

Colonel Donald H. Richardson (Class 55-43)

Colonel Richardson was born on August 12, 1920. He joined the Army on July 16, 1942 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School on March 11, 1943. His first assignment was to the Field Artillery Replacement Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Promotion Dates:

First Lieutenant on September 1, 1944

Captain on May 18, 1946

Major on September 29, 1951

Lieutenant Colonel on June 28, 1960

Colonel on May 20, 1966

He graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1959.

Details of his military career are not available and his Artillery OCS Hall of Fame contains only three documents:

1. A letter dated 23 December 1968 from Colonel Richardson to the Commanding Officer, Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill Oklahoma in response to an Army Times article about the efforts to establish the Hall of Fame at Fort Sill.
2. A photograph identified on the reverse as Colonel Richardson. (no name tag on photo)
3. A letter dated 15 January 1969 from 1LT William M. Culham, Custodian Artillery OCS Hall of Fame indicating that as a result of biographical information filed in the Officer Candidate Brigade, **Colonel Richardson was inducted into the Hall of Fame as a Charter Member** and that a certificate attesting to this fact will be forwarded in the very near future. Initial assignment orders upon graduation from OCS and the following images from U.S Select Military Registers were used to verify that he is meets the Hall of Fame Criteria.

U.S., Select Military Registers, 1862-1985 for Donald Richardson

Army > 1972, Volume I

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U.S., Select Military Registers, 1862-1985 for Donald H Richardson

Army and Air Force > 1948, Volume II

Richardson, Donald H. (O37160). B—Mass. 14 Aug. 20.
A—Mass.

Pvt. and cpl. F. A. A. U. S. 16 July 42 to 10 Mar. 43; 2 lt. A. U. S. 11 Mar. 43; accepted 11 Mar. 43; active duty 11 Mar. 43; 1 lt. A. U. S. 1 Sept. 44; capt. A. U. S. 18 May 46.—1 lt. F. A. 5 July 46 with rank from 11 Mar. 46; accepted 25 July 46.

U.S., Select Military Registers, 1862-1985 for Donald Howard Richardson

Army > 1951, Volume I

**RICHARDSON Donald Howard 037160 B-Mass 14 Aug 20 A-Mass
Grad Arty Sch Adv O Crse 50 Enl 16 July 42 to 10 Mar 43 2lt
AUS 11 Mar 43 to Capt AUS 18 May 46 RA 1lt FA 25 July 46
with rank from 11 Mar 46 to Capt 2 Jan 49 PL 13072**

U.S., Select Military Registers, 1862-1985 for Donald Howard Richardson

Army > 1956, Volume I

**RICHARDSON Donald Howard 037160 B-Mass 14 Aug 20 A-Mass
CR Grad Arty Sch Adv O Crse 50 Enl 16 July 42 to 10 Mar 43 2lt
AUS 11 Mar 43 to Maj AUS 29 Aug 51 RA 1lt FA 25 July 46 D/R
11 Mar 46 to Capt 2 Jan 49 PL 10918**

U.S., Select Military Registers, 1862-1985 for Donald Howard Richardson

Army > 1961, Volume I

**RICHARDSON Donald Howard 037160 B-Mass 14 Aug 20 A-Mass
CR Grad ACGSC (C) 59 Arty Sch O Adv Crse 50 Enl 16 July 42
to 10 Mar 43 2lt AUS 11 Mar 43 to Lt Col AUS 28 June 60 RA 1lt
FA 25 July 46 D/R 11 Mar 46 to Maj 2 Jan 57 PL 9023**

U.S., Select Military Registers, 1862-1985 for Donald Howard Richardson

Army > 1966, Volume I

**RICHARDSON Donald Howard 037160 B-Mass 14 Aug 20 A-Mass
CR Grad ACGSC (C) 59 Arty Sch O Adv Crse 50 Enl 16 July 42
to 10 Mar 43 2lt AUS 11 Mar 43 to Lt Col AUS 28 June 60 RA 1lt
FA 25 July 46 D/R 11 Mar 46 to Lt Col 2 Jan 64 PL 4799**

He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.