



Artillery OCS News and Commentary September 10, 2025



Greetings from Fort Sill,

We have been busy and fell behind in our efforts to keep in touch. We really appreciate your patience. This is not the first time we have dragged our feet. We will do our best to follow up on our activities by the end of the month.

Today, we will focus on the Officer Candidate School graduates who died on 9/11 and during the Global War on Terror.

We are committed to ensuring they will never be forgotten. As I said before, this is one of the many reasons the Army OCS Database was conceived. The information shared below would not have been possible without the database.

It is safe to say that 9/11 shook the nation, and we came together with sadness and patriotism to rally behind our military effort. At this time, I want to push **everything** else aside and remember our OCS Fallen.

Twenty-four years ago, we lost three OCS graduates: a Lieutenant General, and a Major in the Pentagon and a retired Colonel in Tower Two.

I am proud to share what Rob McCall (Engineer OCS), Commander of the Army OCS Alumni Association Florida Chapter, sent out a couple of days ago:

"As we approach 9/11, I am reminded that many of today's OCS candidates (and some graduates) were not even born when that horrible day unfolded and led us to commence the Global War on Terror.

Even so, we must never forget the two active-duty and one retired OCS graduate we lost on that day when hijacked aircraft slammed into the Twin Towers and the Pentagon. Nor must we ever forget the other nine OCS graduates we have identified as killed in action during the Global War on Terror, which included operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Yemen, Libya and later, other countries. Remembering the fallen preserves the OCS legacy of service and sacrifice and ensures they will always be honored. RIP our brothers": *Note for the entries below: (IN is Infantry OCS, BI is Branch Immaterial OCS, FO is Federal OCS). I could not get the thumbnail photos of the Fallen to fit on this page like I wanted, so everything below, plus thumbnails, is also at:*

<https://artilleryocshistory.org/global-war-on-terror.html>

Lieutenant General Timothy J Maude (IN 11-67) died from a terrorist aircraft crash into the Pentagon 11 September 2001 while serving as Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel in the Pentagon. He was the highest-ranking officer killed since WWII. He was inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame in 1991.

Major Wallace C Hogan, Jr (BI RC1-81) died from a terrorist aircraft crash into the Pentagon 11 September 2001 while serving in the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans.

Colonel (Ret) Richard C Rescorla (IN 4-65), although not on active duty, died from a terrorist aircraft crash into Tower Two, World Trade Center 11 September 2001 while serving as director of security for Morgan Stanley. He was inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame in 2001.

First Lieutenant Colby Umbrell (FO 510-04) died from an improvised explosive device 3 May 2007 in Iraq while serving with the 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25 Infantry Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

First Lieutenant Christopher N Rutherford (FO 9-05) died from an improvised explosive device 2 July 2007 in Iraq while serving with the Forward Support Group, 19th Engineer Battalion, during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Major Thomas G Bostick (FO 2-99) died from small arms and rocket propelled grenade fire on 27 July 2007 in Afghanistan while serving as Commander Troop B, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade during Operation Enduring Freedom. **He was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.**

Captain Peter H Burks (FO 8-06) died from an improvised explosive device 14 November 2007 in Iraq while serving with the 4th Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Captain Michael A Norman (FO 7-01) died from an improvised explosive device 31 January 2008 in Iraq while serving with the Military Transition Team, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

First Lieutenant Donald C Carwile (FO 9-06) died from an improvised explosive device 15 August 2008 in Afghanistan while serving with the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Major Robert D Lindenau (FO 2-99) died from rocket propelled grenade fire on 20 October 2008 in Afghanistan while serving with the 91st Civil Affairs Battalion, 95th Civil Affairs Brigade during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Captain William K Jernigan (FO 6-06) died from a noncombat-related incident 24 November 2008 in Iraq while serving with Headquarters Company, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

First Lieutenant Jeffrey D Cooper (FO 7-14) died from a rollover noncombat accident 10 September 2016 in Kuwait while serving with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), during Operation Inherent Resolve.

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Captain William D Swenson (FO 502-02) was awarded the Medal of Honor for actions on 8 September 2009 while serving as an embedded advisor to the Afghan National Border Police, Task Force Phoenix, Combined Security Transition Command Afghanistan. He was inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame in 2014.

Captain Florent A Groberg (FO 12-08) was awarded the Medal of Honor for actions on 8 August 2012 while serving as a personal security detachment commander Task Force Mountain Warrior, Fourth Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Fourth Infantry Division, Afghanistan. He was inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame in 2020.

Coming Soon:

The Fort Sill Garrison Commander is a "modern day" OCS Graduate.

The Fort Sill Chief of Staff was his OCS classmate.

The Fort Sill Commanding General is the son of a 1943 Artillery OCS graduate.

We discovered three more Artillery OCS graduates who were killed in the Korean War.

We are nearing completion of nominations of 24 Women's Army Corps OCS graduates to the Army OCS Hall of Fame. Two LTGs, two BGS, twenty COLs.

Not a single graduate of the Army OCS program at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, in World War II is in the Hall of Fame. Eight of them rose to the highest position in the Women's Army Corps. Three of them rose to the highest position in the Women's Air Force. You can't do much better than that.....

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**Thanks for your continuing support, and thanks for your patience,
Randy C. Dunham (Class 10-69)**

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