



Artillery OCS Hall of Fame

**Colonel
Charles W. Stockell
Class 67-43**

Colonel Stockell served as a Forward Observer with the 2nd Infantry Division during the assault on Omaha Beach on D-Day in Normandy, France. He was badly injured in a mortar attack two months later and spent three months in a British hospital. He rejoined his unit in time to fight in the Battle of the Bulge in December. Before the war was over, he had flown 207 missions as an Aerial Observer and was the recipient of a Bronze Star for Valor and four Purple Hearts.

Upon his return home after WW II and discharge from the Army, he finished his college education at Vanderbilt University. When the Korean War started, he re-entered the Army and transferred to the Military Intelligence Branch. After learning to speak Russian and attending Foreign Area Specialist training, he served as a military attaché assigned to the US Embassy in the Soviet Union.

Colonel Stockell remained in strategic intelligence work concentrating on the Soviet Union for the remainder of his Army career, having several commands and serving in Thailand, Laos and Germany. After attending the Army War College and serving on the faculty, he became one of the top specialists in his field.

During his busy career in the military, he found time to travel to over 70 countries and almost every continent, enjoying and learning from their cultures. In addition, after his retirement he became a professor at USC-Beaufort, teaching courses on international affairs and the Russian/Soviet threats around the world at the time.

At the age of 90, Colonel Stockell was inducted by the French government into the National Order of the Legion of Honor, the highest military or civilian honor in France. The Legion of Honor was created by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802 to recognize military and civilian service to the French Republic.