



Artillery OCS News June 28, 2023

Greetings from Fort Sill,

Heritage Center Update:

We are well into the construction phase and busy working with Museum Curator Gordon Blaker on the exhibit plan and display layout. We are deciding what will go into display cases and what will hang on the wall. We are preparing to move things into the new building as soon as it is suitable to occupy. Museum volunteers are building display cases specifically for certain items.

Penny and I moved everything that was in Durham Hall into a storage facility when we vacated Durham Hall. That is a lot of stuff. It was a physically demanding undertaking that had to be done. Fortunately, the storage facility is only 3 minutes away from our home and moving the items selected for display in the Heritage Center will be less demanding and can be done as the displays are created.

We are working on the displays and storyboards for Fallen Comrades (World War II, Korea and Vietnam), Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross and a special Jark display. Photos of daily OCS life are being selected from the archives for the walls.

I will follow up with a diagram and summary of our layout and exhibit plan in July.

Websites:

I am struggling to keep up with everything and will continue to give it my best effort. My spouse (Penny Dunham), the driving force behind all that happens is currently not able to maintain the Artillery OCS Alumni website that she built and that we have maintained for the past 20 years. She is dealing with other overwhelming obligations and issues and I am without her assistance and the support I have grown accustomed to.

The future of the Artillery OCS Alumni website is uncertain.

I am trying to piece together and maintain a basic website presence at:

<http://artilleryocshistory.org/index.html>

If you have time, please look from the perspective of a work in progress.

A menu of the individual web pages is across the top of the OCS Home (Index page)

OCS Experience

Rosters

Class Pictures

Heritage Center

Clicking on More tab opens a dropdown menu of additional pages:

Fallen Comrades

Hall of Fame

OCS Daily Life

Contact- About Us

I will add new content and additional pages whenever I can.

If there is anything that you would like to see - please ask. I can quickly create a page or sub-page and add it to the website.

There are links on the "OCS Daily Life" page to 64 online photo albums with more than 1,750 images of Artillery OCS Daily Life - worth checking out.

There is a link on the "OCS Experience" page to Download a PDF of the 788-page OCS Experience (newly revised in November 2022) that Penny and I compiled - worth checking out (my opinion).

There are links on the "Class Pictures" page to the online Class Photo collection. Select the appropriate year grouping and click on the OCS icon. The photos in each album are in class order for the year group selected. Click on a class picture in the album and it will fill your screen.

The Heritage Center Page with links to general information, contributor lists and photos of the building progress is at:

<https://artilleryocshistory.org/artillery-ocs-heritage-hall.html>

The website is bare bones with no flash but will have information.

Email Delivery Problems:

We continue trying to re-establish contact with graduates who are not receiving the periodic "Artillery OCS Alumni News."

There is something in our email address, subject line or content that is causing some filters to identify our emails as unsolicited and unwanted junk.

Several hundred graduates who are not receiving our "Artillery OCS Alumni News" have verified their email or provided updated contact information. Only a few are finally getting through.

If you are reading this, we're in touch with you. It is the ones not reading this that I am worried about. A lot of them have contributed to the Heritage Center and deserve to be kept up to date.

Since November 1, 2019, more than 790 alumni and friends have contributed \$674,837 toward our goal of \$785,000 in contributions. We have achieved 86 % of our goal. Pay requests and invoices are rolling in. I am confident that our alumni will continue with the generous financial support that we have been blessed with, and we will reach our goal.

If you have already contributed, please try to help us again - if you can. If you have not contributed, please consider doing so. We really need you to join this effort and become part of the Team.

The Legacy of the Artillery OCS at Fort Sill is being preserved with the financial support of less than 2 percent of our 49,000 graduates. The first candidates graduated in October 1941, and the last in July 1973. Our numbers have dwindled significantly over the years. Those of us who are still here are the ones who will make this happen. Let's work together and do it as a tribute to our departed Brothers.

The Artillery OCS Alumni Chapter is an IRS 501(C)3 charitable organization.
Donations are tax-deductible.
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You can send a check to:
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We also accept contributions by credit card through PayPal:
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Thanks for your continuing support.

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