

The Artillery Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame

Colonel William H. Brinnon, Artillery OCS Class 107-44 meets the criteria for induction into the Artillery Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame. He was promoted to Colonel (O-6) on August 15, 1967.

In keeping with the original intent of the Fort Sill Artillery OCS Hall of Fame, the goal is to honor every graduate who attained the rank of Colonel (O-6) or above. On January 5, 1968, OCS Commandant Colonel Marlin Camp wrote *“The west room of the Lanyard Lounge (Building 3031) will be the Hall of Fame and now contains pictures of graduates who have attained the rank of full colonel and above, and graduates who have been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross or Medal of Honor. I now consider this the appropriate time to announce to the public, through Army news media, the establishment of this Hall of Fame to commence a concentrated effort for additional nominees.”*

During December 1968 Army Times included the following: *“Fort Sill officials say that many of the school’s distinguished alumni may be missing from the Hall’s roster because class lists from the school’s early days are incomplete and because the Hall was established too recently for an extensive search to have been completed yet. The school is seeking assistance from OCS alumni, in tracking down all eligible candidates for the Hall.”*

Inclusion in the Hall of Fame reflects credit upon both the individuals and the Artillery Officer Candidate School as an institution. Citizen soldiers who answered the call during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam are the legacy of Artillery OCS. An OCS graduate attaining the rank of full colonel is a significant accomplishment, and many who rose to that level in the 1960 and 1970’s were never recognized.

An unfortunate misconception for some time was that the Hall of Fame was only for Artillery branch (Field Artillery or Air Defense Artillery) officers. That was never the case. All Graduates from OCS at Fort Sill are eligible for the Hall of Fame, regardless of branch. Regular Army, Reserve, and National Guard officers are all qualified and self-nominations have always been accepted for the Hall of Fame.

U.S., Select Military Registers, 1862-1985 for William Henry Brinnon
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**BRINNON William Henry 055931 B-Ohio 16 Jan 23 A -Ohio CR(OLC)
 Grad USA C&GS Coll 58 Arty Sch O Adv Crse 53 Str Int Sch 59
 BFA Seattle Univ 57 Enl 23 June 42 to 12 May 44 2lt FA Res 13
 May 44 to Lt Col AUS 12 June 62 RA 1lt FA 12 Nov 47 D/R 13
 May 47 to Lt Col 13 May 65 PL 5595**

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