



Basic Combat Training Graduation Letter

Charlie Battery, 1-31st Field Artillery

AUG 2016 – OCT 2016, Class 79-16

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FROM THE COMMANDER:

Hello again to the families of Charlie Battery! The Soldiers of Charlie Battery continue to prove their mettle every day. They are motivated, fit, knowledgeable and ready to graduate! Before they do they still have a few more weeks of rigorous training to complete.

This is the time when families are anxious to make their travel plans to see their Soldier graduate. This newsletter should provide you information you need in order to make your travel arrangements; including information on hotels, airlines, taxis and maps. If not, I can always be reached by phone or email.

You may want to consider not making travel arrangements until you have heard from your Soldier that he or she will graduate. I will ensure that your Soldier contacts you to confirm his/her eligibility.

Your Soldier is not scheduled to complete his/her last graduation

requirement until **October 28, 2016**. If you wish to make travel arrangements early, be aware that we cannot guarantee that your Soldier will be able to graduate until that time. However, should your Soldier be ineligible to graduate, he/she will still be afforded pass privileges to spend time with you following Family Day activities.

While you are here at Fort Sill, we ask that you help us preserve our training environment. Please do not smoke or use inappropriate language in or around the training area. Please wear appropriate clothing. There is no dress code, of course, but vulgar or distasteful slogans or exposures are not acceptable.

Finally, please feel free to email or call if you have any questions (contact information is on page 2).

GRADUATION WEEK! Graduation week will be a very busy time for your Soldier. We have scheduled a few opportunities for him/her to

spend some time with you. Soldiers in good standing are granted passes to spend some quality time with family in or around the installation. However, a pass is a privilege that can be revoked if a Soldier is involved in any misconduct. On rare occasions this happens, and I want to let you know about this policy up front.

**Thursday,
October 27, 2016**

The first event of graduation week is **Family Day** scheduled at **9:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.** at the Charlie Battery Drill Pad located on 5955 Rothwell Pride Park located at the intersection of Sheridan Road and Rothwell Street, Fort Sill, OK.

There will be a Family Day presentation conducted by our Soldiers. During the event, we will highlight our Soldier's achievements over the training cycle and discuss the pass policy for Thursday.



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At the conclusion of the ceremony, Soldiers will be released on a pass. While on a pass, Soldiers **MUST** remain within the confines of the Lawton and Fort Sill areas. This pass privilege will be extended to non-graduates.

Soldiers must return to the battery area no later than 7:30 p.m. in order to ensure they are present for the accountability formation.

Friday, October 28, 2016

Graduation ceremony will commence at **10:00 a.m.** inside the located at the Cache Creek Chapel 6043 Rothwell Street Fort Sill Oklahoma. During the ceremony you are invited to move about the theater and take pictures of your Soldier while seated, and as he/she crosses the graduation stage. The graduating class will be seated together during the

ceremony and will not have the opportunity to socialize until its conclusion.

Following graduation, your Soldier will again be released on a pass until 8 p.m. **Soldiers attending Advance Individual Training in Fort Sill will leave immediately after graduation.** Their weekend passes will be granted by the gaining unit after they in-process

Saturday, October 4, 2014

All Soldiers must travel to their next duty station via government travel arrangements. Your Soldier will depart Fort Sill on **October 29, 2016** to their next duty assignment or home. Unfortunately, we will not receive confirmation on your Soldier's exact travel time until 72 hours prior to graduation. Also Soldiers are not granted visitation or pass privileges during this time.

POINTS OF CONTACT

If you have questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me at the following:

Battery Commander
CPT Landy Noland

Phone
(580) 442-0630

e-mail
landy.r.noland.mil@mail.mil

We are here to train your Soldier and assist you in any way possible. Please do not hesitate to let us know if we can be of any assistance. See you soon and safe travels.

Please Visit Our Unit Website at:

<http://sill-www.army.mil/434/1-31/1-31c.html>

Or follow us on Facebook by searching:

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(updated weekly with newsletter & photos)



Important Phone Numbers

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For informational purposes only. The following should not be considered an endorsement by the Fort Sill Fires Center of Excellence or the U.S. Army.

Local Accommodations

Visitors are encouraged to visit the following link when planning their stay in Lawton and Fort Sill:

<http://lawtonfortsillchamber.com/index.php?pr=FortSillVisitor>
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At this site, you are sure to find useful information pertaining to the following:

- Lodging
- Attractions
- Entertainment
- Dining
- Fort Sill

Post Lodging

Rooms are limited but offered on a space available basis. Post lodging is operated by Holiday Inn Express. If you are interested in Post Lodging, contact the **Lodging Office at 580-442-5000.**

Ground Transportation

Jefferson Bus Lines
228 SW B Ave
580.353.1010

Lawton Area Transit
609 SW Bishop Rd
580.248.5252

AAA Cab Co
580.248.1234

Busy Bee Cab Co
580.355.7777

Checker Cab Co
580.355.5555

Peoples Cab Co
580.355.1706
580.357.9999

Radio Cab Co
580.355.1440

Safety Cab Co
580.353.3000

Yellow Cab Co
580.355.2222

Air Transportation

Air travelers are encouraged to fly into one of the following airports:

- Lawton Municipal Airport (LAW)
- Will Rogers World Airport (OKC)
- Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW)

Air travel into LAW is available via connecting flights from DFW on American Airlines' **American Eagle** only. If you fly into DFW, Fort Sill is approximately 3 hour drive. Oklahoma City is approximately 1.5 hours away.

Auto Rentals

A&A Auto Rental
1714 SW Lee Blvd
580.353.2691

Budget Car Rental
LAW
580.353.1417

Enterprise Rent-A-Car
6103 NW Cache Rd
580.355.0330

Hertz
LAW
580.355.6789

RV & Campground Sites

Anyone wishing to travel to graduation via RV or with a camping trailer may feel free to do so. The Lawton area offers campsites with hookups. Outdoor Adventure welcomes you.

Outdoor Adventure Center
2502 Sheridan Rd
1.800.375.8270