

## The Artillery Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame

**Colonel William H. O’Connell, Artillery OCS Class 24-42** meets the criteria for induction into the Artillery Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame. He graduated from OCS on August 4, 1942 and was promoted to Colonel (0-6) on April 13, 1962.

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.

An unfortunate misconception at one time 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.

O’CONNELL William Hutchinson 035575 B-Tex 27 Jan 17 A-Tex  
 BSM(OLC) Grad C&GS Coll 53 Arty Sch O Adv Crse 47 BGE  
 Univ of Omaha 59 Enl 16 Oct 40 to 3 Aug 42 2lt AUS 4 Aug  
 42 to Lt Col AUS 7 July 51 RA 1lt FA 11 July 46 D/R 27 Jan 45  
 to Maj 6 July 54 PL 7741

O’CONNELL WILLIAM C	0-0064754	IN	LTC	22 08 66	15 06 51	MAJ	15 06 65	OT	15 06 51	5	5	23 08 29
O’CONNELL WILLIAM H	0-0035575	AT	COL	13 04 62	12 10 40	LTC	27 01 62	07	27 01 42	5	5	27 01 17
O’CONNOR ANDREW D	0-0061103	SC	LTC	08 12 65	15 04 61	MAJ	01 11 62	07	01 11 42	5	5	01 11 17