



Artillery OCS News December 23, 2024



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 highlight the cheerful Christmas display at 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.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Fort Sill, Oklahoma

We will continue to do our best 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 forward thinking OCS graduates who also have a deep appreciation for preserving the history of OCS and the sacrifices and contributions of OCS graduates to our Nation. More on that in 2025.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this. Your support to us over the years came in many ways. It is much more than just financial contributions and the list of types of support I want to share with you is nothing new. I believe you will find one or more examples of how you have supported us. THANK YOU.

Emotional Support:

Listening actively, offering words of encouragement, showing empathy, and validating someone's feelings.

Informational Support:

Providing facts, data, advice, or guidance on a specific topic or problem.

Tangible Support:

Offering practical assistance like covering workload, helping with a task, or providing resources.

Esteem Support:

Recognizing achievements, praising efforts, and expressing confidence in someone's abilities.

Instrumental Support:

Sharing specialized skills, expertise, or technical knowledge to solve a problem.

Reminders of content on the Artillery OCS History Website

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 be adding to it during 2025, so if you have something you would like to share with us, please do. The book is available in PDF on the Artillery OCS History website. We will be updating and correcting a few things and sharing more of our research. 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 to just let it be wrong for years and add to the vast amount of bad information floating around.

The OCS Experience (788 pages downloadable PDF)

https://artilleryocshistory.org/uploads/1/4/5/9/145902858/ocsmemories_11-9-2022.pdf

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

We also have a Google Photo collection with daily life of candidates, class pictures and reunion pictures from graduates.

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

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

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

Looking back to the December Email 2023 Newsletter confirms to me that we have made some progress. The construction phase was complete in November 2023 and Gordon Blaker, the Museum Curator and his volunteers moved our displays into the facility starting December 12, 2023. We were still waiting on the approval of our naming request to put Artillery Officer Candidate School Heritage Hall and the OCS Logo on the East entrance to the facility. I said then that a hard copy of a big newsletter was coming soon for all the alumni who do not get our periodic email news. I did not get that done, but progress is being made and I have a bunch more information for that group after the first of the year.

LTC Charity Adams Commander of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion:

A significant disappointment for us is that our Army OCS Hall of Fame nomination of the most notable female graduate of OCS during World War II was reviewed and will not be considered for 2025. I attribute the inaction to a failure of the Army OCS Alumni President and the US Army OCS Hall of Fame to understand the historic significance of this woman's accomplishments and leadership. LTC was the highest rank a WAC could achieve until 1967. There are currently no female OCS graduates from World War II in the Army OCS Hall of Fame and only 33 who graduated after the WAC and the Army merged in 1978.

A page on the website with more information about LTC Charity Adams and a copy of the Hall of Fame Nomination and our email exchange with the Commander of the Army OCS program at Fort Moore is available at:

<https://artilleryocshistory.org/ltc-charity-adams.html>

Contributions to the Artillery OCS Alumni Chapter:

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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