

The Artillery Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame

Colonel Jack L. Keaton, Artillery OCS Class 45-53 meets the criteria for induction into the Artillery Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame. He graduated from OCS on December 1, 1953 and was promoted to Colonel (0-6) on May 13, 1974.

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 favorably on the individual graduate 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 unfortunately many who rose to that level in the 1960s and 1970s were never recognized.

A previous unfortunate misconception was that the Hall of Fame was only for Field Artillery or Air Defense Artillery branch 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.

U.S., Select Military Registers, 1862-1985 for Jack Lee Keaton

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**KEATON Jack Lee 073353 B-Ohio 18 July 30 A-Ohio CM(OLC)
 Grad USA Arty Sch O Career Crse 62 BS in Ed Ohio State Univ
 52 Enl 3 Dec 52 to 30 Nov 53 2lt Arty USAR 1 Dec 53 to Maj AUS
 31 July 64 RA 2lt Arty 11 Feb 56 D/R 1 Dec 53 to Capt 1 Dec 60
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KEATON DICKIE G		M1	CPT	66	12	01	53	12	14	LTC	74	12	01	07	53	12	01	2	3	30	07	18
KEATON JACK LEE		FA	COL	74	05	13	52	12	03		16	12	20	05	56	08	27	4	7	29	02	03