



**Happy Holidays from
Artillery OCS Alumni Fort Sill
December 24, 2025**



Our annual Season's Greetings picture of Building 3025, years before it officially became Durham Hall, the home of the Artillery OCS Hall of Fame from August 13, 1984, until October 15, 2021. Santa and his reindeer highlighted the cheerful Christmas display at Artillery OCS Headquarters. The display was painted by Candidate Don R. Harker (Class 3-59), a former cartoonist with the Walt Disney studio. The picture is dated December 16, 1958. The building still stands.....

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Fort Sill

Your support to us over the years has come in many ways. It is much more than just financial contributions. Thanks for taking the time to read this. We are doing what we can to perpetuate the legacy of Artillery OCS and the history of all the other Army OCS programs dating back to 1941.

Penny and I have been at this for a long time. We are discovering a growing number of Army OCS graduates who also have a deep appreciation and desire to preserve the history of OCS and to honor their sacrifices and contributions to our Nation. More on that after the first of the year in 2026.

Reminders of some content on the Artillery OCS History Website that might be of interest to you:

The "OCS Experience" *Memories of Robinson Barracks (788 pages)* that Penny and I compiled a few years ago would not have happened without the support of everybody who contributed memories and information to our project.

We will add more to it during 2026, so if you want to share something with us, please do. The book is available in PDF on the Artillery OCS History website. We will soon update and correct a few things and share more of our research. The last version was published online in November 2022. I need to change our World War II Artillery OCS Fallen from 936 to 949 and Korea from 69 to 73. We never stop finding things. Please take a look at the online version.

The OCS Experience (788 pages downloadable PDF):

https://artilleryocshistory.org/uploads/1/4/5/9/145902858/ocsmemo-ries_11-9-2022.pdf .

We have been working with a 1967 Infantry OCS graduate, Emory Deason, on a Database of all Army OCS graduates. More names are added as they are found and verified. The current count is 285,535 graduates. We will soon be able to provide you with more information about that project, some tips on how to use it, and help you provide any information you might have to add to the project.

Unlike some organizations we deal with, we jump at the chance to fix errors we made or shortcomings in our research. We would much rather fix a simple mistake than let it be wrong for years and contribute to the vast amount of bad information floating around.

Here are some links to a few things you might find of interest on our website:

We also have a Google Photos collection of candidates' daily life, class pictures, and graduates' reunion pictures.

<https://artilleryocshistory.org/ocs-daily-life.html>

<https://artilleryocshistory.org/class-pictures.html>

<https://artilleryocshistory.org/reunion-photo-albums.html>

Next month, I will tell you about the second round of efforts to have LTC Charity Adams, Commander of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, nominated for Induction into the Army OCS Hall of Fame at Fort Benning. I'll also provide links to the remarkable stories of 24 other WACs from the OCS programs at Fort Des Moines, Iowa and Fort Lee, Virginia, that have been nominated. The group consists of twenty Colonels and four General Officers.

My Hall of Fame nominations, including the one for LTC Charity Adams, were declared unacceptable just days after the Army OCS Hall of Fame Action Officer assured me they were complete and ready to go. I was very puzzled, because I had made another nomination in 2022 that was accepted without question, but now I was not qualified to do so. Fortunately, a retired Colonel who had supported the effort from the beginning stepped up and quickly provided 25 letters of nomination for my unacceptable nominations. Next month, I will also tell you how much money he is now expected to shell out since he became the nominee of record for those 25 long-forgotten women. There are no female OCS graduates from World War II in the Army OCS Hall of Fame, and we are changing that. Not easy, but they paved the way for the women attending OCS today, and they deserve recognition for their many accomplishments.

That's all for Now. Thanks Again!!!!

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