

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH FOR THE FIELD ARTILLERY OCS HALL OF FAME

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Date of Rank						Awards and Decorations
	2LT	1LT	CPT	MAJ	LTC	Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal w/OLC, Good Conduct Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Japan), National Defense Service Medal w/OLC, Vietnam Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Staff Service Medal, 1 st Class, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/device, Aircraft Crew Badge, 2 O/S bars.
DOR	15 Jun 52	15 Jan 54	12 Nov 58	27 Dec 63	19 Jul 67	
	COL	BG	MG	LTG	GEN	

Assignment History						
From	To	Organization	Station	Duty Title		
10-Oct-50	14-Jul-52	223rd Inf Regt	Fort Sill, OK	Sgt/Candidate		
15-Jul-52	30-Apr-53	4054 ASU (Stu Det)	Ft Bliss, TX	Student Officer		
1-May-53	26-Jul-53	2 Off Stu Btry TAS 4050 ASU	TDY Ft Sill, OK	Student Officer		
27-Jul-53	25-Jan-54	Btry C 457 Abn FA Bn	Ft Campbell, KY	Exec Off		
26-Jan-54	14-Jun-54	Svc Btry 457 Abn FA Bn	Ft Campbell, KY	Btry Comdr		
15-Jun-54	5-Jul-56	HQ 4 AAA Gp	USARAL	Radar Off		
6-Jul-56	17-Apr-57	AAA&SAMBO(44-0-1) #1-57	Ft Bliss, TX	Student Officer		
18-Jul-57	29-Aug-59	AcadOrg USARADSCH (4054)	Ft Bliss, TX	Ch Research & Analysis		
30-Aug-59	21-Jan-60	AssocFAOffAdvCrS	TDY Ft Sill, OK	Student Officer		
22-Jan-60	31-Jul-60	HQ I Corps (Gp) Arty	USARPAC Korea	Asst S-2		
1-Aug-60	31-Mar-61	HQ I Corps (Gp) Arty	USARPAC Korea	Civ Pers Off		
1-Apr-61	14-Aug-62	USA Air Def Bd (8204)	Ft Bliss, TX	Test O MSTD		

15-Aug-62	21-Dec-62	Assoc C&GSC (250-A-C3)	Ft Leavenworth, KS	Student Officer
22-Dec-62	29-Jan-65	USA Air Def Bd (8204)	Ft Bliss, TX	Ch HAWK Test Br Msl Sys Test Div
30-Jan-65	5-Aug-65	U of Omaha	Omaha, NE	Student Officer
6-Aug-65	31-Oct-65	Hq 8th Msl Bn (HAWK) 1st Arty	Okinawa	Bn XO
1-Nov-65	29-May-66	1st Msl Bn 57th Arty USARPAC	Okinawa	Bn XO
30-May-66	14-Oct-66	1st Msl Bn 57th Arty USARPAC	Okinawa	Bn Comd
15-Oct-66	5-Oct-67	Hq USARYYIS (1000) USARPAC	Okinawa	Protocol Officer
6-Oct-67	12-Nov-67	USA ELM MACV (SD5891)	TDY USASWS Ft Bragg, NC	Student Officer
13-Nov-67	3-Jan-68	StuDetMDW, USA	FSI T934 Arl Blvd Arl, VA	Student Officer
4-Jan-68	23-Mar-68	USA ELM MACV (SD5891)	TDY HHCDLISC Biggs Fld FBT	Student Officer
24-Mar-68	10-Apr-69	USA ELM MACV (SD5891)	Vietnam	AdvMNPRqmts/ProgAnalBrJ1
11-Apr-69	30-Nov-70	USACDCADA	Ft Bliss, TX	ChProjOff,MatBrMOEDiv

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General Remarks

As Radar Officer, 4th AAA Group promoted and implemented a procedure called "velocity fire" to replace the existing procedure of using a "trial shot point". This enabled 120mm guns to bring more effective fire on aerial targets utilizing the M33 Fire Control System and current meteorological data.

As Chief, Research & Analysis Branch, Electronics & Engineering Department, US Army Air Defense School continually reviewed and revised all basic electronic examinations to more effectively measure student knowledge of basic electronics. This information, in turn, was used to revise teaching and teaching methods to insure a higher completion rate on equipment oriented instruction and reduces student attrition rates.

As Chief, HAWK Branch, Materiel Systems Test Division, US Army Air Defense Board provided significant test data that resulted in the HAWK Improvement Program.

As Battalion Executive Officer and subsequently Battalion Commander, 1st Missile Battalion, 57th Artillery prepared the battalion for an Annual Service Practice in Korea which involved coordination with the US Navy for movement of the Battalion from Okinawa and return.

As the Protocol Officer, US Army Ryukyu Islands, MG Bruce Kendall, Deputy Commanding General, USARYIS, wrote "Major Jim McLaughlin, Thanks for your outstanding work in USARYIS. Keeping all the visitors happy is about the most impossible job I know of, but you came as close as anyone could. You have a fine future ahead. Best of everything for the future." Bruce Kendall, Okinawa 1967

As the Advisor, Manpower Programs, Plans, & Requirements to the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces (RVNAF) J1 and AG was tasked by Ambassador Komer, Deputy COMUS MACV for CORDS, to develop a strength accounting system for the Popular and Regional Forces. The system that was developed was put into immediate use and was utilized until the fall of Vietnam. MG Trang, AG RVNAF personally decorated LTC McLaughlin with the Staff Service Medal 1st Class.

As the Chief Project Officer, Materiel Branch, US Army Combat Development Command Air Defense Agency developed the Qualitative Materiel Requirement (QMR) for a new air defense missile system called SAM-D. This is currently known as the Patriot System.

LTC McLaughlin was nominated for lifelong Distinguished Community Service. Even though he retired in 1970, he volunteered and was recalled for Desert Storm in 1991.

As a first lieutenant he secured the approval of the Commanding General Fort Bliss to establish the Fort Bliss Federal Credit Union.

In 2002 the Commanding General of Fort Bliss, Major General Stanley E. Green recommended him for induction into the Artillery OCS Hall of Fame and stated:

“James L. McLaughlin started work on this project in November 1957 and followed through until it became a reality in January 1959. When he was a First Lieutenant stationed at Fort Bliss, he recognized the financial benefits to be reaped by our soldiers, retirees, and civilian employees that could only come from a credit union—high interest rates on savings and low interest rates on loans. He was the spearhead in this effort and served on the first Board of Directors. I admire his foresight.... The Fort Bliss Federal Credit Union has grown into a successful financial institution that is very supportive of our military community.”

After retirement from the Army LTC McLaughlin served as a member of the Civic Center in the City of El Paso; a member and Chairman of the Mountain Committee-City of El Paso; established the Central District Civic Association, serving as its first President and continuing to serve as a Director; was a member and President of the Citizens Police Advisory Committee; and served as President of Parent Teacher Association in the Primary and Secondary schools that his children attended.