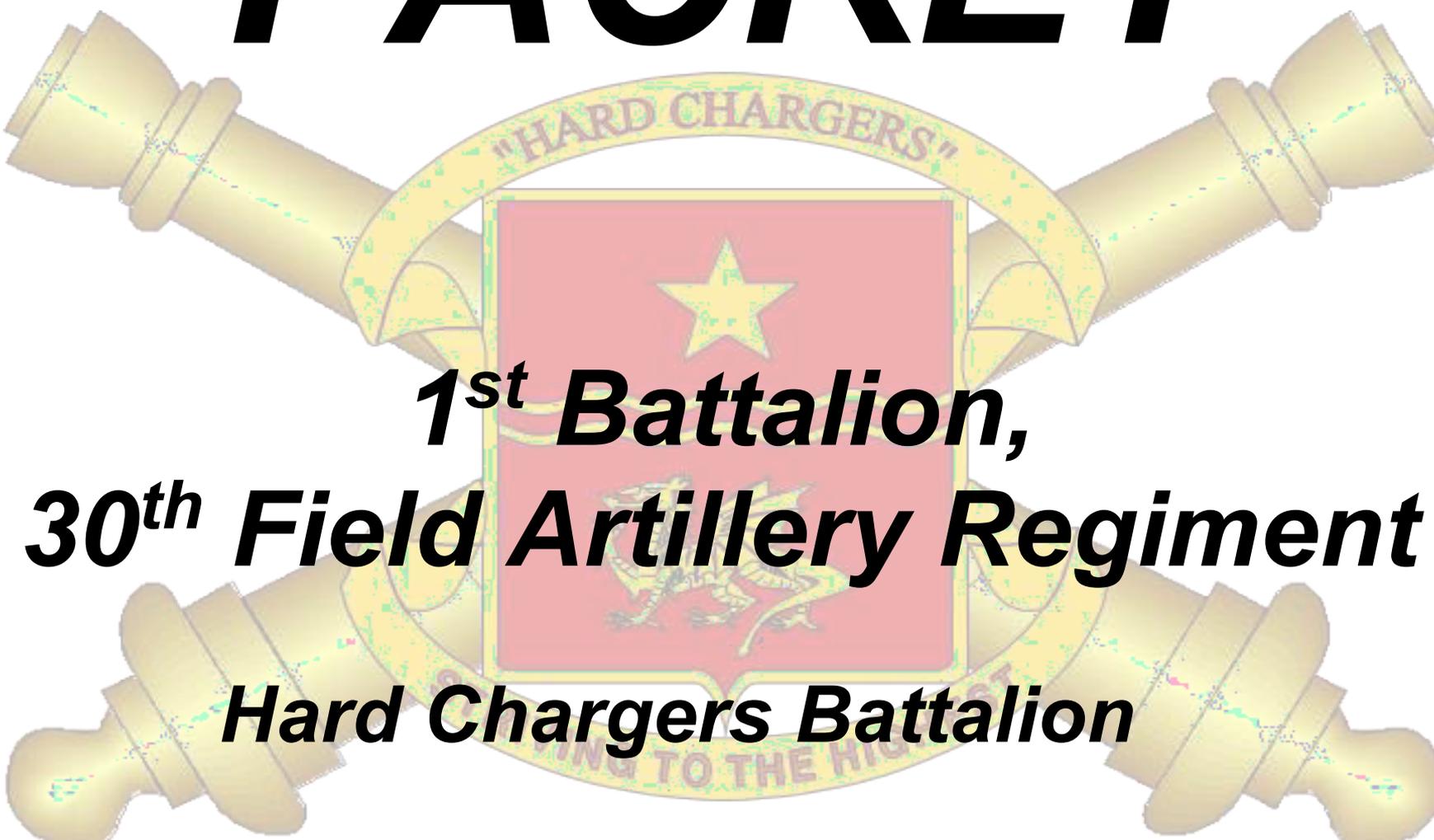


# ***WELCOME PACKET***



***1<sup>st</sup> Battalion,  
30<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment***

***Hard Chargers Battalion***

***"Striving To The Highest"***

BRIAN L. CLARK  
CSM, U.S. Army  
Command Sergeant Major

RICHARD S. WILSON  
LTC, FA  
Commanding

# Battalion Commander



LTC Rich Wilson received his commission in the Field Artillery as a Second Lieutenant through the Reserve Officer Training Corps in May 2006.

After completing the Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he served with the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Hovey, Korea and was assigned to 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery as a Fire Direction Officer and Platoon Leader. Following his tour in Korea he was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division in 2nd Battalion, 77th Field Artillery where he served as a Platoon Leader, Battalion Task Force Fire Support Officer and Assistant Brigade Combat Team Fire Support Officer. LTC Wilson attended the Field Artillery Captain's Career Course in 2011 and was subsequently assigned to 1st Battalion, 377th Field Artillery in the 17th Fires Brigade at Joint Base Lewis McChord in Washington where he served as a Battalion Fire Direction Officer, Assistant Battalion Operations Officer and commanded Charlie Battery (M777). Following battery command, LTC Wilson served as a Fire Support and Live Fire Observer Coach Trainer at the Joint Readiness Training Center. In 2016, LTC Wilson attended Command and General Staff College in Brunei. The following year he served as a Training Advisory Team Chief embedded with the 79th Heavy Rocket Regiment in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Following this assignment, LTC Wilson was assigned to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he served as the Brigade Fire Support Officer for 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. He then served as the Battalion Operations Officer for the 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery, the Executive Officer for the 25th Infantry Division Artillery and Targeting Officer at the Special Operations Command, Pacific. LTC Wilson's most recent assignment has been as the lead Division Artillery and Field Artillery Brigade Trainer for Operations Group Bravo, Mission Command Training Program at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. LTC Wilson's operational experience includes deployments to Korea, Singapore, United Arab Emirates and Afghanistan.

His Military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, the Parachutist Badge and the Air Assault Badge.

# Battalion CSM



Command Sergeant Major Brian L. Clark is a native of Cleveland, Ohio and enlisted in the Army in June 2001 as a 13E Fire Direction Specialist. He attended basic training and advanced individual training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He has served in every leadership position from Section Chief to Command Sergeant Major.

His previous assignments include; 1st Battalion 6th Field Artillery, Bamberg, Germany; 2nd Battalion 2nd Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Cleveland Recruiting Battalion, 1st Battalion 84th Field Artillery Baumholder, Germany; 3rd Battalion 314th Field Artillery, Fort Dix, New Jersey; 2nd Battalion 32nd Field Artillery, Fort Campbell, Kentucky (First Sergeant), 1st Battalion 320th Field Artillery, Fort Campbell, Kentucky (HHB First Sergeant); United States Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy (SLC School Chief) Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Texas (Senior Military Science Instructor); United States Sergeant Major Academy Class #73, Fort Bliss, Texas; 1st Armored Division, Division Artillery (DIVARTY Operations Sergeant Major). His deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF II), Operation Enduring Freedom (XI), and Operation Inherent Resolve.

His military schools and education include Basic Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course, Senior Leader Course, United States Army Recruiter Course, Observer Controller Course, Basic Instructor Course, Equal Opportunity Course, Battle Staff, First Sergeant Course, Air Assault School, Airborne School, and the United States Army Sergeant Major Academy Class #73 (Motivate & Serve). He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Cum Laude w/concentration in American Government), and a Master of Arts in Political Science (Cum Laude w/concentration in Foreign Affairs) both from American Military University.

His awards and decorations include Meritorious Service Medal, 4 oak leaf clusters; Army Commendation Medal w/C device, Army Commendation Medal, 8 oak leaf clusters; Army Achievement Medal, 9 oak leaf clusters; National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2 bronze stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (5th award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon (4th award), NATO Medal, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, Gold Recruiters Badge (w/3 sapphire stars), Air Assault Badge, Parachutist Badge, Drivers Badge (wheel), The Honorable Order of Saint Barbara, and he is a member of the Distinguished Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

Dear Soldiers,

15 October 2024

Congratulations on your assignment to the Hard Chargers Battalion. The Hard Chargers Battalion is part of the 428th Field Artillery Brigade and is comprised of two training Batteries that focus on developing world class Soldiers in all Field Artillery Military Leadership Courses. You and your Family will find a dynamic environment that is both professionally and personally rewarding. We look forward to your arrival and becoming a member of the Hard Chargers.

Fort Sill has a population of over 10,000 Soldiers. The post provides all the services you will find on any Army installation. Lawton, Oklahoma and surrounding communities have all of the amenities that you would expect to find in an around a military post. Outdoor living which is to say hunting, fishing, boating, hiking, rafting, and other physically challenging outdoor activities are available in the local area and through MWR. So, whether you like the city or the outdoors, Fort Sill is the place for you. We will do our best to ensure predictability and balance in all training to optimize each Soldier's quality time with Family members.

If you plan on driving your car to Fort Sill, you will want to make sure you are prepared for the trip especially during the winter months. Prior to arrival, you will be assigned a sponsor, please ensure you provide a good way to get in contact with you. Please visit the Fort Sill web-page for more information. Topics range from employment, schools, housing, CYSS and more.

Again, welcome to the Hard Chargers Battalion, 1-30th Field Artillery. Your assignment to the Hard Chargers Battalion will be a challenging and rewarding experience. We extend our best wishes to you and your family during your transition and look forward to integrating you into this outstanding organization.

If you encounter any issues communicating with your sponsor, please call 580-442-4662/4665.

# Hard Charges

## Battalion Mission:

The “Hard Chargers” Battalion educates, trains, and develops leaders who are credible, reliable and disciplined; providing Redlegs of character to the force, ready to fight and win in complex Large Scale Combat Operations.

## Key Tasks

1. Execute a Deliberate Integration and Farewelling Process for All Hard Chargers
2. Conduct and Synchronized Leader Development at Echelon
3. Actively Recruit Quality Cadre
4. Continuously Improve Instruction through AARs and Lessons from the Operational Force



# In-Processing Ft. Sill

## \*\*\*KEY NOTE\*\*\*

**24-48 hours BEFORE showing up for in-processing; ALL new Soldiers MUST coordinate estimate time of arrival with their sponsor. Due to the training environment, if the coordination is not done, the sponsor may not be available for you to in-process building 4700.**

**- To make copies, come to 1-30th to make free copies. There are NO facilities to make multiple copies for free while in-processing Fort Sill.**

## PERMANENT PARTY SOLDIERS

- Upon arrival, all permanently assigned Soldiers report to the Welcome Center at BLDG 4700 (Hartell Hall), 4700 Mow-Way Road (Main East entrance under the awning). The Welcome Center reception desk is manned by military personnel and from 09:00 to 17:00, Monday – Friday. The reception desk personnel then sign Soldiers in from leave, assist with billeting, and tell Soldiers when to return to in-process.
- The contact number for the Welcome Center reception desk is 580-442-3217, DSN 639.
- Upon arrival at BLDG 4700, Soldiers must turn-in their IPPS-A Absent Request and permanent change of station PCS orders.
- A four day in-processing period is normal at Fort Sill. All newly permanently assigned military personnel receive briefings on programs, assistance, and services available on the installation, with attendance at some briefings mandatory. Upon completion of the central in-processing, Soldiers report to their gaining units.

## STUDENTS

### All Students:

- Reporting between the hours of 0800-1700hrs, on duty days, report to BLDG 757 “Townes Hall” to in-process the BN S-1.
- Reporting after duty hours and on non-duty days, report to BLDG 3410 “428th BDE Staff Duty” to sign-in. Ensure they give you a copy of your absent request after they sign you in.

# In-Processing 1-30th FA

## Welcome to the HARD CHARGER Battalion!

**PERMANENT PARTY:** Complete this In-Processing checklist and return it to BN S-1 within ten (10) working days of arriving to the battalion.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last, First M.)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
SSN (Last 4): \_\_\_\_\_

### NEWCOMER'S OFFICE CALL:

CSM In-briefing (Everyone)  
 Battery 1SG (Everyone)

BN Commander In-briefing (Officer's & Senior NCOs)  
 Battery Commander (Everyone)

### S-1 (BLDG 757)

Copy of PCS Orders  
 Copy of IPPS-A Absent Req  
 Copy of Personal Data Sheet  
 Copy of DD 93 / SGLV / PRR

Update MOSI/Slotting  
 Update CAC w/ Meal Card  
 Promotion Packet (If applicable)  
 Copy of last NCOER/OER

### S-2 SECURITY/S-6 INFORMATION ASSURANCE (BLDG 757, RM 1):

Crime Prevention/OPSEC Brief  
 Security Background Check  
 Local Access Account/Acceptable Use

### S-3 (BLDG 757):

Reenlistment Info Update  
 BN Safety Officer  
 BN Cup and Flower Fund (BLDG 757)  
 SHARP In-Processing (BLDG 757)

BN FDRP Manager (Instructors)  
 13B Certification (BLDG  
 Motorcycle Safety NCO (840)  
 BN Driver's Examiner (BLDG 840)

### S-4 BATTALION SUPPLY (BLDG 756)

Travel Card (if applicable)

The point of contact for this memorandum is the BN S1 Adjutant at (580) 442-5898 or NCOIC at (580) 442-5139.

# Essential Resources

**The links on this page are only available by copying and pasting into your search browser.**

**FORT SILL WEBSITE:** <https://sill-www.army.mil/>

**WELCOME CENTER WEBSITE:** <https://sill-www.army.mil/usag/bldg4700/>

**HOUSING WEBSITE:**

<https://www.housing.army.mil/default.aspx#!pg=post&sp=welcome>

**FAMILY AND MWR:** <https://sill.armymwr.com/categories>

- ACS
- BOSS
- Community Events
- Conference &CYS (for childcare) Catering
- Financial
- Libraries
- Outdoor Recreation
- Recreation
- Retail
- Social & Dining
- Specialty Services
- Sports & Fitness
- Tickets
- Travel & Lodging

**MEDICAL WEBSITE:** <https://reynolds.tricare.mil/>

**RELIGIOUS SUPPORT ACTIVITIES:** <https://sill-www.army.mil/usag/rso/>

**EDUCATION:**

- Truman Education Center: <https://sill-www.army.mil/usag/dhr/tec/>
- (On Post) Freedom Elementary: <https://freedom.lawtonps.org/>
- (Off Post) Lawton Public Schools: [https://www.lawtonps.org/276076\\_2](https://www.lawtonps.org/276076_2)
- (Off Post) Cache Public Schools: <https://www.cacheps.org/>
- (Off Post) Elgin Public Schools: <http://elginps.sharpschool.net/>

**VISITOR CONTROL CENTER (VCC):** <https://sill-www.army.mil/vcc/>

**FORT SILL PUBLICATIONS:** <https://sill-www.army.mil/USAG/publications.html>

# Battalion Social Media

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/130thfieldartillerybattalion>

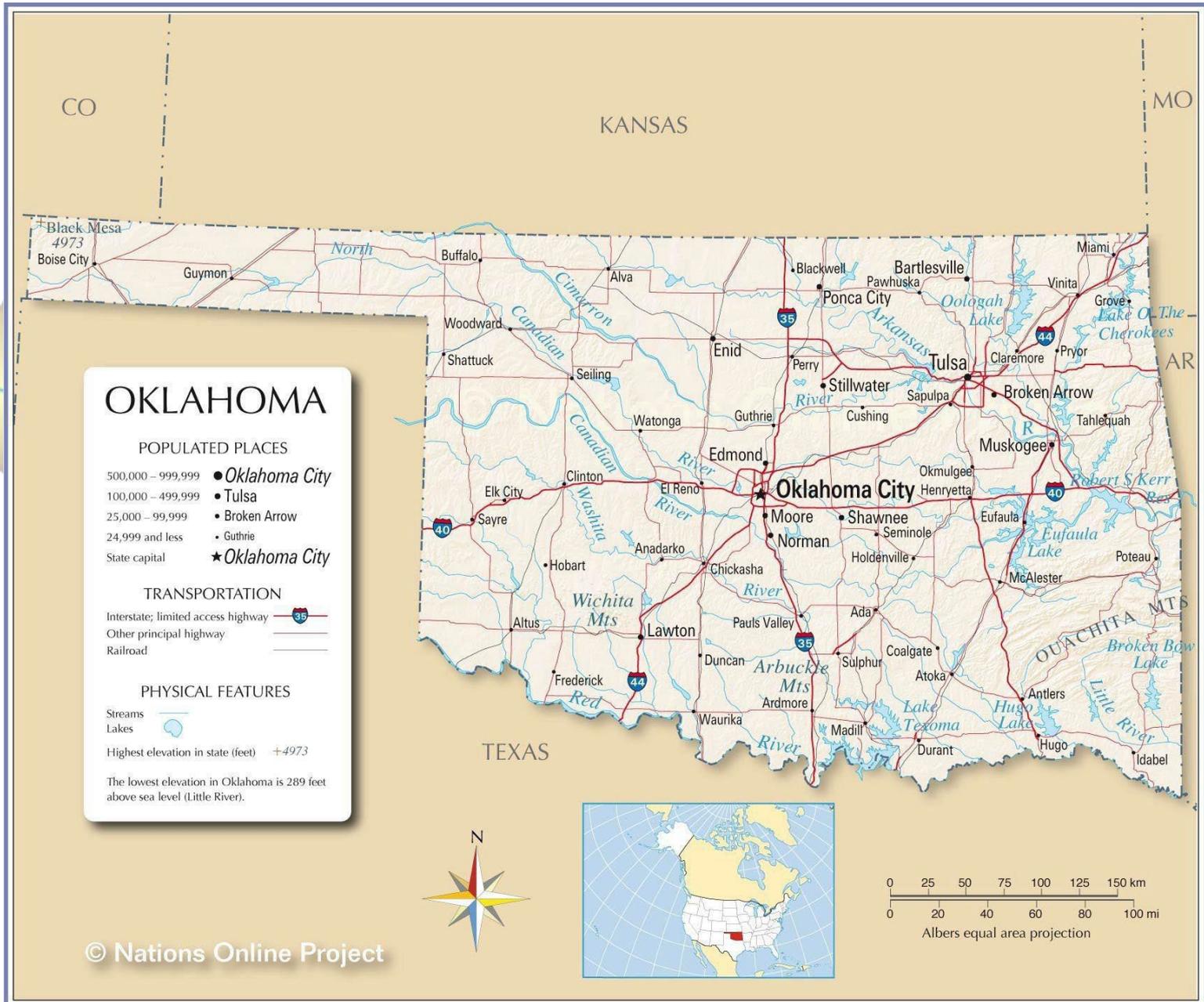


## 1-30th FA Battalion SWAG Shop QR Code





# Nearby Cities



Lawton, Oklahoma is where Fort Sill Is located, and is a town built around the base and its retiree community. The closest cities are Oklahoma City, Norman, and Tulsa within Oklahoma, and Dallas/Fort Worth in Texas.

## Driving Distance:

- Norman: 1 hour 20 minutes
- Oklahoma City: 1 hour 30 minutes
- Tulsa: 3 hours
- Dallas/Fort Worth: 3 hours



# Battalion History

Constituted 5 July 1918 in the National Army as Battery A, 30th Field Artillery, an element of the 10th Division. Organized 10 August 1918 at Camp Funston, Kansas. Demobilized 5 February 1919 at Camp Funston, Kansas. Reconstituted 24 March 1923 in the Regular Army as Battery A, 30th Field Artillery. Activated 4 June 1941 at Camp Roberts, California.

Reorganized and redesignated 18 May 1944 as Battery A, 521st Field Artillery Battalion. Redesignated 1 May 1945 as Battery A, 30th Field Artillery Battalion. Inactivated 9 February 1949 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Activated 22 February 1950 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Reorganized and redesignated 25 June 1958 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Howitzer Battalion, 30th Artillery (organic elements constituted 2 June 1958, and activated 25 June 1958). Redesignated 1 September 1963 as the 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery. Redesignated 1 September 1971 as the 1st Battalion, 30th Field Artillery. Provisionally reactivated on 16 December 1988. Staff and Faculty Battalion, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, re-designated under the U. S. Army Regimental System as 1st Battalion, 30th Field Artillery Regiment on 26 June 1995.

## CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

### World War II

\* Aleutian Islands \* Rhineland \* Central Europe

### Vietnam

\* Defense \* Counteroffensive Phase VI \* Counteroffensive  
\* Tet 69/ Counteroffensive \* Counteroffensive, Phase II \* Summer-Fall 1969  
\* Counteroffensive, Phase III \* Winter-Spring 1970 \* Tet Counteroffensive  
\* Sanctuary Counteroffensive \* Counteroffensive, Phase IV \* Counteroffensive, Phase V  
\* Counteroffensive, Phase VII

## UNIT DECORATIONS:

\* Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered FISH HOOK (1st Battalion, 30th Artillery, cited; DA GO 43, 1972)  
1968) \* Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966-1967 (1st Battalion, 30th Artillery, cited; DA GO 48,  
\* Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968 (1st Battalion, 30th Artillery, cited; DA GO 42, 1969)  
\* Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968-1969 (1st Battalion, 30th Artillery, cited; DA GO 39, 1970)  
\* Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965-1969 (1st Battalion, 30th Artillery, cited;  
DA GO 59, 1969)  
\* Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969-1970 (1st Battalion, 30th Artillery, cited;  
DA GO 42, 1972)  
\* Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970-1971 (1st Battalion, 30th Artillery, cited;  
DA GO 42, 1972)  
\* Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969-1970 (1st Battalion, 30th  
Artillery, cited; DA GO 42, 1972)  
\* Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 1999-2000 (1st Battalion, 30th Field Artillery awarded; DA Certificate dated  
1 OCT 99 - 1 OCT 00.

## BATTERY A

1970) \* Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered QUANG TIN PROVINCE (Battery A, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery, cited; DA GO 39,  
\* Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered TAY NINH PROVINCE (Battery A, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery, cited; DA GO 5, 1973)

## BATTERY B

1973) \* Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered DAK TO (Battery B, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery, cited; DA GO 59, 1968)  
\* Presidential Unit Citation (Navy), Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966 (Battery B, 1st Battalion 30th Artillery, cited; DA GO 32,  
1970) \* Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered TAY NINH PROVINCE (Battery B, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery, cited; DA GO 39,  
\* Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer Embroidered VIETNAM 1966 (Battery B, 1st Battalion 30th Artillery  
cited; DA GO 21, 1967)  
\* Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered TAY NINH PROVINCE 1965-1969 (Battery B, 1st  
Battalion 30th Artillery cited; DA GO 43, 1970)

# Unit Awards



Valorous Unit Award: 1 May-29 June 1970

Meritorious Unit Commendation: 1 Oct 1966-30 Sep 1967

Meritorious Unit Commendation: 1 Jan-1 Sep 1968

Meritorious Unit Commendation: 26 Oct 1968-11 Jun 1969

Superior Unit Award: 1 October 1999-1 October 2000,

## Unit Highlights in Vietnam

- 5 years and 4 months of time in country (Vietnam).
- 1,260,000 rounds fired.
- First 155mm unit to engage the enemy in Vietnam.
- First Airmobile Artillery Battalion in Vietnam.
- Only 155mm unit to fire at the enemy in South Vietnam, North Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.
- Longest serving 155mm battalion in Vietnam.
- 15 Unit Awards.
- 13 Campaign Streamers.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> mostly highly decorated artillery battalion in the war.
- **There was little surprise, then, when on 14 June 1996 the United States Army Center for Military History granted the distinctive designation “HARD CHARGERS” for official use by the battalion for all time as a testament to their tenacious efforts during Vietnam.**