



**Class Narrative Class 24-66 B2
20 May 1966 – 18 August 1966
U.S. Army Armor School OCS**



Class 24-66, Company B2 was the 13th OCS class at Fort Knox since OCS was conducted there during the Korean War. The class was a thirteen week Phase I class and the fourth class that would be sent TDY to Fort Eustis, VA for Phase II OCS training. Training at Fort Knox started on Friday 20 May 1966 and ended on Thursday 18 August 1966. Starting the class were 111 “gold-bar-seekers” and four other OC’s were recycled in from the three previous Transportation Corps classes. Of the 115 volunteers 96 completed their Phase I training. On 25 October 1966 83 of the 96 were commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the Transportation Corps.

The class roster kept at Company B2 was heavily redacted and it is not possible to determine how many were relieved or resigned from the program, or were recycled to other classes. Class 24-66 was the last Transportation School bound class from Fort Knox so it’s possible that there wasn’t anyone who was recycled. Information from the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association indicates that there were five from the class that attended flight school. First Lieutenant Leslie B. Sayre was the only graduate from the class to be killed in Vietnam and he was a fixed wing pilot. Fourteen other graduates of 24-66 have died since their military service. Thanks to class member Tom Cabot 58 members have been located. There was no news article in Inside the Turret about 24-66 completing their training at Fort Knox.

Class member David A. Whaley achieved the rank of Major General. Among his assignments he was Commander 7th Transportation Group during Desert Storm; Deputy Commanding General for Operations and Transportation, 22nd Support Command also during Desert Storm. After Desert Storm he was Commanding General of the US Army Transportation Center and Fort Eustis. And ironically during that same assignment he was Commandant of the US Transportation School at Fort Eustis where he had completed his OCS training. David was inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame at Fort Benning in 2017.

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