

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH  
ARTILLERY OCS HALL OF FAME

1. NAME William P. Tallon, Jr. DATE 6 October 1969  
ASN 0-35965 RANK Colonel DOR 14 July 1964  
DOB 8 May 1920
2. Address Faculty US Army War College (Director of Communist Studies)
3. OCS Class Number 12 Fort Sill, Okla.  
Date Graduated/Commissioned 13 May 1942
4. Present Duty Assignment/Occupation Director of Communist Studies, US Army War College  
Address Box 486 Staff and Faculty, US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa. 17013
5. Brief resume of duty assignments:  
May 42-Apr 44 Plat Ldr & Btry Off, 8th FA Bn, 25th Inf Div, As-Pac  
Apr 44-Nov 45 Btry CO, 790th FA Bn, XII Corps Arty, ETO  
Jul 46-Aug 48 Asst G3, HQ V Corps, Ft Bragg, N.C.  
Jul 49-Aug 52 Btry CO, 456th Abn FA Bn; S3 & XO, 319th Abn FA  
Bn; Asst G3, 82d Abn Div  
Oct 53-Jul 55 Arty Intel Off, HQ Seventh Artillery Army, Germany  
Jul 55-Jul 56 Asst G-3 War Plans, Seventh US Army, Germany  
Jul 56-Aug 59 Instr/Author, Dept Abn, UW, Army Avn, USACGSC,  
Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.  
Aug 59-Aug 60 CO, 2d Bn, 19th Arty, 1st Cav Div, Korea  
Sep 60-Jul 64 S3, XVIII Abn Corps Arty, Ft. Bragg, N.C.  
Jul 65-Jul 67 Division Artillery Commander, 101st Airborne Division, Ft Campbell, Ky.  
Aug 67-Dec 68 Chief of Staff, 101st Airborne Division, Vietnam  
Dec 68-Aug 69 Director, Soviet Studies, Dept of Strategic Appraisal,  
USAWC, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.  
Aug 69-Present Director, Communist Studies, Dept of Strategic Appraisal,  
USAWC, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
6. Awards & Decorations: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with "V" and 2  
OLC's, Army Commendation Medal with 1 OLC, Distinguished Service Order  
2d Class (RVN), Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star (RVN), Unit Gallantry  
Cross with Palm (RVN) Master Parachutist Badge, Vietnamese Master Parachutist  
Badge. Nine battle stars: Guadalcanal, Northern Solomons, Rhineland,  
Central Europe, VN Counter Offensive Phase III, TET, VN Phase IV, VN Phase V,  
and Phase VI. Air Medal for Valor and 2 Oak Leaf Clusters.

7. General Remarks.

Entered Army in Horse-Drawn 112th Field Artillery in January 1941. One of the earliest Combat Forward Observers in the US Army (Dec 42); called for the concentration that earned the 8th FA Bn the name of "Automatic Eighth" (Guadalcanal-Hill 81); claims longest continuous officer service in the 101st Abn Div (40 months); named 19th FA the "Black Horse Batteries" in Korea; while 101 Abn Div Arty CO was charged with confirmatory type II test of M102 howitzer for Artillery Board and influenced its adoption as standard howitzer for airborne and airmobile FA Bns. Has made 119 military and free fall parachute jumps.

Graduate Univ of Omaha

Master of Science, George Washington University

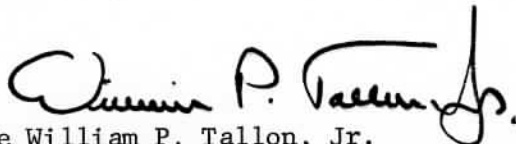
Graduate, USACGSC 1953

Graduate, US Army War College, 1965

Author of "Airborne Operations in Nuclear Battle", Military Review, 1960

Instructor at Command and Staff College, '56-'59

Instructor at Army War College, '69 to present.



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