



GENE C. RICHARDS

CLASS 11-52

Mr. Richards served in the Korean War with Battery C, 57th Field Artillery Battalion as a Forward Observer with Company L, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division and later as a Division Air Section Artillery Air Observer logging 219 combat missions.

He returned to college, earned an Electrical Engineering degree and went to work for Texas Electrical Service Company (TESCO). As Senior Engineer he was responsible for designing, cost estimating and construction oversight of both overhead and underground facilities. He later oversaw safety and Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements during the construction of one of nation's largest nuclear power generating stations.

After learning about the FAOCS Alumni Chapter and the annual reunions he set out to track down all 74 of his OCS classmates. He soon expanded his search to the entire roster of 1950's era graduates using a nationwide telephone directory and making over 15,000 long distance phone calls to verify his likely finds. He provided the information to the Alumni Chapter and mailed more than 4,500 newsletters over the next 24 years. His tireless efforts located the majority of the 1950's graduates and he encouraged them to be active in the Alumni Chapter activities. He has located and helped process Hall of Fame nominations for more than 100 deserving graduates. He continues to update the Chapter on the status of graduates, spread the word on Chapter activities and perpetuate the history and rich heritage of the OCS program.

Mr. Richards' decorations include the Korean Service Medal and the Air Medal with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters.