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**From the President:**

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**Greeting to all USAOCSAA Members.** It is now summer and things seem to be opening back up. We continue to be very busy with OCS and OCS Alumni issues. Our support to the OCS Battalion requires at least two trips to Fort Benning a week. The OCS Commandant and I put our heads together and cancelled the Reunion and Hall of Fame ceremony. But we were able to do a Virtual Ceremony, As well as three small HOF ceremonies on FT Benning, Several local ceremonies and our annual Alumni Awards ceremony in conjunction with our June Board meeting.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Board meeting was held on 5 June. We had a number of pre-meetings on 4 June, topped off, with an icebreaker social and informal dinner. At the Board meeting we installed the new Board and reinstated the Executive Committee. Reelected Board Members include Frank Harman, Tom Evans, John O'Shea, Ken Davis, Mike Harris, Adam Rupert and we welcome Scott Davis as a new Board Member. You can view their Biographies at [OCSalumni.org](https://ocsalumni.org)

ceremony. We had to catch up from 2019 and 2020 as well as 2021. Full ceremony is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-5oLnhSdCc>

- COL (RET) Tom Evans, Meritorious Public Service Award and 2021 NETT Award
- COL (RET) Dave Taylor, Distinguished Member of the 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Order of ST Maurice
- COL (RET) Rick Jung, Honorary Member of the 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Order of ST Maurice
- COL (RET) John O'Shea, Honorary Member of the 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment
- Major (RET) Mike Harris, Honorary Member of the 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment
- Danny Leifel, 2020 NETT Award
- Hyrum Smith, Distinguished Member of the OCS Hall of Fame
- COL (RET) Jim Herndon, Distinguished Member of the 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Order of ST Maurice
- COL (RET) George Bannon, Honorary Member of the 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Order of ST Maurice
- Judge Steve Orlofsky, Honorary Member of the 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Order of ST Maurice
- COL (RET) Phil Kearns, Distinguished Member of the 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Order of ST Maurice
- Major (RET) Ray Trahan, Honorary Member of the 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Order of ST Maurice
- Scott Davis, Honorary Member of the 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Order of ST Maurice
- COL Mark Andres, Distinguished Member of the 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment
- LTC Matt Chitty, Distinguished Member of the 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment,

### USAOCSAA AWARDS

- **NETT Award**– I want to Congratulate Colonel Tom Evans, First he is our 2021 NETT Award recipient and he also received the Meritorious Public Service Award. Tom currently serves as a Director, Secretary and membership Chairman of USAOCSAA. In his former capacity as

Hall. He also served as the President of the Ranger Association. Colonel Evans is recognized for Leadership, Mentorship and Financial support to the OCS Alumni Association, fellow Alumni, the OCS Battalion and the OCS Candidates with 2021 NETT Award. Colonel Evans is also recognized for active voluntary public service, Continuing service to his local community and promoting the welfare of OCS, the Rangers, the Officer Corps, and the U.S. Army with Meritorious Public Service Award.

- The Purpose of the **NETT AWARD** is to remember and continue to honor the service of COLONEL Robert B Nett to our Country, the Army and the OCS program, and to recognize and honor annually a HOF or OCSAA member or current and former cadre who has provided superior support and advocacy to the OCS program. Each Year we select and honor the most deserving individual each year. The nominee, through years of continued service, support and action, best represents and has contributed to the OCS Alumni Association Mission to serve and honor the OCS program and its graduates & Purpose to further the ideals and promote the welfare of the Officer Candidate School, the Officer Corps and the US Army.
- The **Meritorious Public Service Medal** is the third highest honor within the public service awards of the Department of the Army that can be awarded to a private citizen.
- **Distinguished Members and Honorary Members of the 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. (DMORS) and Honorary Members of the 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. (HMORS)**
- DMORs are individuals who have served with the regiment in the Active Army and who have distinguished themselves through their military service, civilian service, or other significant service rendered for the betterment of their community, state, or nation. The designation is bestowed on these individuals by the Secretary of the Army after a thorough vetting process by the HCOR, HSMOR, and the active duty battalion commander designated to administer regimental responsibilities.
- HMORs are soldiers, their spouses, and individuals who have made a contribution or provided a service to a regiment or corps, but who

appropriate.

- Each DMOR and HMOR has or is receiving the Order of ST Maurice. Recipients of the Order of Saint Maurice have served the Infantry community with distinction; have demonstrated a significant contribution in support of the Infantry; and represent the highest standards of integrity, moral character, professional competence, and dedication to duty.

I will take this opportunity to update the members on the Major Items from the Board Meeting and accomplishments since the last reunion.

- **Memorial Walk**– We currently have 4– 24x24 Blocks, 3– 16x16 Blocks, 12– 12x12 Plates, 2–8x8 Pavers and 12–4x8 Bricks on order to be installed this summer.
- **Our Remaining Memorial Walk Capacity before the 6<sup>th</sup> Expansion**– 17x24x24 Granite Dedication Blocks, 600x 8x8s granite pavers or 1200x 4x8 granite Bricks and 7 years space for the Hall of Fame.
- **Our Memorial Walk Campaign Continues.** I challenge each HoF member to buy a paver for themselves and at least one for deceased HoF member. I encourage other Alumni to participate and buy a career paver or class brick one for themselves and a Battle Buddy. Finally we are standing by for more Group Pavers, Class Dedication Blocks, Division, Brigade and Regiment Dedication Blocks, and Memorial Blocks.
- **Wigle Hall**– The OCS Heritage Center in Wigle Hall is a great hit with Alumni, Cadre and Candidates. On day one of OCS, I present the 80 year history of OCS and then the Candidates get to tour Wigle. We proudly acclaim Wigle is a Smithsonian quality venue.
- **USAOCSAA Support to the 3–11 Infantry and OCS Battalion.** We continue to support each OCS Class with a \$500 cash gift and \$200 from USAA to be used to support Class events. We purchase their graduation awards. We recognize the top 5 Graduates with USAOCSAA coins and we purchase 6 bricks and place in the

(OCS) and higher leaders and Staff for support to the Heritage and history of OCS with coins, bricks and pavers and Plates for Distinguished Members of the 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment.

- **The OCS Alumni Association 2022 Reunion.** The Reunion will take place from 29 April to 3 May. The reunion will run concurrently with the Hall of Fame Induction Activities. Alumni Association members will attend the Hall of Fame Induction and Dinner as well as dedication ceremonies at Wigle Hall and the OCS Memorial Walk where all HOF members are honored. This is a great time for a family to celebrate successful careers and honorable service. We will also provide unscheduled time on Friday and Tuesday for individual Class or Branch or Unit reunions. We will reserve a block of rooms at the Downtown Marriot in Columbus for our 2022 reunion members. We would also like to have you join us in our reunion activities as a member of the Association. Final planning is underway and we will share details as they are available. Registration will start in January 2022.
- **USAOCSAA Web Site.** We continue to improve our web site. Tom Evans and Mary Cilia are working hard to perfect our member data base. We continue to load Class books and memorabilia that we have been given and if we get books or memorabilia in a digitized format we will load it. **It is each members responsibility to ensure their member profile is accurate.** You can down load a digital membership card or keep it digitally on your cell phone by taking a screen shot and saving to your photos. New 2021 Hall Fame selectees are posted. We have also posted Distinguished Members and Honorary members of the 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. Hall of Fame members who have issues with their picture or Biography send a digitized version of what you want and we will load it. Bottom Line we have made great strides and if you work with us we will continue to improve the web site.
- **OCS HALL of FAME-** Nominations are due 1 October. Then we make the administrative review over the next 6 weeks. Packets must be complete and fully substantiated and the Nomination letter needs to clearly articulate why the nominee is worthy of consideration. The OCS Hall of Fame Board will meet in December. After the Board we will announce the 2022 inductees. As the President of the

expectations of living inductees, most significant of which is to support the OCS Program and the USAOCSAA going forward.

- The OCS Hall of Fame was established in 1958 to honor graduates who had distinguished themselves during World War II through valorous combat leadership and subsequent superior meritorious service. The first honoree was Medal of Honor recipient 2nd Lt. Thomas Wigle.

### **Members of the OCS Hall of Fame are honored for –**

- Superior valorous combat leadership which includes recipients of the Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross.
- Superior meritorious service which includes promotion to and superior meritorious service as a colonel in such assignments as battalion and brigade commander; division chief of staff; director and/or assistant chief of staff in Army corps and numbered Army headquarters or joint task forces; program manager; defense attaché; division chief and/or project manager in combatant commands, major commands, Department of the Army staff, or the Department of Defense from which the applicant was awarded the Legion of Merit or Defense Superior Service Medal.
- Distinguished public service which includes positions such as member of Congress; governor of a state; cabinet secretary; U.S. ambassador; mayor of a large city; federal judge.
- Superior public service which includes positions such as high-ranking civil servant (e.g., GS-15/ SES); high-ranking state official; member of a state legislature; mayor; sheriff; police chief; city manager; CEO of a philanthropic organization.
- Lifelong service which includes individuals who have a life of service to the nation and to their community that starts with valorous combat leadership and/or meritorious service with continued outstanding public service through volunteerism, especially in support of military service members and their families or military veterans.

**Each nominee must be recommended by a person of stature, preferably an OCS Hall of Fame Member, Member of USAOCSAA, Senior Military Officer, or Senior Public Service Civilian.**



former Cadre and graduates of OCS from the other Military Services to Join as an Associate member. If you are not currently a Life member of the association, we highly encourage you to join and purchase your personal Hall of Fame paver and or a Class Brick or Cadre Brick. Please go to our Website [OCSalumni.org](https://www.ocsalumni.org) and convert to life membership, buy your Brick or Paver and maybe a DEDICATION BLOCK for your Class or an Army Unit in which you served. And finally make a Tax exempt donation to the Association to help sustain Memorial Walk Project, Wigle Hall and our support to the OCS Battalion.

Please follow us on Facebook and visit our web site <https://www.ocsalumni.org> for more information. Or email me direct at [frank.harman@harmangrp.com](mailto:frank.harman@harmangrp.com) or call 7066107251  
**“Standards” no compromise!, Semper Fidelis, and Follow Me.**

## From The OCS Commandant

**Ryan M. Davis**  
LTC, SF  
Commander, 3-11 IN (OCS)  
Commandant, U.S. Army Federal  
Officer Candidate School



### OCS Alumni Family:

I am honored to greet you for the first time as the commander of 3-11 IN (OCS).

Dave Holstead left me an outstanding organization and I look forward to continuing to build on his hard work over the next two years.

together we have four children between the ages of 4 and 10. I was commissioned as an infantry officer through ROTC at the Virginia Military Institute but have spent the past 15 years as a Special Forces officer. While this is my first time in TRADOC, I truly couldn't ask for a better job!

Having only been in the seat for a few weeks, I am amazed at the professionalism of the cadre and the varied backgrounds of the candidates. I have met candidates who are NASA engineers, police officers, teachers, television personalities and congressional aides. These life experiences are what I believe make OCS the most unique commissioning source and why commanders in the force continue to rate OCS lieutenants above their USMA and ROTC peers.

I look forward to meeting you and don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything. I am here to serve the men and women of this battalion and to product the Nation's finest officers.

## Chaplains Corner

### Twelve Rules for Happiness

It is Friday afternoon, and I am listening to one of my all-time favorite musical selections, "*Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring*" written long ago by J.S. Bach. I never tire of listening to it! Today, it has special meaning. While having a slow cup of my pure "Kona" coffee I gaze on a White Crepe Myrtle tree in my front yard.



**COL (Ret)  
Samuel Boone  
U.S. Army  
Chaplain (Ret)**

**People often ask how I maintain my seemingly joyful demeanor? Especially when I found myself separated from my best friend and bride of 46 years. When I retired from active duty (38+ years of which we were married for 34+) we counted up all the separations we had endured ... the total was just short of 9 years. This included schools, extended field exercises (REFORGER '76 was almost 4 months), three solo tours in**



**better to turn to my old file of yellowed scraps of wisdom. These simple 12 rules were cut out of a newsletter from the Long Creek Church of Christ. I do not know who wrote them ... but they are daily food for all of us.**

- 1. Live a simple life. Be temperate and moderate in your lifestyle.**
- 2. Spend less than you earn. While difficult, it pays big dividends in contentment and peace of mind.**
- 3. Think constructively. Store only useful thoughts in your mind.**
- 4. Cultivate a flexible disposition. Resist the tendency to want your own way. Try to see the other persons' point of view.**
- 5. Be grateful. Begin each day with a prayer of Thanksgiving for all your blessings.**
- 6. Rule your moods. Your mental attitude is all-important in living at peace with others.**
- 7. Give generously. Intelligent giving of your time, talents, personality and money will bring great joy.**
- 8. Work with the right motives. Seek to grow in favor with God and man (and women) seeking His will first in your life.**
- 9. Be truly interested in others. As we serve others, we reap happiness as a by-product of a life of self-giving.**
- 10. Make the most of today. Use it wisely so you may look back on it without regret.**
- 11. Take time for a hobby. Time spent on leisure interest should bring you diversion and relaxation.**
- 12. Stay close to God. Enduring happiness depends on continuing spiritual nourishment.**

**Happiness is not a product we can just go out and get for ourselves. It is a fruit produced by the course we choose in our lives. The Psalmist David gave us these words to ponder: "Guard my life and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you, O' God." (Psalm 25:20) Great words to live by ... and I (with God's help) work on them each day!**

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**Website Update:**

Work continues to update and redesign our website. Since the beginning of this year more than one Gigabyte of new information, primarily class yearbooks, memorabilia, etc. have been added. There is more work to do.

If you have any class albums, graduation programs or any other historic memorabilia, please contact me by e-mail.



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### Engaging The Army Reserve and National Guard OCS Programs:

We continue to work with the Reserve and Guard Components to reach newly commissioned officers' to join the OCS Alumni Association at no cost for the first 10 years! If you know of new or recently commissioned officers in those components, regardless of branch, have them contact me if they have questions and we will get them enrolled. They can also enroll on our website: [www.ocsalumni.org](http://www.ocsalumni.org)



### Chapter Update:

As we continue to climb out of the COVID malaise, activity is picking up as we get back to normal times. And we have considerable interest in starting new chapters. **Remember, per our national by-laws, there are no fees at the chapter level!**

### Current Chapters:

***In late July we will have our quarterly Chapter Newsletter with much more***

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please contact the chapter commander and let him know you wish to join!

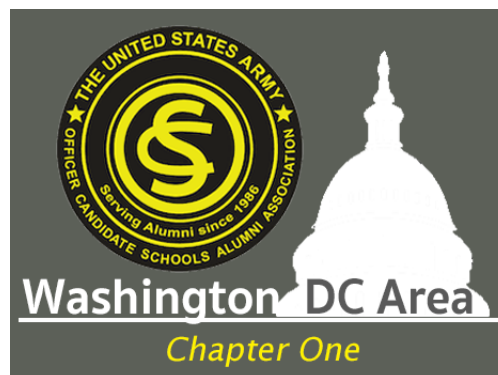
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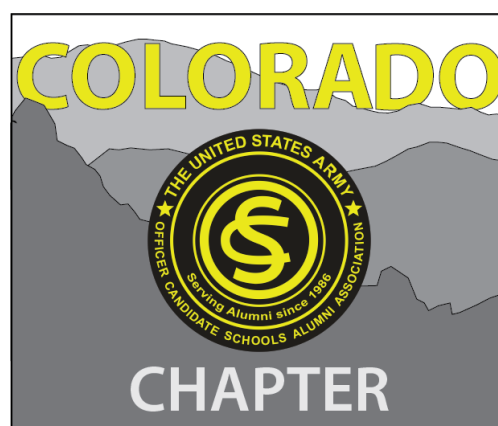
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*The Florida Chapter will be meeting on July 17, 2021 from 11:30-2:00pm*

*at the Rusty Bucket,*

*257 North Cattlemen Rd #81*

*Sarasota, Florida*

Contact Steve Epkins for more information.

### Sunshine State Chapter



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## NEW CHAPTERS NOW BEING FORMED!

### “Low Country Chapter” collocated with “Class 006-72 Chapter.”

Two new co-located chapters are now in formation. Christopher Miller, Major, RA (MI and IN branches) (Inactive) is trying to set up a class chapter and area chapter centered on his location in Beaufort, SC. The “Low Country” chapter will recruit OCS graduates from the area from Charleston, SC, moving south through Beaufort, SC down into Savannah, GA.

Both Charleston and Savannah are slightly over one hour drive from the Beaufort area, home of the movies Forest Gump, The Great Santini, and The Big Chill, amongst others. Chris is trying to stand up a second chapter for his graduating class, 006-72 which graduated from OCS on October 4, 1972. This chapter already has several interested members and we are trying to have a reunion co-located with the national reunion in Columbus, GA 29 April to 3 May.

Potential members of both the Lowlands Chapter and Class 006-72 Chapter are welcome to contact Chris at: [OCS@nsa9.33mail.com](mailto:OCS@nsa9.33mail.com). Or text (do not call) 703-627-5730. Everyone is welcome!



OCS Grad and SF Officer (inactive) Mike Denehy is forming a large chapter in the area around Columbus (Fort Benning) GA with expansion in all directions approximately one hour away (Midland, Pine Mountain, Opelika, Cusseta, etc.) Mike has experience commanding a Special Forces Alumni Chapter and is very enthused about getting the many OCS Alumni in the area to form a chapter and have fun and camaraderie.

Mike Denehy is also owner of the Chattabrewchee Southern Brewhouse which makes craft beers. With Fort Benning at their doorstep, lots of opportunities exist for this chapter. Contact Mike at [mike@chattabrewchee.com](mailto:mike@chattabrewchee.com) or 315-408-3137. Let's get this chapter, situated at the doorstep of the OCS Battalion, off to a quick start! Contact Mike!

### High Interest Areas for OCS Chapters:

The following areas have exhibited high interest in seeing an OCS Chapter started. If you live in these areas and are interested in helping with starting a chapter, contact Dave Taylor, who will assist you in getting one started. We have interested alumni in these areas but need some more people to step up and show their interest in getting together.

Contact Dave Taylor (**Mobile: 330-321-3370**) or E-mail: [VP-Operations@OCSalumni.org](mailto:VP-Operations@OCSalumni.org).

- Southwest New Jersey
- North Jersey (to include Staten Island New York)
- Columbia, South Carolina
- Greater St. Louis Area (including across the river into Illinois)
- Dallas/Fort Worth Texas area
- San Antonio / Austin Texas area
- Los Angeles / Orange County area
- Seattle Washington State area

## Off The Bookshelf



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### Command At Dawn

OCS Alumni (particularly Vietnam veterans) will find Mel Carney's book, "Command At Dawn" of real interest. An OCS grad, shortly after he arrived at his infantry company as a platoon leader in Vietnam, the command staff was wiped out by an enemy Mortar attack. He took command, precisely as trained at Fort Benning. Carney also reminisces as he crossed the country prior to OCS, and his experiences in the America of the 1960's.

[For a full book review click here](#)



### Not A Gentleman's War

*An Inside View of Junior Officers  
In the Vietnam War*

Author Ron Milam is an Associate Professor of Military History, an OCS graduate and Vietnam Veteran. His analysis of junior leadership in the Vietnam War, the unique challenges they faced, and the above-average performance of OCS graduates is meticulously researched and

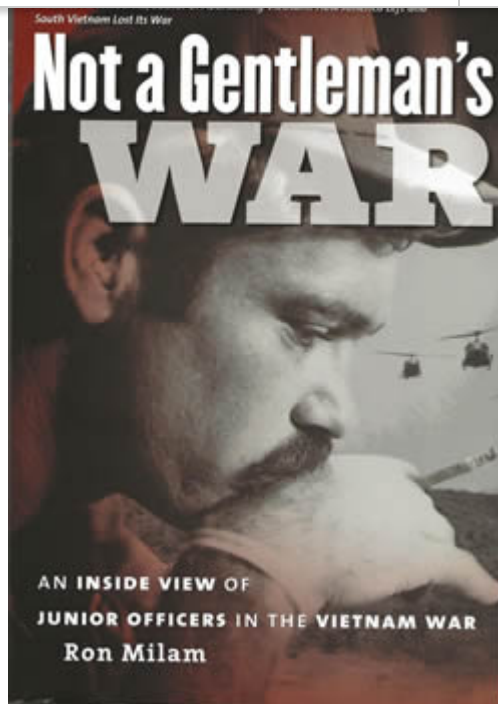
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