



**Class Narrative Class 21-67 F2
10 February 1967 – 21 July 1967
U.S. Army Armor School OCS**



Class 21-67, F2, the third of four F2 classes and the 37th class of the Vietnam War Era OCS program at Fort Knox started the twenty-three course on 10 February 1967 with eighty-eight volunteers. Three officer candidates were recycled into the class from classes 15-67 and 16-67. Six of the ninety-one class members were recycled to classes 23-67, 24-67, 25-67 and 26-67. Twenty-three candidates would either resign or be relieved from the course. On Friday 21 July 1967 with sixty-two graduates, Class 21-67 would have the second lowest number of graduates that received their Armor School Diploma's and commissioned as Second Lieutenants of Armor in the United States Army Reserve.

The graduation guest speaker was Major General Michael S. Davison who was the Commandant of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Quoting from an *Inside the Turret* article about the graduation program, "Major General Davison told the class that his presence was an example of a man seeking the job instead of the job requiring the man. He said that he wanted to speak to Class 21-67 because of a personal interest in the class. His son, Captain Michael S. Davison, Jr. had only recently left the Officer Candidate Brigade for another assignment, and that his nephew, 2LT Salvadorini, was an honor graduate of Class 21-67". Michael S. Davison, Jr. had served as XO of Class 22-66, F1; Class 23-66, F2; Class 5-67, F2; 12-67, F1 and 21-67, F2 as a First Lieutenant.

The Distinguished Honor Graduate was Richard G. Frey who was also the winner of the Military States course earning 933 of the possible 1000 points. Just eighteen points short of the record of 951. David P. Salvadorini ranked second in the class and earned recognition as the Honor Graduate. He was followed by James C. Buchanan, Arland J. Milner, Stephen H. Barsoom and Joseph T. Connolly, Jr. as the Distinguished Military Graduates. The class average was 85.86. The class set two records with the highest class average, and the highest class average on Military Stakes with 784 points. An *Inside the Turret* newspaper article and accompanying photo showed two candidates from Class 21-67 getting ready to start the 40 yard low crawl during a PT test. The two candidates, Fred Caswell and Robert Smith, both maxed that part of the test and both also scored a perfect 500 points on the test. Kneeling by the two candidates is First Lieutenant Andrew E. "Ed" Fitch, F Troop commander at the time.

Information from the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association indicate that there were seven from 21-67 that went to the Officers Rotary Wing Aviators Course. One class member, David Salvadorini, was retained in the OC Brigade as an Assistant Adjutant S-1 until his flight school class started. Two class members were killed in Vietnam.

Major General Davison was a graduate of the United States Military Academy and commissioned as a Cavalry Second Lieutenant in 1939. He went on to achieve the rank of General and was Commander in Chief, United States Army Europe, and Commander, Central Army Group in 1971-1975. CPT Davison was also a graduate of the United States Military Academy, graduating in 1964. He became the Commanding General of the United States Army Security Assistance Command in 1994-1997 and retired as a Lieutenant General.