

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH FOR THE FIELD ARTILLERY OCS HALL OF FAME
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DOR: Feb 56

OCS CLASS #: 35 38
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DOB: 27 August 30

PRESENT DUTY ASSIGNMENT/OCCUPATION: Insurance, Farmer, State Senator

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BRIEF RESUME OF DUTY ASSIGNMENTS: 7 Jul 52, Assigned Ft. Sill Induction Center; Reassigned to Camp Chaffee, AR for basic training, Jul 52; Selected for and completed Leaders Course, 5th Armored Div, Camp Chaffee, Nov 52; Upon completion of Leaders Course, selected for OCS, Ft. Sill, Ok, Class #38; Graduated OCS 14 Jul 53. Assigned as instructor, Department of Materiel, Ft. Sill until discharged 6 Jul 54; Joined Arkansas National Guard, Co. Commander, Hq. & Hq. Co, 2nd Bn, 153 Inf Brigade; Discharged Feb 57 due to civilian job promotion with Southland Life Insurance, Dallas, Texas.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS: National Defense Service Medal, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, Jul 54.

GENERAL REMARKS: I am honored to be nominated by my OCS classmates. If selected, I will do all in my power to uphold the traditions of the Fort Sill Artillery Officer Candidate School.

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Signature

The Honorable Otis Stanley Russ (Class 38-53)

Stanley Russ was born on August 31, 1930, in Conway. He was the youngest of three children and attended the Training School on the campus of Arkansas State Teachers College-now the University of Central Arkansas (UCA) from the first grade through the seventh grade. In the eighth grade, he transferred to Conway Public Schools and graduated in 1948. He attended college at Arkansas Tech University from 1948 to 1950 before transferring to the University of Central Arkansas. He then transferred to the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville where he graduated in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree with a major in agriculture.

Stanley served in the U.S. Army from July 1952 until July 1954. He completed Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and as a second lieutenant was an instructor of artillery. He was discharged with the rank of first lieutenant and was then named company commander in the Arkansas National Guard in Morrilton (Conway County). He remained in the Arkansas National Guard until discharged in 1957.

After leaving the Arkansas National Guard, he went to work in the life insurance business (and remained in the business throughout his time in the Arkansas Senate). Stanley is best known for having served for 26 years in the Arkansas State Senate. Senator Russ served from 1975 through the year 2000. Much of his legislative action was in support of public, private, and higher education.

Stanley was always available to his constituents and cared deeply for the area he represented, especially Faulkner County. He was a true friend of agriculture and was proud of his efforts to assist 4-H clubs throughout Arkansas. From 1977 to 1996, Senator Russ, along with Senators Joe Ray and Gene Rainwater, worked to obtain over \$4 million to fund the Arkansas 4-H center.

The list of his accomplishments, awards he received and the committees on which he served and was serving is lengthy, but several are especially worthy of mention. He was president pro tempore of the Arkansas Senate from 1995 to 1997, and served as governor on several occasions when both the governor and lieutenant governor were out of state at the same time. On one of those occasions, in November 1996, Russ created the Medal of Honor Commission that built the Medal of Honor Memorial on the Arkansas State Capitol grounds.

In 1981 he was named one of the Ten Outstanding State Legislators in the United States by the Assembly of State Government Employees.

He was elected to the Arkansas Tech University Hall of Distinction in 1994 and the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2000. Russ was named, along with James Bridges, the 2012 University of Central Arkansas Distinguished Alumni. In 2001, the building that houses the UCA Department of Mass Communication was named Stanley Russ Hall in his honor. In February 2004, Russ was awarded an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from UCA.