

FORT SILL MUSEUM
ATTN: MR. SPIVEY
FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA

Dear Mr. Spivey:

Reference our conversation of 25 August, 1982, concerning my induction into the Hall of Fame at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, the following information is submitted:

NAME: Louis O. Vipperman
RANK: Colonel, Retired
SSN:
DOB: 12-18-29

Entered U. S. Army from West Virginia at age 15 in 1945.

Commissioned 2d. Lt., Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, 19 May, 1953. class 37

Promoted to Colonel, 9 April, 1973.

Retired as Colonel, 30 November, 1973, at age 43.

MILITARY TRAINING / EDUCATION

Field Artillery Basic Training	1945
Parachute School	1947
Glider School	1947
Field Artillery Officer Candidate School	1953
Field Artillery Motor Officers Course	1954
Parachute Jumpmaster School	1954
Field Artillery Officers Advance Course	1958
Air-Ground Operations School	1958
Command and General Staff College	1961
Special Forces Officers Course	1967
Military Assistance Training Advisor Course	1967

AWARDS & DECORATIONS

LEGION OF MERIT	(3 Awards)
BRONZE STAR MEDAL	(3 Awards)
AIR MEDAL	
JOINT SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL	
MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL	(2 Awards)
ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL	(3 Awards)
WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL	
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL	(2 Awards)
ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL-GERMANY	
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL	
VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL w/5 Battle Stars	
RESERVE OFFICERS MEDAL	(20 Yrs.)
MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION	
PARACHUTE BADGE	
GLIDER BADGE	
EXPERT PISTOL/RIFLE BADGE	

FOREIGN DECORATIONS

CROSS OF GALLANTRY <i>with Palm</i>	(Vietnam)
PARACHUTE BADGE	(Vietnam)

SERIAL NUMBERS

ENLISTED	RA15210796
OFFICER	04009221
OFFICER	SSN-

STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

Battalion, Group, Brigade, Corps.

COMMAND ASSIGNMENTS


Squad, Platoon, Battery, Battalion, Group.

M A A G ASSIGNMENTS

Field Artillery Battalion Advisor	IRAN 1959-60
Senior Field Artillery Advisor, 9th Inf. Div. Arty.	VIETNAM 1963
Special Forces Advisor, V.N. Special Forces	VIETNAM 1968-69
Senior Field Artillery Advisor, Artillery School & Field Forces	IRAN 1970-71

The above will be confirmed by the Retired Officers Records Division on your request. Please advise when confirmation is complete so that arrangements for my trip to Fort Sill, Oklahoma can be finalized.

Very truly yours,


Louis O. Vipperman