

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH FOR  
ARTILLERY OCS HALL OF FAME  
U.S. ARMY FIELD ARTILLERY MUSEUM  
Fort Sill, Oklahoma 73503

1. NAME C F HASTINGS JR DATE 17 MAR '83  
RANK COL  
DOR 3 Sep '73  
DOB 1 APRIL 1932

ADDRESS 704 TRAVIS N, SAN BENITO, TX, 78586

3. OCS CLASS NUMBER #8

DATE GRADUATED/COMMISSIONED 13 NOV 1952

4. PRESENT DUTY ASSIGNMENT/OCCUPATION RETIRED - REALTOR

ADDRESS 216 EDMOND DR #10, HARLINGEN TX 78550

5. BRIEF RESUME OF DUTY ASSIGNMENTS: See ATTACH DA Form 66 & Resume -  
Commanded 5 Batteries, 2 Battalions, 2 WAs, & DA STAFF  
with OCS as PERSHING II staff officer.

6. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

NSM, KSM, WNSM, ARCOM W/OLC, VSM, MSM, BSM,  
VN Cross Gallw/AGM, RVN CM, AM w/ 3 stars, LOM, NDSM/OLC  
GS Ident, PERSHING 10 BADGE 56mm Bde, PERSHING 10 WINGS,  
II Ger Pershing Bde

PRESS RELEASE: LOCAL REALTOR IS HONORED

THIS WEEK, 27 APRIL 83, COLONEL FRITZ HASTINGS, US ARMY RETIRED, WAS INDUCTED INTO THE US ARMY FIELD ARTILLERY OCS "HALL OF FAME" AT THE USA FIELD ARTILLERY MUSEUM AT FORT SILL, (LAWTON) OKLAHOMA. THE DATE COINCIDES WITH COL HASTINGS' ENTRY INTO THE KOREAN WAR, THIRTY YEARS AGO. HIS CAREER STARTED IN 1951 WHEN HE JOINED THE ARMY AS A PRIVATE. HASTINGS WAS COMMISSIONED A 2ND LIEUTENANT IN 1952 AND SERVED AS AN OFFICER IN THE KOREAN AND VIETNAMESE WARS DURING HIS 28 YEARS OF SERVICE. HE COMMANDED 4 FIELD ARTILLERY BATTERIES, 2 FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALIONS AND WAS DEPUTY COMMANDER OF 2 BRIGADES OF FOUR THOUSAND TROOPS EACH. ATTAINING THE RANK OF COLONEL IN 22 YEARS SERVICE, HE SERVED IN THE PENTAGON 1971-1974 AS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTION OFFICER AND ESTABLISHED THE PERSHING II PROGRAM THAT IS TODAY'S PRESIDENTIAL AND NATO OPTION FOR "START TALKS" WITH THE USSR. COLONEL HASTINGS AND HIS WIFE OF 32 YEARS, THE FORMER BETTE L. BRADBURN OF CONNERSVILLE, INDIANA, HAVE BEEN STATIONED IN FIVE COUNTRIES, TEN DIFFERENT STATES AND COMPLETED 14 MOVES DURING THEIR YEARS WITH THE US ARMY. FRITZ HASTINGS, FORMERLY OF THE BROWNSVILLE FIRM OF FAITH REALTY, IS PRESENTLY THE MANAGER OF THE HARLINGEN BRANCH OF FAITH REALTY, INC. OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS. "WITH ALL OF THE MOVES WE'VE BEEN THROUGH, WE CERTAINLY HAVE A FEEL FOR HOME OWNERS - BUYERS AND SELLERS!" HASTINGS SAID. COMMENTING ON HIS INDUCTION TO THE HALL OF FAME, HASTINGS SAID THAT HE WAS VERY HAPPY AND PROUD TO SEE AMERICAN CITIZENS ONCE AGAIN SUPPORTING THEIR MILITARY FORCES, AND THAT YOUNG SOLDIERS CAN ONCE AGAIN BE PROUD TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY!