



## Artillery OCS News May 21, 2024

**Greetings From Fort Sill,**

### **Artillery Officer Candidate School Heritage Hall:**

We are pleased to report that the letters and the OCS Logo on the Artillery Officer Candidate School Heritage Hall were installed on May 6th. Thank You for your Support and Encouragement along the way.



### **Artillery OCS Alumni Chapter Board of Directors Meeting June 18, 2024 at 1000:**

The Board of Directors of the Artillery OCS Alumni Chapter will meet at the Artillery OCS Heritage Hall at 1000 on June 18, 2024. We will meet with our construction management corporation and Artillery Museum representatives to tie up any loose ends on the building project. We will get a status report on the additional AV equipment arriving soon and explore the options for informational kiosks to enhance our historical presentation.

The Board of Directors determined that a meeting of the membership following the board meeting is appropriate in the best interest of the organization.

## **Artillery OCS Alumni Chapter Membership Meeting**

**June 18, 2024 at 1100:**

The membership meeting will be at 1100 in the Artillery OCS Heritage Hall on June 18, 2024. If you are in the area, we invite you to join us. The meeting is open to all OCS Alumni and friends. Only U.S. Field Artillery Association members associated with the Artillery OCS Alumni Chapter are eligible to vote on motions at the meeting.

**An agenda will be published on the website and in a newsletter a week before the meeting.**

**Please let us know if you plan to attend the meeting so we can plan refreshments and a light lunch.**

### **Hall of Fame Bios and Information on the website:**

We are 48% complete with scanning and uploading biographical information for 1,359 Hall of Fame members along with their Hall of Fame photos. When the project is complete, there will be something for nearly every inductee. This will eventually be on both the kiosk(s) in Heritage Hall and the website.

As many of you know, we found a lot that needed attention in 2005 and have made significant progress. Each Hall of Fame member has a biographical sketch (either a written or typed narrative, a nomination bio sketch form, an official military bio, or some other information format). Many bios are the standard fill-in-the-blank forms sent to the Hall of Fame nominees to fill out.

Some are hard to read or handwritten, and the penmanship is not always good. A few are even a bit primitive, but one thing is sure: even the worst-looking document we scanned and uploaded has something that might help a family member or researcher in the future.

The bios date back to 1968, when the Hall of Fame opened, so the information is not always current. Many colonels became general officers; the bios don't always reflect that. Most of those are now identified with the correct retired rank on the pictures.

### **Something to Think About:**

The viability of our alumni group is not dependent upon the number of people who pay dues to the U.S. Field Artillery Association. Over 85% of the individual contributors to the Heritage Hall project are not members.

We currently have 114 Life Members and 28 (1-3-5 year members).

### **Contributions to the Artillery OCS Alumni Chapter:**

812 alumni and friends have contributed \$758,006.04 since November 1, 2019. We have achieved 96.56% of our \$785,000 goal for the Artillery Officer Candidate School Heritage Hall project. 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>

The Support Us page has a PayPal link for credit card donations.

Thanks for your continuing support,

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