

Penny L. Dunham Honorary

Penny L. Dunham is recognized for her outstanding contribution to preserving the Legacy of the Fort Sill Artillery Officer Candidate School. She started researching the history of the school after a trip to Fort Sill in 2003. She discovered that accurate lists of graduates and casualties from WWII, Korea and Vietnam did not exist. A concise written history had not been compiled and the existing class rosters and related information needed a massive update. A trip to the 2004 Artillery OCS Alumni reunion inspired her to devote herself to research and document the remarkable story of OCS at Fort Sill and its place in our nation's history.

Penny and her spouse Randy Dunham re-located to Lawton-Fort Sill in 2005 and committed themselves to the Artillery OCS project. The keys to Building 3025 (Durham Hall) were turned over to them shortly after they arrived, and together they have served as the administrators and curators of the Artillery OCS Hall of Fame ever since. The files were filled with dozens of unfinished nomination packets and long forgotten information about the accomplishments of graduates. Hundreds were eligible for the Hall of Fame and many of them have since been honored. Penny has tirelessly served in a volunteer capacity as the Artillery OCS Alumni webmaster, an administrative assistant, reunion planning committee chair, historian, consultant and newsletter editor.

The other Honorary members of the Artillery Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame are Brigadier General (Ret) Lawrence H. Caruthers, Jr., Brigadier General (Ret) Marlin W. Camp, Mr. John R. Thomas, Mrs. Ana Lou Johnson and Colonel (Ret) Anthony J. Puckett.