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Commandant of Army Officer Candidate School Accused of Abuse of Authority, Unlawful Command Influence, Retaliation, and Systemic Due Process Violations

A growing number of Army Officer Candidate School (OCS) students are alleging systemic abuses tied to the fallout of a controversial land navigation test administered under LTC Wilford Garvin, Commander 3rd of the Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment (OCS) at Fort Benning, GA. They allege that after the original test was invalidated, candidates were subjected to a retest and a sweeping investigation—one marred by unreliable GPS data, coercive leadership tactics, and repeated violations of due process. The result, according to numerous candidates: dozens of aspiring officers were recycled or were recommended for dismissal—final decisions pending—under opaque and inconsistent standards, with some now formally alleging abuse of authority, retaliation, and unlawful command influence.

At least ten candidates have submitted formal complaints or appeals after being dismissed or recycled under circumstances they describe as unlawful, unethical, and in direct violation of Army regulations. One candidate—whose identity remains confidential for privacy and protection—was removed from the program just two weeks before graduation based on an investigation he was never formally notified of and never interviewed for.

These incidents are not isolated. Multiple candidates across Delta Company and Higher Headquarters Company (HHC) have documented similar experiences, citing systemic misconduct that includes:

- ▶ Violation of the Right Not to Self-Incriminate and Unlawful Command Influence (UCI): During the so-called “amnesty period,” LTC Garvin instructed candidates to self-disclose potential misconduct with the promise of protection. He then reversed course, issuing adverse administrative actions—including Day Zero recycles and dismissals—against several who voluntarily came forward. If true, this coercive use of “amnesty” directly violated their right against self-incrimination and undermined trust in the integrity of command processes.



- ▶ **Intimidation and Bias:** During briefings, LTC Garvin reportedly told candidates, “Don’t bother making a complaint—I’ve beat every congressional,” signaling a chilling indifference to oversight and accountability. Such statements exemplify UCI and cast doubt on the legitimacy of the entire investigative process.
- ▶ **Retaliation and Mistreatment:** Candidates were isolated in holding barracks (HHC) without access to counseling or mental health support—even those known to be grieving personal losses. In one shocking incident, a commissioned 2LT allegedly spat on an officer candidate during officer candidate land navigation testing, with no reported disciplinary action taken. Meanwhile, candidates who submitted rebuttals were reportedly told by LTC Garvin that doing so would not “alter the course of events” and were discouraged from advocating for themselves.
- ▶ **Flawed GPS Evidence and Technological Inaccuracy:** A space operations expert determined that GPS data used to implicate candidates during the land navigation investigation was collected during a period of major geomagnetic storm activity, rendering the data “wholly unreliable” for administrative use.
- ▶ **Violation of Procedural Rights:** Candidates were reportedly removed from training before investigations concluded, denied access to evidence, and given just 48 hours to rebut allegations—far short of the 10 duty days required under Army Regulation 15-6 and the OCS Individual Student Assessment Plan (ISAP).

If true, this isn’t just administrative failure—this is command climate failure. LTC Garvin’s abuse of authority and discretion, misuse of investigative authority, and apparent contempt for oversight mechanisms represent a threat to the values the Army claims to instill in its future officers.

The Walk the Talk Foundation is calling for:

- ▶ Reinstatement or independent boards for affected candidates denied due process.
- ▶ Immediate investigations into LTC Garvin and his chain of command.
- ▶ A congressional inquiry into systemic abuse and command influence at OCS.
- ▶ A full review of the land navigation investigation and adverse actions taken.



This developing situation has raised urgent questions about the Army's commitment to fairness, regulation, and ethical leadership within its most critical commissioning pipeline.



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