



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
BRAVO BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 19TH FIELD ARTILLERY  
5960 ROTHWELL STREET  
FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA, 73503**



Dear Family and Friends:

Greetings from the Fires Center of Excellence, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, home of the Field Artillery. The Trainees of Bravo Battery are proving their toughness every day. They have become more knowledgeable, motivated, and fit to be an American Soldier. We are coming to the end of the training, and now it is time to look forward to graduation. The last graduation requirement is the FORGE and happens in week eight. Remember, no news is good news! Your Trainee will be allowed to call home and communicate their status to you. There is no need to call asking for the information.

Family Day will occur Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Destroyer Park, directly across from the Ft. Sill Conference Center. You will access the Post through Key Gate East, and park in the Ft. Sill Conference Center parking lot. Gates will open for access at 7:00 a.m. After the Promotion and Award Ceremony at 8:00 a.m., you be able to sign your Trainee out on a day pass at 9:00 a.m. to visit in the Lawton Fort Sill Area. They are not to travel more than 30 miles from Fort Sill and must be back to the BATTERY AREA no later than 8:00 p.m. that same evening. Bravo Battery, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 19<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Drill Pad is located at B Wing, Building 5960, at 5960 Rothwell Street. Failure to have your graduate back by that time may result in non-judicial punishment.

Your Trainee will only wear their Army Combat Uniform (OCP) while on pass; civilian clothes are not authorized. While on pass, please ensure your Trainee maintains their military bearing during their time with you. They are no longer only representing themselves, but this unit, Fort Sill, the United States Army, and the nation. Do not purchase contraband items for your Trainee, or allow your Trainee to purchase, or consume, these items while on the pass. These items include but are not limited to tobacco products, drugs, alcohol, electronics, body spray, perfume, body piercing, tattoos, and pornographic material. Do not allow your Trainee to drive any vehicles, regardless if they have a valid driver's license. Do not use a cell phone while driving on the installation. Your Trainee is not allowed to use their cell phones while walking in uniform. Do not take your Trainee to any casinos. All Trainees will be held accountable for their actions.

Graduation ceremonies will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m., Friday, September 23, at the Fort Sill Polo Field. You will access the Post through Key Gate West. We highly recommend that guests carpool to mitigate limited parking. We encourage families to bring chairs, coolers (no alcohol), a packed lunch or snacks, and blankets for post-graduation activities. Some food trucks will be present but note that lines may be long. We also suggest keeping up with Oklahoma weather that week and plan to bring weather appropriate clothing. At 12:00 p.m., all Graduates will depart back to their unit area of operations to prepare to ship to their Advance Individual Training location. FAMILY TRAVEL TO AIT IS NOT AUTHORIZED.

If inclement weather occurs, we will conduct indoor graduation at the Cache Creek Chapel Complex or the Sheridan Theater at 10:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. (times dependent on number of Batteries graduating that day due to space restrictions). If the graduation ceremony moves indoors, only two family members over age 13 are authorized to attend. Children 12 and under are welcome to attend. Please arrive before the start time of the Graduation Ceremony. If we have additional space, we will allow more guests. Immediately following indoor graduation, families have time to congratulate their new Soldier, and will have approximately 2 hours to visit indoors.

During Family Day and Graduation, the Department of Emergency Services will conduct in-lane vetting. Vetting can ONLY happen through Key Gate East and Key Gate West. Attendees 18 and older (16 and older if driving) will need to show a valid State ID, Military ID, or U.S. passport at the entrance to gain access to the installation. In-lane vetting will last from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. You do not need to go to the Visitor Center for a pass on post. If you have a felony or warrant, please reach out to the Visitor Center for post access approval. Their number is 580-442-9604.

The purpose of Family and Graduation Day is to recognize the accomplishments of your graduate by conducting a safe Graduation Ceremony while maintaining COVID-19 protocol safeguards. All updated information can be found on the Battery Facebook page. Your Trainee will also be able to call with any updated information. We look forward to meeting you and hope you can attend your Trainee's Graduation. Welcome to the Army Team. Thank you for your continued support!

Very Respectfully,



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