



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**HEADQUARTERS, 1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION, 7<sup>TH</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 1<sup>ST</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION**  
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Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery - the First Lightning Battalion. Founded on July 1, 1916, the First Lightning Battalion has a long and distinguished history providing fires in support of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division during World War I, World War II, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Kosovo, and Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and NEW DAWN. We are excited that you are joining the team and look forward to welcoming you to this great organization.

This command is dedicated to making your service with the First Lightning Battalion an extremely positive and rewarding experience. We have great opportunities for every Soldier and Family member to become a valuable part of the team. Fort Riley and the Flint Hills Region are a wonderful place to live and work. They offer incredible opportunities to have fun, experience new things, and make new friends.

Again, welcome to the First Lightning Battalion. We have no doubt that together we will continue to move the formation forward, carrying on the regiment's proud motto: "Never Broken by Hardship or Battle."

First Lightning! Never Broken by Hardship or Battle.

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