

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

1. NAME ISAAC R. JONES DATE 21 June 1976
RANK Colonel
DOR December 1974
DOB 23 October 1934

5. BRIEF RESUME OF DUTY ASSIGNMENTS:

Following commissioning from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School in 1955, Colonel Jones attended the Army Aviation School where he qualified as an Army aviator and subsequently served in various company grade flying assignments at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. During 1960-1963 he was assigned to the Southern European Task Force (SETAF) in northern Italy where he served first on flying duties and later as a battery commander in a corporal battalion. Upon return to the United States he attended the Field Artillery Associate Advanced Course, graduating second in his class, followed by a degree completion program at the University of Omaha and the Aviation Safety Course at the University of Southern California. The next two years found him with the 501st Aviation Battalion, 1st Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas. This tour was interrupted in 1965 for attendance at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Colonel Jones' first tour in Vietnam was served during 1966-67, initially as a Platoon Commander and later as the Commander of D Company, 229th Aviation Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division. Returning from Vietnam, Colonel Jones was assigned to the Army Aviation Center and School where he served until transferred to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel at the Pentagon. Returning to Vietnam in 1971, he first commanded the 229th Battalion, in which he was assigned on his first tour, and later the 1st Battalion of the 21st Artillery. After a brief tour with the Army Material Command in 1972, Colonel Jones attended the Air War College and was subsequently assigned to the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff where he served as the Command Center Operations Chief. During his tour there he was selected for artillery command and was transferred to Fort Polk, Louisiana, where he currently serves as Artillery Commander of the 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized).

6. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

NDSM/AFRM/VSM/AM (28 OLC)/VCM/DFC (1 OLC)/GCM/BSM/ARCOM/
COM/MSM (1 OLC)/VC of GW/MSTARAVB/

7. GENERAL REMARKS: Colonel Jones is an outstanding officer who personifies today's professional soldier. His selection from below the primary zone for promotion to colonel is indicative of his distinguished record.