

Brigadier General Marlin W. Camp

Artillery Officer Candidate School Brigade Commander 1967-1968

Honorary Member of the Artillery OCS Hall of Fame

Brigadier General Marlin W. Camp was born Nov. 23, 1920, in Marshall County, AL to Lurlie Clayton and Julia Taylor Camp. He attended Cullman County High School and Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn University, graduating in 1941.

He entered active duty in the military in May 1942. He fought in World War II as a captain, in Korea as a major and Vietnam as a colonel. He retired as a brigadier general at Fort Sill on May 1, 1972. He was in Dachau, Germany, in World War II when the concentration camp was liberated, he was in Berlin during the Berlin Blockade, was senior aide-de-camp to High Commissioner John J. McCloy; commanded a 240mm Howitzer Battalion in Korea; commanded the 1st Infantry Division Artillery in Vietnam; commanded the Officer Candidate Brigade, USAFAS, Fort Sill, from 1967 to 1968; and commanded VII Corps Artillery in Stuttgart, Germany from 1970-1971. He attended the branch advanced course, Command and General Staff College and Army War College.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star with V, Air Medal with eleven Oak Leaf Clusters and the Meritorious Service Medal. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge in Vietnam.

While serving as the Commanding Officer of the Artillery Officer Candidate School Brigade in November 1967, he directed the Deputy Commanding Officer Colonel Henry A. Grace to form a committee of officers to consider creating a Hall of Fame. The committee was formed and determined the steps to be taken to begin the establishment of the Hall of Fame. After a liaison trip to the Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, the committee presented a comprehensive report on the Infantry OCS Hall of Fame and recommended to General Camp that an OCS Hall of Fame be established at Fort Sill.

The committee then formulated the steps needed to establish the Hall of Fame. The committee worked through the process and the proposed Hall of Fame standard operating procedures were presented to the Deputy Fort Sill Commanding General in January 1968. The entire plan was approved and when everything was in place the U.S. Army Artillery and Missile School established the Hall of Fame by General Order # 115 on June 29, 1968.