



**Class Narrative Class 10-67 A1
30 September 1966 – 24 March 1967
U.S. Army Armor School OCS**



Class 10-67, Company A1 the twenty-sixth OCS class and third of four Company A1 classes at Fort Knox during the Vietnam War started OCS on September 30, 1966 with 108 OC's. During the 23 week cycle nine more individuals were recycled into the class. Of the 117, twenty-five were recycled out to other classes. Research found where twenty-three were recycled to. Four to 12-67, three to 13-67, two to 14-67, three to 15-67, 1 to 16-67, two to 17-67 and one to 20-67. Fifteen of the twenty-three graduated with those other classes. One of the three that graduated with 13-67 was later KIA. Twenty were relieved or resigned from the course and 72 were commissioned as Second Lieutenants of Armor. Also known as "Shave Tail Lieutenants". The Distinguished Honor Graduate was Paul A. Struharik followed by Alex A. Allen, Jr. who was the Honor Graduate. The Distinguished Military Graduates were in order of class ranking Bruce C. Johnson, Warren H. Taylor, Jimmie D. Ulrich, Thomas J. Farrell and Gerald E. Jenson. The class average was 83.03 and Jimmie D. Ulrich was the winner of Military Stakes earning 886 points out of the possible 1000. Graduation guest speaker was Colonel Edgar F. Mils, commanding officer of USATCA's Committee Group.

After graduation eighteen class members eventually went to Rotary Wing Flight School. Three graduates were retained as Tac Officers. Dennis H. Ervin was a Tac in Company E1 for Class 19-67 and Class 1-68. Gerald L. Jackson was a Tac for two C2 classes. Class 17-67 and 31-67. Steven L. Wilmeth was a Tac for Class 27-67, G1 and Class 29-67, G2. Two of the graduating class were killed in action in Vietnam.

Class member Harold A. "Hal" Fritz was awarded the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action on January 11, 1969 as a First Lieutenant in Troop A, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. His Medal of Honor citation can be read at <https://valor.militarytimes.com/hero/1198>. Hal made the army a career and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel and has served multiple terms as President of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. He was inducted into the U. S. Army OCS Hall of Fame in 2017.

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