



**Class Narrative Class 11-67 G1
11 October 1966 – 31 March 1967
U.S. Army Armor School OCS**



Class 11-67, Company G1 the first of two G1 classes and the twenty-seventh OCS class at Fort Knox during the Vietnam War started the twenty-three week Officer Candidate Course on Tuesday, 11 October 1966 with 108 Basic Officer Candidates. During the following weeks eight Officer Candidates from five other classes would be recycled into the class. One came from Class 5-67, two from Class 6-67, one from Class 7-67, two from Class 8-67 and two came from Class 9-67. Of the 116, eleven individuals would be recycled to five other classes. One to Class 14-67, four to Class 15-67, two to Class 16-67, three to Class 17-67 and one to Class 24-67. The candidate sent to Class 24-67 would be in OCS from 11 October 1966 to 18 August 1967 when he graduated with Class 24-67. A long ten months of perseverance and dedication to achieving his goal of becoming a commissioned U.S. Army officer. Of the eleven recycled to other classes eight would eventually graduate OCS. Thirty-five candidates would either be relieved or resign from the course. On Friday, 31 March 1967 seventy-one members of Class 11-67 would graduate the Armor Officer Candidate Course and be commissioned Second Lieutenants in the United States Army Reserve.

The graduation guest speaker was BG William E. Shedd, III who was Deputy CG at Fort Ord. His son William E. Shedd, IV was a member of Class 11-67. General Shedd was a 1942 USMA grad, was a Major in 1944, had been a Tac Officer at USMA, became a LTC in 1951 and later was Assistant Division Commander of the 1st Cavalry Division in Vietnam. He and his father both retired as MG's. During 11-67's graduation ceremony special acknowledgement was made that Leslie C. Talbit, Jr. became the 1257th 2LT commissioned from Armor OCS since the OC Brigade was re-activated in September 1965. The significance of 1257 is that was the number of Armor 2LT's commissioned at Fort Knox during the Korean War.

The Distinguished Honor Graduate was Arnold E. Morris and Thomas C. Collins was the Honor Graduated followed by the Paul J. Peterson, John E. Montgomery, Charles D. Cooper, James V. Smith, Jr., and Joseph J. Beckman, Jr. the Distinguished Military Graduates. The class average was 83.92.

Graduates Robert R. French and Howard J. "Stretch" Grohman, Jr. were retained as Tac Officers in the brigade. Bob French was a Tac in Company B1 for classes 18-67 and 32-67. Stretch, "and don't call me Howard", Grohman was a Tac in Company A2 for classes 22-67 and 4-68 that ended OCS as Company D2. One graduate was killed in Vietnam and fourteen went to Officers Rotary Wing Aviators Course.

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