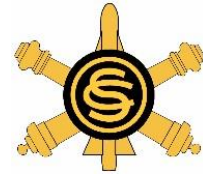




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July 21, 2023

COL James H. B. Peay
Headquarters, United States Army Garrison
462 Hamilton Road Suite 120
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SUBJECT: Request to Name the Annex to the South Gallery of Building 238 as the Artillery Officer Candidate School Heritage Hall.

Dear Colonel Peay,

The Secretary of the Army accepted the gift of construction of the annex from the Artillery OCS Alumni Chapter, Inc., a 501c3 Non-Profit Public Charity on August 4, 2022. The construction is under way and completion is expected in October 2023.

The organization requests to name the annex as the “**Artillery Officer Candidate School Heritage Hall**” to honor the historic impact to our Nation of more than 49,500 graduates of the school from 1941-1973. The letters attached to the annex will be 12 inches high, and the OCS logo will be 48 inches in diameter and mounted in the locations shown on the attached drawing. The color and font will be the same style and color as the current lettering on Building 238.

More than \$862,000 has been raised for the project, from graduates and friends of the Artillery Officer Candidate School. The structure will serve as a theater and classroom and be fully furnished with audio-visual equipment, portable tables, and chairs for training. Displays approved by the U.S. Army Center of Military History on the interior walls will highlight the Artillery OCS and its contributions to Fort Sill and the Nation’s history. There will be a 40’ x 65’ courtyard for outdoor events and displays leading to the entrance.

The gift will become the legacy of this generous and patriotic group of officers who were commissioned through the Artillery OCS program at Fort Sill. More than 10,000 visitors pass through the Artillery Museum each year and thousands of soldiers will use the facility and be exposed to the history and lasting impact of Artillery OCS as part of their Museum educational experience. We feel that the **Artillery Officer Candidate School Heritage Hall** is a fitting name for this much-needed addition to the Museum. Thank You for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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