



**Class Narrative Class 27-67 G1
21 April 1967 – 29 September 1967
U.S. Army Armor School OCS**



Starting Armor OCS on Friday 21 April 1967 as the 31st Armor branch specific class and the 43rd OCS class at the Armor School during the Vietnam War Era, Class 27-67, G1 would graduate on Friday 29 September 1967 with 80 class members. The class started with 108 OC's and would add five more candidates during the next twenty-three weeks. Of those five, one came from Class 17-67, C2; two came from Class 22-67, A2 and two came from Class 23-67, C1. All five graduated with Class 27-67. Twenty-two of those starting the class either quit the course or were relieved from the program. The class average was 84.61. The winner of the seven mile Military Stakes test was Robert K. Bell who earned 834 of the possible 1000 points.

After graduation twenty members of the class would go to flight school and become Army Aviators and all would serve in Vietnam. Two of the graduates were killed in Vietnam and they both were helicopter pilots. One was killed just 35 days into his tour and the other 128 days into his tour. Fifteen other graduates have died since their military service. Class member Hugh Preacher's efforts have resulted in locating twenty-nine graduates.

In a small newspaper article in Inside the Turret it was mentioned that COL William W. Cobb, the Assistant Commandant of the Armor School, presided at the graduation ceremony. He introduced BG Clarence D. Shimer the Assistant Division Commander of the 30th Infantry Division as the guest speaker. The class response was given by 2LT James E. Miller. The Distinguished Honor Graduate was Max B. Barrick, Jr. The Honor Graduate was George L. Coleman, Jr., and the Distinguished Military Graduates were Malcolm W. Jones, Jr., Robert L. Slaymaker, William J. Potter, Jr., James E. Miller, Richard M. Heggs and Zoltan Szabo.

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