



**Class Narrative Class 23-67 C1
6 March 1967 – 10 August 1967
U.S. Army Armor School OCS**



Monday, 6 March 1967 probably isn't a day that will live in infamy for most people. But the day most likely will not be forgotten by the members of Class 23-67, Company C1 who started the twenty-three week challenge on their way to graduation and "The Gold Bar" on Thursday 10 August 1967. Starting with 81 volunteers, 15 other OC's were recycled into the class during the 23 week course. Of these 96, 29 either turned-in their letter of resignation to quit or were relieved from the program. Seven individuals were recycled to other classes and four of them graduated. Two graduated with Class 27-67, G1; one graduated with Class 28-67, F1; and one graduated with Class 29-67, G2. On 10 August 1967 60 2LT's were commissioned making Class 23-67 the class with the smallest number of graduates. The class average was 85.51. Roland W. Fenner was the winner of Military Stakes however it's not known how many points he earned out of the possible 1000 as that information was redacted from the class roster.

After graduation six individuals went to the Officer Rotary Wing Aviator Course. Two of these aviators distinguished themselves with valor in Vietnam. More on these two individuals will follow. The last graduate of OCS at Fort Knox to be assigned to either OC Brigade staff or assigned as a Tac Officer in the brigade was from Class 23-67. George C. Larson was assigned as a Tac Officer for Class 5-68, Company B2 which also was the class to graduate at Fort Knox in late February 1968.

The Distinguished Honor Graduate was Melvin A. Greenroad. Honor Graduate was George C. Larson and the Distinguished Military Graduates were Danny Nicholas, Douglas C. Rice, Clifford K. Welding, and James S. Baker, Jr. Two members of the class were killed in Vietnam, and they are joined at Fiddler's Green by 15 others from 23-67. Thanks to the diligent work of Dan Leifel 33 members of the class have been located.

Unfortunately there is no news article from Inside the Turret about the graduation ceremony. However, there was a photo of WAC 2LT Rita Osgood administering the oath of office to her husband, class member Wallace L. Osgood. WAC 2LT Osgood was commissioned after attending WAC OCS at Fort McClellan, AL.

Class members John D. Curran and Carl B. Marshall were the recipients of the second highest award for valor. The Distinguished Service Cross. The DSC was posthumously awarded to CPT Curran for his exceptionally valorous actions on 25 May 1971. CPT Marshall was awarded the DSC for his extraordinary heroism on 20 January 1970. John Curran's DSC citation is at <http://valor.militarytimes.com/recipient.php...> and Carl Marshall's citation is at <http://valor.militarytimes.com/recipient.php...> Carl has been inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, and efforts are being made to acquire the necessary documents to nominate John for induction.