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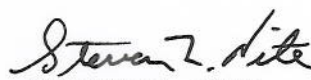
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MEMORANDUM FOR Incoming Soldiers, 19<sup>th</sup> Battlefield Coordination Detachment

SUBJECT: Command Team Welcome

1. Welcome to the 19<sup>th</sup> Battlefield Coordination Detachment (BCD) and congratulations on your assignment to United States Army Europe. The BCD concept is relatively new to our Army, the first BCD supported Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Our detachment traces its lineage to 1997 and includes four operational deployments in support of operations in the Balkans, Iraq, and Afghanistan.
2. Throughout the process of moving to Ramstein, Germany and joining our team, you will receive assistance from a wide variety of sources. The first and foremost is your sponsor; an individual selected and trained to answer your questions and assist you as you integrate into our community. Additionally, your chain of command and the support agencies in the Kaiserslautern Military Community (KMC) are aware of the difficulties of moving to Europe and stand ready to assist you and your family.
3. While assigned to the 19<sup>th</sup> BCD you will conduct extensive training at various locations, including training deployments across the European Command's area of responsibility. We are unique among the Army's five BCDs in that we are the only BCD that supports two Geographic Combatant Commands; US European Command and US Africa Command. We stand ready to deploy in support of combat operations in answer to our nation's call.
4. Your time in our unit will also afford you numerous opportunities to experience and enjoy all that Europe has to offer. If you have never been stationed in Europe, we encourage you to open a dialogue with your sponsor to learn about unique things like shipping vehicles, European voltage differences for electrical items, considerations when shipping pets, and other areas unique considerations. Your experience, training, and other talents will make you an integral member of the combat capability of our team and your contribution will enable the continued success of our unit and our Army.
5. If you any questions that your sponsor cannot answer, you may contact the detachment's deputy commanding officer, LTC Brian B. Ettrich, at country code 49.6371.47.6580 or DSN 314.480.6580.

  
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