



Christmas Newsletter 2007

Class 24-66 Artillery O.C.S. ~ Formed 1 May 1966 – Graduated 11 Oct 1966

Honoring Those Lost In Service:

James F. Fuhrman, Michael L. Phillips, Donn L. Sweet, Warren L. Wozencraft, John S. Hughes, Jr.

Web Site www.ccil.org/~wambinam

Web Update – Jim Wambold

Since last year's newsletter, we've accounted for 20 additional class members.

Out of our 86 graduates we have accounted for 67 (58 contacted, 9 deceased). A 78% success so far. The goal, of course, is 100% and we are still chipping-away at this effort. If you have any leads on those not located yet, please let us know.

Earlier this year Larry Swank joined our web team as the Photo Editor and has created a venue to share your Army pictures.

Please send (electronically or via mail) your additions to Larry by hitting our "Photo Pages" link.

We've added more great information to the "OCS Trivia" link to include OCS Week By Week, our Graduation Booklet, and our Initial Officer Assignments.

If you have not already provided us with your updated biography, please take a few minutes to use our convenient form so we may include your information. Just click the "Create Biography" link.

Have a great holiday season and keep checking our site for updates.

Recent Get-Together

On November 6th, 2007 Candidates DeSordo, Marrocco and Wambold were able to arrange their schedules and meet for a "smoke and joke" session at Iron Hill Brewery and Restaurant in Media, Pa.

Schilling and Swank were unable to attend because of business commitments.

Remembrances – Rev. Sam Dauer

Maybe it is just me and not any of you guys, but I have noticed that my memory seems to be slipping. If my wife, Vicki, sends me to the grocery store for more than two items I have to write them down, otherwise I'm sure to forget something. I find this quite odd in that while I no longer can remember things that occur recently, I remember things from forty years ago with a great deal more clarity. I have found this to be particularly true when I have spoken with many of you on the telephone. One of us will say something about our fun-filled days at Ft. Sill and memories of those days will come flooding back. Like the time when we went out on an overnight field training exercise with the guns and left Warren Wozencraft still sleeping out there. How he could have slept through all of the noise we made in loading up an entire artillery battery I will never know. I even remember some of the little trivial things like the telephone number for the "Grotto Truck" was the same as our class number – 2466.

While I am happy that I can remember much of our time together back in 1966, I must admit that there is much of 1968 that I wish I could forget and, in speaking with many of you, you have the same feelings.

In reflecting on the things that I remember and the things that I forget makes me thankful that we have an all-knowing God who can also be forgetful. Isaiah 43:25 reads: "It is I who sweep away your transgressions for My own sake and remember your sins no more." HCSB

It makes me thankful that He loved me even when I was in sin and unlovable. And this brings me to one thing I must always remember each Christmas ...

Jesus Is The Reason For The Season
I will remember all of you in my prayers

FAOCS 2007 Reunion

Three of our classmates, Sam Dauer, Mike Lucas and Frank Linster, attended this year's Field Artillery O.C.S. reunion at Ft. Sill from May 9th through May 11th.

While there, they made the trek to the top of MB-4 and visited the Post Cemetery to pay their respects to our classmate, John Hughes.

Plans for the 2008 Reunion are not complete at this time but will be posted to our web site when the information becomes available.

O.C.S. Week-By-Week

1. **Lower Class** – Orientation, Equipment Issue
2. Army Transport, Drill Instruction
3. Map Reading, Military Justice, Survey
4. Survey, Tactics
5. Survey, Commo Systems
6. Physical Proficiency Test
7. **Middle Class** – Gunnery
8. Gunnery, Laying Battery, Call For Fire
9. Gunnery, First Aid, Night Patrol
10. Gunnery, Army Aviation
11. Gunnery, Split Shoot, Battery Officer Duties
12. Gunnery, FDC Operations
13. Gunnery, Military Instruction Techniques
14. Gunnery, Rifle Qualification
15. **Upper Class** – (Clickers)
16. Safety Officer Training, RSOP
17. Field Exercises
18. Fire Planning, Honest John/Little John Orientation
19. FADAC Orientation, Firing/Observation Exercises, "Charm School"
20. Gunnery Exams, Final Exams
21. Final Exams, Officer Orientation
22. Pistol Familiarization, Overnight Bivouac, Rappelling/River Crossing
23. Escape And Evasion, Graduation

