



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CHARLIE BATTERY, 1st BATTALION, 79th FIELD ARTILLERY
6007 ROTHWELL STREET
FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA 73503

25 August 2016

Commander, Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery

Dear Friends and Family Members,

The Soldiers of Charlie Battery are proving their toughness every day. They are motivated, fit, knowledgeable, and ready to graduate! Before they do, however, there are still a couple more weeks of rigorous necessary training.

This is the time of the cycle when families are anxious to make their travel plans to see their Soldiers graduate. This letter will provide you with useful information in order to make your travel plans. You may want to consider not making travel purchases until you have heard from your Soldier that he/she will graduate. I will ensure your Soldier contacts you on the day they are eligible to graduate. When you make your travel plans, please keep in mind travel time to the airports; approximately 1.5 hours to Oklahoma City and 20 minutes to Lawton Regional Airport.

While you are here, we ask that you help preserve historical Fort Sill. Please wear appropriate attire. There is no dress code, but vulgar or distasteful slogans or exposures are not acceptable for these family events. All civilians and military personnel entering Fort Sill must present a DOD ID or visitor's pass at the gate, where all vehicles are subject to search by Fort Sill Police. Personally owned firearms, large bags, parcels, and/or backpacks are not allowed on Fort Sill or at the graduation facility. Use of cellular phones while driving on Fort Sill is strictly prohibited. Please cooperate with these measures.

For those who completed the required visitor pass forms on time, your passes are included with this letter. For those who did not receive a visitor pass with this letter, you will need to obtain a pass from the Fort Sill Visitor Control Center, 6701 Sheridan Road, Fort Sill, OK 73503. You will need to download and complete Fort Sill Form 118a for every member in your party over the age of 18. Forms and information about the Visitor Control Center can be found at <http://sill-www.army.mil/vcc.html>. Additionally, a representative from Charlie Battery will be at the Visitor Control Center the day before and the day of Family Day to hand out passes that have already been processed.

The Family Day Ceremony will begin at 9:00 A.M. on October 20, 2016 at Charlie Battery, Building 6007, on Fort Sill. Family Day highlights your Soldier's achievements over the basic combat training cycle through a series of demonstrations on weapons, tactics, drill and ceremony, and physical fitness. I will then provide essential information on the pass policies for Family Day and Graduation. At the conclusion of this ceremony, your Soldier will be released on pass.

The Graduation Ceremony will begin at 10:00 A.M. on October 21, 2016 at the Cache Creek Chapel Complex on Fort Sill, OK. During the ceremony, please feel free to take pictures of your Soldier as they graduate. The graduating class will be seated together and will not have an opportunity to socialize during this time.

Here are the timelines for Family Day and Graduation:

Family Day: October 20, 2016

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Families arrive for Family Day at Charlie Battery, BLDG 6007 on Fort Sill

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Family Day Ceremony

10:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Pass Privileges

7:30 p.m.

Accountability Formation

Graduation: October 21, 2016

9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Doors Open at Cache Creek Chapel Complex

Graduation Ceremony

Pass Privileges

Accountability Formation

Immediately following the graduation, we will release the Soldiers on pass; except for 13 Series MOS Soldiers remaining at Fort Sill for AIT. 13 series Soldiers will ship to 1-78 FA BN (BLDG 4402 Blair Street, Fort Sill, OK 73503) at 4:00 pm. Historically 13 series Soldiers have been authorized a pass on graduation day from their AIT units, but please understand this is at the discretion of their AIT units, not C 1-79 FA.

Soldiers with follow on assignments at different posts will be released after graduation and must report back at 7:30 p.m. for accountability. These Soldiers will be shipped that night to their follow on assignment. Soldiers will travel by government arranged travel to their follow on assignments.

I hope you enjoy your visit to the Lawton/Fort Sill Area. Lawton/Fort Sill offers a vast array of attractions. As you may know, Fort Sill is located in southwest Oklahoma and is surrounded by the Wichita Mountains. If you take a drive through the Wichita Mountains, you can visit several tourist sites, such as the Holy City and the Wildlife Refuge Center. In Lawton, you can enjoy the Great Plains Museum and enjoy some entertainment. On Fort Sill, you can tour Geronimo's Guard House and Gravesite, the Old Post Quadrangle Museum, and the U.S. Army Field Artillery Museum. You can find additional information about local hotels and restaurants in the Lawton/Fort Sill area at the Chamber of Commerce website:

<http://www.lawtonfortsillchamber.com/>. Additional information can be found at <http://sill-www.army.mil/INDEX/maps/> and <http://sill-www.army.mil/>.

You can contact me via telephone at any time at the following number (580) 442-1327 or the following email address john.t.logan23.mil@mail.mil. On behalf of the Battery's Cadre and Drill Sergeants, we look forward to meeting you and hope you enjoy your Soldier's graduation.

Charlie Rock!

Sincerely,

//ORIGINAL SIGNED//

JOHN T. LOGAN

CPT, FA

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