

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH FOR THE FIELD ARTILLERY OCS HALL OF FAME  
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Address 6174 Sunny Vale Dr. Columbus, OH 43228 DOB 19 August 1921  
OCS Class # 49 Date Graduated/Commissioned 28 January 1943  
Location of OCS Fort Sill, OK  
Present Duty Assignment/Occupation Retired

College -- Marshall College (now University), Huntington, WV; AB in Journalism 1942  
The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH; MA in Journalism, 1947

### Military Experience

Drafted as private, 4 July 1942, to corporal, 29 August, 1942, 80th Infantry Division, Camp Forrest, TN; Field Artillery OCS (Officer Candidate School), Fort Sill, OK, 2nd Lt. 28 January 1943; to 1st Lt, 12 August 1943, 106th Infantry Division, Fort Jackson, SC; to Captain, 1 July 1945, 5th Infantry Division; Europe, 5th Infantry Division, Third U.S. Army, 1943 - 45; U.S. Army Reserve, 1945 - 72; to Major, USAR, 1955; to Lieutenant Colonel, USAR, 1962; to Colonel, USAR, 31 March 1969; Deputy Information Officer (Mobilization Designation), Headquarters Second and First U.S. Army(ies), Fort George G. Meade, MD, 1951-72; Public Information Officer, National Rifle and Pistol Matches, Camp Perry, OH, 1958-59; to Retired Reserve, July 31, 1972; Colonel, AUS (Retired), 1981

### Military Decorations

Silver Star; Bronze Star, with one Oak Leaf Cluster and V-device (Valor); Purple Heart, with two Oak Leaf Clusters; World War II European Theater Medal, with five battle stars; American Theater Medal; World War II Victory Medal; World War II Army of Occupation Medal (Europe); Army Reserve Medal, with two hour-glass devices (for more than 30 years service)

General Remarks: I was fortunate to receive my college diploma one month before I was drafted in 1942, and was doubly fortunate to be assigned to an artillery battalion of the 80th Division. I attended my first OCS reunion in 1996, not knowing a soul. However, I got to know many OCS graduates from many years, including the Hall of Famer from Class #1. I look forward to my next reunion!  
Perhaps the attachments are "overkill," but I am proud of my military service and subsequent activities. Field Artillery was great for me.

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are attached.

Chester E. Ball  
Signature