



**Class Narrative Class 13-67 G2
1 November 1966 – 21 April 1967
U.S. Army Armor School OCS**



On Tuesday, 1 November 1966, Armor OCS Class 13-67, Company G2 started the challenging journey of the Officer Candidate course with the goal of graduating and being commissioned Second Lieutenants of Armor. The class was the twenty-ninth OCS class and first of two G2 classes at Fort Knox during the Vietnam War. Initially there were 112 individuals assigned to the class and during the next twenty-four weeks (Christmas leave included) eleven officer candidates from classes 6-67, 9-67, 10-67 and 12-67 were recycled into the class. Of those 123 volunteers, thirty were either relieved or resigned from the course. Ten candidates were recycled to classes 14-67, 16-67, 17-67, 19-67, 20-67 and 22-67. Eight of the ten would graduate with those classes. On Friday 21 April 1967 the 83 remaining members of the class would receive their Armor School Diplomas and achieve their goal of being commissioned as Second Lieutenants of Armor in the U.S. Army Reserve.

The Distinguished Honor Graduate was John R. Fairchild. Jason D. Leer was the Honor Graduate and the four Distinguished Military Graduates were Robert D. Aubry, Joe R. Hines, Ronald E. Wiltse, Jerrold P. Letnes, Thomas D. Nielsen and Peter J. Schomaker. The winner of Military Stakes was Michael L. Remondino earning 894 points out of a possible 1000 over the seven mile timed course. The class average is unknown as that information was redacted from the class roster nor was it mentioned in the Inside the Turret article about the graduation ceremony of the class. Information from the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association indicates that there were thirteen graduates who completed the Officers Rotary Wing Aviators Course. Thomas D. Nielsen was retained as a Tac Officer for classes 21-67 and 3-68, both F2 companies. Of the 83 graduates four were killed in Vietnam.

When the class roster with its notations of who graduated is compared with a copy of the graduation program there are six individuals listed in the graduation program who did not graduate with the class. One of the six graduated with Class 17-67 on 16 Jun 67 and the other five did not graduate with any other OCS class at Fort Knox. Class member Robert A. Duckworth, COL (ret.) was inducted into the U.S. Army OCS Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, GA.

Class member Charlie Titus stepped up and took on the task of being the principal narrative editor of *When the Nation Called a Third Time. Army Officer Candidate School at Fort Knox, Kentucky: The Vietnam Era* the narrative of the book about OCS at Fort Knox. His life partner Elda Ueleke designed the book.

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