



## **Artillery OCS Alumni News March 16, 2023**

Greetings from Fort Sill,

### **Heritage Center Funding Update:**

The demolition and site work in the area adjacent to the Field Artillery Museum, where the building will be constructed, is underway. A tree in the way of progress has been cut down and hauled away. The stump will soon be gone. Wet weather is in the forecast, so nothing much else will be accomplished for a few days.

**We analyzed the bid sheet tabulations with our construction management firm (CDBL Inc.) and crunched the numbers again. We adjusted our fundraising goal to \$785,000 to cover our projected costs to complete the project.**

Since November 1, 2019, when we first asked for contributions to support the Heritage Center Project, 765 Artillery OCS graduates, families and friends have contributed **\$633,992** to the effort. **We have achieved 81% of our GOAL.**

**We need additional contributions of \$151,008 from our Alumni and Friends to reach our goal and complete the project.**

About 25% of the 3,000 alumni we have contact information for have contributed.

We would like to say that every graduate on our contact list contributed to making the Heritage Center a reality. We are a small group working together to accomplish something very significant. This is a Team effort.

**I am not a professional fund-raiser. Thank You to everybody who has supported our effort. If you can, please find a way to help get us over the top. I am in awe of the support so far. The numbers tell the story. You are part of a remarkable group who served this Nation in uniform.**

**If you have not yet contributed, we hope you will consider making a generous contribution. We really need your help.**

**If you have made a previous contribution, we hope that you will consider making an additional contribution.**

**The Legacy of the Artillery OCS at Fort Sill is currently 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. Many graduates do not know we exist or passed away before we became an organization. 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.**

**Note: Our Website is currently down for maintenance. We apologize for the inconvenience and hope to have it back in operation soon.**

The following link takes you to the special Heritage Center web page where you can find information about the Heritage Center Fundraising Progress, lists of contributors and special donor recognition.

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

**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 PayPal:**

**For information on various ways, you can support our efforts click on this link:**

<https://artilleryocshistory.org/support-us.html>

**Thanks for your continuing support.**

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