



**Class Narrative Class 32-67 B1
23 June 1967 – 5 December 1967
U.S. Army Armor School OCS**



Class 32-67 was the fourth and last B1 company in the Officer Candidate Brigade. The 36th Armor branch specific class and the 48th of 53 classes that completed OCS at the U.S. Army Armor School at Fort Knox, Kentucky during the Vietnam War Era. Starting the twenty-three week course on Friday 23 June 1967 with 109 Basic Officer Candidates, all who volunteered to meet the mental and physical challenges of the rigorous course, six other OC's from three other classes would join the Class 32-67. Three of those six came from Class 27-67, G1, two came from Class 28-67, F1 and one came from Class 31-67, C2. This class of 115 would see their numbers shrink by thirty-seven percent before graduation day. Thirty-five candidates would either quit the program or be relieved from the course. Seven candidates would be recycled to three other classes. One to Class 1-68, E1, two to Class 3-68, F2 and four to Class 4-68, D2. Three of the seven would graduate OCS. Two with Class 3-68 and one with Class 4-68. The other four did not graduate OCS with any other class. On 5 December 1967 seventy-three Senior Officer Candidates would raise their right hand and swear to defend the Constitution of the United States of America against all enemies foreign and domestic and became Second Lieutenants in the United States Army

The class average was 83.64. Paul H. Fishman was the winner of the Military Stakes Course earning 817 of the 1000 possible points. The Distinguished Honor Graduate was Russell E. Van Loben Sels and Samuel E. Leedy was the Honor Graduate. Distinguished Military Graduates were Daniel D. Chiles, Jr., William J. Wenecki, William N. Karman, Donald P. Paige and Timothy D. W. Kerns. Unfortunately the Fort Knox weekly newspaper, Inside the Turret, did not have a news article about the graduation ceremony.

According to the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association twenty of the graduates attended the Officer Rotary Wing Aviator Course. Class 32-67 would have seven graduates killed in action in Vietnam. Four of those seven were helicopter pilots. Those seven have been joined at Fiddler's Green by nineteen of their classmates who have died since their military service. At the present time nine members of the class have been located.

In mid-September 1994 class member Craig Schwalenberg organized a class reunion for thirty-three members who he and another class member had located. Sixteen attended the reunion. However the documents received from Craig were not complete as the location of the reunion wasn't stated and both Craig and the other class member are now deceased. This class reunion is the earliest known reunion of graduates of OCS at Fort Knox.

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