

The Artillery Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame

Colonel Robert J. O'Leary, Artillery OCS Class 21-42 meets the criteria for induction into the Artillery Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame. He graduated from OCS on July 14, 1942 and was promoted to Colonel (O-6) on April 2, 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 (O-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.

O'Leary New Range Deputy Commander

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE Colonel Robert J. O'Leary has assumed duties as deputy commander of White Sands Missile Range.

He succeeds Colonel Allen C. Martin who was transferred to the Medical Holding Company at William Beaumont General Hospital.

The veteran Army officer came to the national missile range from assignment in Turkey.

Entering military service as an enlisted man in 1941, Col. O'Leary completed Officers Training School in 1942 and received a second lieutenant commission. By December 1944, he had become major, and in July 1946 was accepted in the regular Army as a first lieutenant. He received his promotion to colonel in July 1967.

During his military career, O'Leary has served in armor field artillery, anti-aircraft artillery and with guided mis-

siles. In addition to the various training schools, he completed the U. S. Army Command and

General Staff College, the Senior Officers Nuclear Effects Course and the Military Assistant's Institute.

He served in Europe during 1944 - 1945, in Japan, 1946 - 1949, in Korea during 1950 - 1957, on a second tour in Europe during 1959 - 1962, and then in Turkey from 1967 until just prior to coming to WSMR.

O'Leary has received the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal and the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Omaha in Nebraska and before entering the Army worked as a chemist.



Col. Robert J. O'Leary

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