

# THIRD ARMY AIR DEFENSE OFFICER INDUCTED INTO THE OCS HALL OF FAME

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## **SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. –**

A Third Army/U.S. Army Central (ARCENT) Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Officer was one of 44 inducted into the Army's Officer Candidate School (OCS) Hall of Fame on 10 May 2013 in Marshall Auditorium McGinnis-Wickam Hall at Fort Benning, Ga.

Nomination for induction into the OCS Hall of Fame, which was founded in 1958, can be submitted personally by the nominee or by command/unit/team recommendation. A mandatory requirement for induction is that the officer must have distinguished himself/herself in military and civilian service at the state and national level.

Third Army/ARCENT's Chief of Air and Missile Defense (AMD), Col.

Robert P. Wade (pictured above) was nominated through the recommendation of his team at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. He is currently serving a one-year dual assignment as the Chief of AMD in Kuwait and simultaneously for Third Army at Shaw Air Force Base.

"In this past year, Col. Wade has influenced and inspired me in ways that I am sure will follow me the rest of my life both in and out of the military uniform," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Heather Ritter, a C4I systems integrator and joint interface control officer (JICO) assigned to Third Army/ARCENT. "He has demonstrated to me, that compassion and understanding as a leader in the military is not a sign of weakness, and that you will get the best results from people if you act and think as a person rather than as a machine as most of us in the military have become accustomed to."

The recommendation and selection for the OCS Hall of Fame Class of 2013 came as a welcoming surprise, said Wade, who entered the military at age 23 in 1986 as a college-opt and after 27 years serving in the Army he is still having fun. He said when he joined; he was prepared and knew this is what he wanted to do as a career.

"I will continue to serve as long as the Army lets me," said Wade.

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