

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH  
ARTILLERY OCS HALL OF FAME

1. NAME JAMES W. CANNON DATE 27 Dec 70  
RANK COL DOR 5 Oct 70  
DOB 2 Aug 29
2. Address 5705 Shropshire Court, Alexandria, Va 22310
3. OCS Class Number Ground General School, Ft Riley, Kansas, Class #11  
Date Graduated/Commissioned 22 Jul 49
4. Present Duty Assignment/Occupation Commanding Officer  
Address 1st Cavalry Division Artillery (AM), APO SF 96490
5. **Brief resume of duty assignment:** During the period July 1949 to June 1955, I served as battery officer, battery commander, battalion S3 and other staff positions in Field Artillery battalions of the 1st Infantry and 82d Airborne Divisions. From June 1955 to August 1958, I was an Assistant PMST with the Chicago High Schools, Chicago, Ill. From August 1958 thru June, 1959, I was a student in the Artillery Officer Advanced Course. After attending the Military Assistance Orientation Course, I served as the Artillery Advisor with the USA Element MAAG, Iran, from November 1959 to February 1961. Upon return to CONUS, I attended the University of Omaha and received a Bachelor of General Education Degree. From July 1961 to July 1963, I was a battery commander and the Battalion Executive Officer, 2d Battalion, 10th Artillery, at Fort Benning, Georgia. From August 1963 thru June 1964, I attended the Command and General Staff College, and then was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division, where I served as Assistant Fire Support Coordinator, Deputy G-3, Assistant Chief of Staff G-2, and after movement of the Division to Vietnam in 1966, commander of the 1st Battalion, 8th Artillery. Upon return to CONUS I served with the War Games Division, Institute of Special Studies, USACDC, Ft Belvoir, Va. I attended the Army War College in 1968-1969. From July 1969 until September 1970, I served on the Department of the Army Staff in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, completing that tour as the Chief, Fire Support Branch, Combat Arms Systems Division. On 28 September 1970, I assumed command of the 1st Cavalry Division (AM) Artillery.
6. **Awards & Decorations:** Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal w/V (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (w/6 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (w/1 OLC) Good Conduct Medal, RVN Gallantry Cross w/SS (3d awd), RVN Gallantry Cross w/Palm, Combat Infantry Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge.

7. General Remarks:

