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To the Cadre, Staff, and Graduating Candidates of TF REDHORSE, WA OCS Phase 3, 2023,

Let me be the first to congratulate you on your hard work and dedication to making this course successful. The OCS traditional program is a rigorous 13-month program (not including Pre-OCS) designed to create new Commissioned Officers in the United States Army. It is a mentally and physically demanding program intended only to select those who can lead. OCS Phase 3 is the final phase of the traditional program. It is the final exam, a culmination of 13 months of effort and dedication to see if a Candidate is worthy of assuming the title of Lieutenant. The course focuses on small unit leadership in the temperate rainforests of WA State. Candidates are evaluated on the ability to lead small teams in a tactical environment, testing leadership ability in compressed and stressful scenarios. Not all Candidates make it through this phase, but those who do are ready to receive their Commission as Army Officers.

To the Candidates: The traditional OCS program is not easy or for the weak of heart and mind. This course is the culmination of over 12 months of drills, studying, exercising, and practicing to become an Army Officer. Many of you had to balance a full-time career, a family, and higher education all while attending this course. I thank you for your dedication to seeing the program through. Good luck at OBC and your future careers as Army Officers!

To the Cadre and Staff: OCS Phase 3 takes months of planning and weeks of preparation, all for two weeks of aggressive execution. To all States that sent RTI Support (AZ, CA, IL, KS, MN, OK, OR, WI), I want to personally thank you for taking the time to fly out and provide your expertise and support to this program, and it could not work without you. To the supporting units of the WA ARNG who provided the personnel and equipment needed to execute the mission, the 205th RTI appreciates your energy and professionalism. Without your support, the 205th RTI could not offer the best junior Officers possible.

To the other RTIs and States: Thank you for having faith and trusting in the WA ARNG by providing your Candidates and Support personnel to this effort. Every State is a valuable member of this program, and we are all stronger by our shared experience.

Again, congratulations to the graduating class of WA OCS Phase 3. May your careers be bright, your leadership humble, and your hearts dedicated to victory.

LTC Joshua Daily  
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# WHAT IS OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL?

Officer Candidate School is one of four paths to become a commissioned Officer in the Army. It is an intense leadership training ground, one that is physically and mentally challenging, and not everyone's cut out for the challenges.

Open to civilians, active-duty enlisted, Army Reserve, and National Guard soldiers with at least a bachelor's degree, OCS offers the intense military tactical training participants need to become an officer, while also preparing for careers in fields like engineering, finance, mechanics, communications, and more.

## HISTORY OF OCS

Historically, OCS has provided the means by which the U.S. Army could generate large numbers of junior officers during periods of increasing personnel requirements, typically during wars. Officer Candidate School was first proposed in June 1938, as the Army began expanding in anticipation of hostilities when a plan for an officer-training program was submitted to the Chief of Infantry by Brigadier General Asa L. Singleton, Commandant of the Infantry School. No action was taken until July 1940, however, when Brigadier General Courtney Hodges, Assistant Commandant of the Infantry School, presented a revised plan to (then) Brigadier General Omar Bradley, Commandant of the Infantry School. In July 1941, the OCS stood up as the Infantry, Field Artillery, and Coastal Artillery Officer Candidate Schools, each respectively located at Fort Benning, Fort Sill, and Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Between July 1941 and May 1947, over 100,000 candidates were enrolled in 448 Infantry OCS classes, of these approximately 67 percent completed the course to earn commissions. After World War II, Infantry OCS was transferred to Fort Riley, Kansas, as part of the Ground General School. Due to the post-war downsizing of the Army and the declining need for new Officers, all but Infantry OCS was closed. Finally, on 1 November 1947, it was deactivated. The final class graduated only 52 second lieutenants.

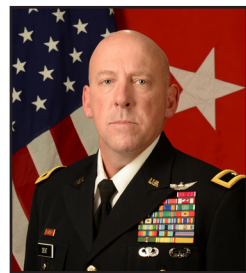
With the outbreak of the Korean War, and the Army's rapid expansion in response, the shortage of on-hand officers, and projected commissions, caused the Department of the Army to re-open Infantry OCS at Fort Benning on 18 February 1951. In August 1953, the Army would downsize again, but standing up OCS again with the onset of the Vietnam War. In 1976, the Army combined the Men and Women's OCS programs to create the modern day program.



# LEADERSHIP, CADRE AND STAFF



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# INSTRUCTORS AND TAC OFFICERS



# OPPOSING FORCE ROLE PLAYERS



# OFFICER CANDIDATES



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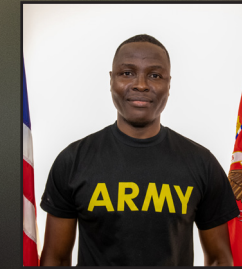
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OC Ross Boyle  
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OC Matthew Rupprecht  
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OC Kamran Sadaghani  
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OC Miranda Saldana-Rodney  
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OC Joshua Swanson  
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OC Riley Taplin  
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OC Patrick Thomas  
Oregon



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OC Brandon Torralba  
Minnesota



OC Chang Vang  
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OC William Vargas  
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OC Brandon Viken  
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OC Brett White  
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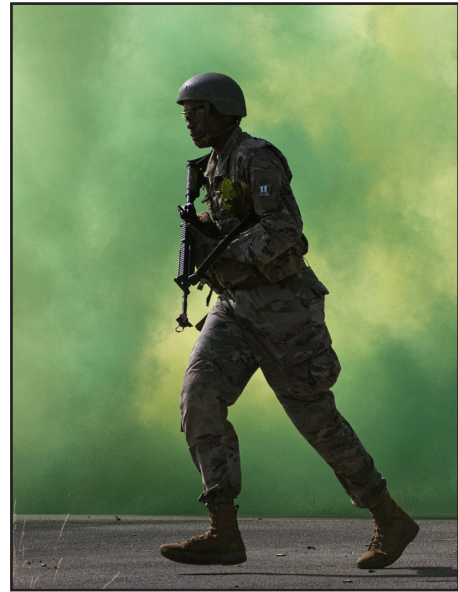


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