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Dear Soldier,

Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 78<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Artillery starts here, where Soldiers learn to become a member of the Army's most deadly branch. The battalion's mission is to conduct Field Artillery Advanced Individual Training to provide the Army with combat ready Soldiers qualified in Field Artillery core competencies. The "Teamwork" battalion consists of five batteries which house and train all Field Artillery Military Occupational Specialties for the Army.

We look forward to you joining our team! You have an important mission to accomplish. Our battalion has a high operational tempo; things move quickly, so get ready to hit the ground running. We need you to arrive to the unit ready to contribute with Family settled, current personnel and medical readiness. in good physical condition, and mentally ready to train. Physical readiness is paramount; you will complete a record Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) after arrival. As cadre, you are expected to be professional and set a high example as we lead and train the future Leaders of our professional branch.

Fort Sill is located near Lawton, Oklahoma and is a unique post due to its geographical location, history, and community relationship. The installation offers an array of recreational activities that you and your Family members will enjoy. Economically, Fort Sill and Lawton are thriving. Affordable housing within the Lawton- Fort Sill area is available and those residing off-post enjoy an easy daily commute. Oklahoma City is one hour north, and the Dallas/Fort Worth area is three hours south.

The Command Sergeant Major and I are confident that you will enjoy being part of the team. You should view your assignment with the battalion as both challenging and rewarding. A sponsor has been assigned to you and will provide assistance during reception and integration to the battalion. If you or your loved ones would like more information about the battalion or your assignment, please check out our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/1stBn78thFieldArtillery](https://www.facebook.com/1stBn78thFieldArtillery)) or our website <https://sill-www.army.mil/428thfa/1-78>).

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Teamwork!

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