



Artillery OCS News February 23, 2024

Progress Report From Fort Sill, Oklahoma:

The displays along the walls inside the Artillery OCS Heritage Hall Classroom are in place. The Audio-visual equipment that will occupy part of the west wall has not been delivered yet. The facility is open, and the Artillery Museum is using the classroom.

Click the link below to see pictures from inside the Heritage Hall:

[Walk-around Artillery OCS Heritage Hall 126 images](#)

In the Works:

- Selecting the most appropriate location for our donor recognition panels.
- Considering kiosk options for Hall of Fame information, class photos, biographical information on our Fallen Comrades and Battlefield Heroes, pictures from the archives and loads of historic OCS documents.

Naming Request Update:

On July 21, 2023, we requested permission from the Fort Sill Garrison Commander to put the OCS Logo and the words “Artillery Officer Candidate School Heritage Hall” on the building. The request was presented to the Fort Sill Memorialization Board on August 10. The meeting went well, and we **patiently** waited for the expected approval.

The Memorialization Board **did not** notify us that they had recommended approval on August 21. On October 9, we learned that the packet had been sitting in the JAG office for nearly two months. JAG finally finished the legal review, and it went to the Garrison Commander on December 15. He signed it the next day, and it went to the Memorialization Board again.

We **patiently** waited for word from the Board to move forward. Once again, the paperwork was lost in the shuffle until it was finally tracked down by an ally of ours on February 16, 2024. Sure enough, it was signed and approved by the Garrison Commander on December 16, 2023, and sent off to rest on someone’s desk for another two months.

There will be a ribbon cutting at some point soon. No date or time is certain. That will depend on the Commanding General's calendar or whoever represents Fort Sill at the event.

A quick trip to Fort Sill on short notice to see a ribbon cutting with a giant pair of scissors and watch a cover pulled off the logo and lettering (that still needs to be added to the building) may not make sense for most of you.

Gathering graduates and friends for a two-day mini-reunion in the Fall would make a trip to Fort Sill worthwhile and more meaningful.

Updated contributor lists, photos and drive-by videos of the work in progress are available here:

<https://artilleryocshistory.org/artillery-ocs-heritage-hall.html>

The current and official website is [Artillery OCS History.org](https://artilleryocshistory.org):

<https://artilleryocshistory.org/index.html>

I built a page to help visitors unravel the layout. It might be excessive:

<https://artilleryocshistory.org/find-your-way.html>

The Navigation page, the Find Your Way page and the footer should help you find what you are looking for and more. This is a work in progress, and I am new at this.

We are in the process of putting the artilleryocsalumni.com website to rest. Our email address is tied to that domain, so we will eventually establish a new email address. I'm sorry for the confusion.

You heard this before - Hard Copy Newsletter coming soon:

I will mail a hard copy newsletter highlighting the past year to all alumni who do not get these periodic emails. I hope to get them caught up on our activities. The last time that group heard from us was before we broke ground for the Heritage Center (as it was called). Most of them have been waiting to hear from us for over a year. **If you are reading this, we will not send you a hard copy, but it will be posted on the website.**

Contributions to the Artillery OCS Alumni Chapter

Since November 1, 2019, more than 810 alumni and friends have contributed \$744,668 toward our goal of \$785,000 in contributions for the Artillery Officer Candidate School Heritage Hall project. We have achieved 95 % of our goal. If you have already contributed, please accept my THANK YOU. If you have not, please consider joining this effort and becoming part of the Team. Working together to complete and sustain this project will be a wonderful and lasting tribute to our departed Brothers.

The Artillery OCS Alumni Chapter is an IRS 501(C)3 charitable organization. Donations are tax-deductible. Tax ID: EIN # 74-3052514. You can send a check to Artillery OCS Alumni PO Box 33612 Fort Sill, OK 73503.

Click on the link below to see how you can support our efforts:

<https://artilleryocshistory.org/support-us.html>

If you want to donate by credit card, there is a PayPal link on the Support Us page.

Thanks for your continuing support,
Best regards,

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