guard > 1966

AYCOCK, Ned H Lt Col Ark 01177718 B-Ark 2 Dec 21 AM Grad Arty Sch Assoc Off Adv Crse 51 Sr Army Aviator Enl 9 Jan 40 to 5 Jan 41 (F-6 Jan 41 to 17 Feb 43 2 lt FA 18 Feb 43 to capt 26 Jan 46) (ORC FA capt 17 Nov 45 to 15 Sep 47) capt FA 27 Feb 47 maj Arty 1 Mar 51 capt 11 Jul 52 maj 25 Sep 53 (F-24 Sep 57 to 29 May 58) lt col 25 Aug 61

U.S., Select Military Registers, 1862-1985												
National Guard > 1976												
AXTELL CHARLES L	CPT	TC	CA	10	10	47	25	4	72	24	10	68
AYALALAMBOY SERGIO	2LT	IN	PR	1	7	48	7	6	75	18	5	69
AYCOCK ALAN E	CPT	MC	AR	12	2	43	1	9	71	1	7	66
AYCOCK DAVID P	MAJ	SC	AL	24	3	37	4	10	73	13	9	54
AYCOCK JOHN C	1LT	FA	AR	18	9	49	3	6	75	14	12	68
AYCOCK NED H	COL	FA	AR	2	12	21	6	2	70	9	1	40