



Artillery OCS Alumni News January 31, 2023

Artillery OCS Heritage Center Status Report

The Artillery OCS Heritage Center will be built thanks to a dedicated group of Alumni and Friends who believe in the project and are providing financial support.

We came up against a big stumbling block in December and reached out for more funds. The immediate response convinced me that **WE** would succeed in preserving our Legacy and helping the Field Artillery Museum accomplish its mission.

WE are on the way.

WE are not there yet.

More than ever - Your support is needed and appreciated.

More than 49,000 officers were commissioned from Artillery OCS (1941-1973).

Our numbers are dwindling, and we only have contact with about 3,000 graduates. I am certain **WE** can rally together and quickly raise the additional funds needed to complete the project. "**Cooperate and Graduate**" comes to mind.

When we reached out to you on December 20th, our shortfall was nearly \$200,000. Since then, we have received 162 contributions totaling \$98,315.

Most contributions are from individuals who previously donated, and we are incredibly grateful for the continuing support. The 38 first-time contributors in that group are now members of the **TEAM**.

If you are not yet part of the **TEAM**, please give serious consideration to contributing. If you made an earlier contribution, an additional donation at this time would surely help the cause.

I am especially thankful for the support from the United States Army OCS Alumni Association (Fort Benning). I contacted the VP-Operations of the organization by email on New Year's Eve, and on January 2nd, our support request was approved without objection, and a check for \$5,000 was on the way.

750 Artillery OCS graduates and Friends have contributed more than \$588,000 to the Artillery OCS Heritage Center project since November 1, 2019. Those generous and caring graduates make up about one and one-half percent of the officers who were commissioned from Artillery OCS.

A contribution to the Heritage Center project makes you a member of a very special **TEAM** determined to preserve the legacy of the Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill. It would be great to have everybody reading this become part of the **TEAM**. **WE** are a small group doing something significant.

Materials are already being delivered to the storage area adjacent to the Field Artillery Museum. The ground will soon be broken, and construction will begin.

Note: We currently have issues with our website, and a lot of information is outdated. The following links go to current information stored on Dropbox concerning the Heritage Center Fundraising Progress, Lists of Contributors and Special Donor Recognition.

You should be able to view the files in Dropbox at the links below, even if you do not have an account or the App.

Click Here for Heritage Center General Information: [Heritage Center 1-31-2023.pdf](#)

Click here to view the Alphabetical list of Contributors: [donors alpha list 1-31-2023.pdf](#)

Click here to view the Class list order of Contributors: [donors class list 1-31-2023.pdf](#)

Click here to view Special Recognition lists: [special recognition list 1-31-2023.pdf](#)

Click here to view the Material drop-off area: [Material Storage area.jpg](#)

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

**We also accept contributions by credit card through our PayPal link halfway down on the right side of the front page of the Artillery OCS Alumni website:
<https://www.artilleryocsalumni.com>**

Thanks for your continuing support.

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