

Narrative for COL Connolly's induction into the OCS Hall of Fame

COL James P. Connolly has served the Army with distinction and selfless service since his initial enlistment in 1981 at the age of twenty-eight. He has proven himself as a soldier, leader, teacher, mentor and visionary who has had an enormous influence on not only the Field Artillery but the United States Army. Since receiving his Officer Candidate School Commission at Fort Benning in 1982 COL Connolly has held every Field Artillery position from Battery Executive Officer to Battalion Commander. Additionally he has developed his tactical and technical skills serving in both heavy and light division throughout his career. He taught future leaders of the Army when assigned as an Instructor Writer and then later as the Chief of the Fire Support Branch for the Infantry Training Center. As the Professor of Military Studies at Penn State University then LTC Connolly, provided invaluable oversight to 200 prospective lieutenants. In addition to mentoring future leaders he was responsible for the supervision of three ROTC programs at remote campuses which included 30 Active Duty Military Instructors. His enlisted, OCS and commissioned officer experience proved invaluable during this assignment.

Recently COL Connolly served as the Director of the Field Artillery Proponency Office. Where he provided advice, assistance, formulation and implementation of personnel management policies, programs, and procedures impacting the readiness of well over 25,000 active Army officers, warrant officers, noncommissioned officers and enlisted soldiers.

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