



Class Narrative Class 5-68 B2
21 September 1967 – 23 February 1968
U.S. Army Armor School OCS



"The last shall be first". That was the motto of Class 5-68, Company B2 that graduated 50 years ago today on 23 February 1968. According to Alan Fasoldt, a former divinity student in the class suggested the motto. The class started on 21 September 1967 and over the course cycle 130 individuals were assigned to the class. Of the 130, 29 were relieved, one was recycled to Fort Benning and 100 graduated. One-hundred is the third highest number of graduates of a 23 week course after classes 12-67, F1 and 17-67, C2 with 103 and 102 respectively. Fortunately there were no KIA's in the class however 16 have dismantled at Fiddler's Green since their military service. Nineteen members have been located. James A. Vahle was the Distinguished Honor Graduate and had his bars pinned on him by his mother and MG A.S. Surles, Jr. CG of Fort Knox and Armor School commandant. The last graduate to receive and OCS diploma at Fort Knox was Judson H. Woodard. Winner of Military Stakes was Scott C. McKenney. Class graduate Vernon L. Overturf was sworn into the army as a private by his brother Wayne E. Overturf. Wayne graduated OCS with Class 10-67, A1. Wayne was on hand at the graduation ceremony to swear in Vern. Their father Major Vernon E. Overturf (Ret.) was also present.