



**Class Narrative Class 19-67 E1
27 January 1967 – 7 July 1967
U.S. Army Armor School OCS**



Captain Thomas J. Canavan, Jr., a graduate of Norwich University, was the Company Commander of Class 19-67, Company E1 when the 35th OCS class at Fort Knox started their twenty-three week challenge on Friday, 27 January 1967. The class was the third of four E1 classes. On Friday, 7 July 1967 when the class graduated Captain William Y. Robbins, a graduate of the United States Military Academy, was the Company Commander. Captain Canavan had been sent to the Armor Officer Advanced Course at Fort Knox and Captain Robbins had recently returned from a tour in Vietnam with Company D, 16th Armor, 173rd Airborne Brigade.

Class 19-67 started OCS with 100 OC's and along the way added nine candidates from classes 13-67, 14-67, 15-67, 16-67 and 18-67 for a total of 109 "Butter Bar Hopefuls". During the training cycle seven members of the class were recycled to classes 23-67, 24-67 and 25-67. Three would graduate with classes 24-67 and 25-67. Twenty of the 109 were either relieved or resigned from the course and 82 made it through the course and pinned on the gold bars of Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Army.

The Distinguished Honor Graduate was Richard N. Hamor, Jr. and Richard G. Antolovich was the Honor Graduate and also the winner of the Military Stakes course earning 897 points of the possible 1000. The Distinguished Military Graduates were, in order of class ranking, Robert G. Haile, Jr., Richard A. Veno, Wallace H. Tucker, Jr., Michael Postiglione, Charles T. Akin and Anthony Magaro. The class average was 84.32.

This was the first class to have their graduation ceremony in Waybur Theater. Colonel Armistead R. Harper, Chief of the Armor Division of the Armor and Engineer Board was the graduation guest speaker. In his address he said "You are about to enter one of the most challenging stages of your life. It is a life of service – service to your country." Colonel Bernard E. McKeever, commanding officer of the Officer Candidate Brigade, administered the oath of office to the new Second Lieutenants.

After graduation nine members of the class attended the Officers Rotary Wing Aviators Course. Two class members were killed in Vietnam.

Class member Charles M. "Mike" Burke achieved the rank of BG in the U.S. Army serving 33 years on active duty. Mike is one of ten individuals who completed OCS training at Fort Knox that achieved general officer rank.

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