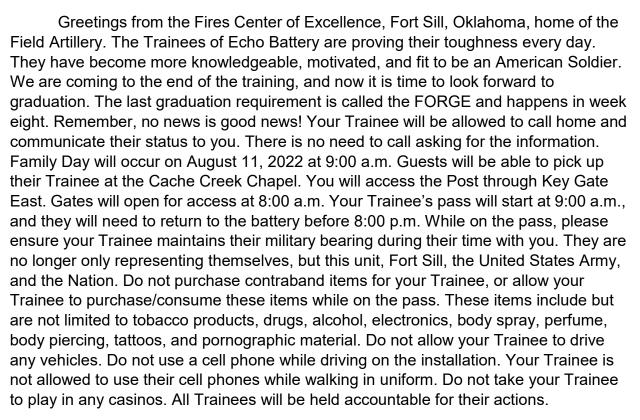


## Department of the Army Echo Battery, 1st Battalion, 19th Field Artillery Basic Combat Training – Class 61-22



The graduation ceremony will begin promptly at 09:30 a.m. on August 12, 2022. You will access the Post through Key Gate West. We highly recommend that guests carpool to mitigate limited parking. Following each graduation ceremony, guests will be allowed to spend time with their Trainee until noon. We also suggest keeping up with Oklahoma weather that week and plan to bring warm clothing. At 12:00 p.m., all Trainees will depart back to their unit area of operation 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 Sheridan Theater or Cache Creek Chapel at 10:00 a.m. 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. How much is dependent on what time the graduation is held. It will be no more than 2 hours. 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 openly recognize the accomplishments of your Trainees by conducting safe graduation ceremonies while maintaining COVID-19 protocol safeguards. We want to remind you that there are COVID mitigations in place at Fort Sill. Visitors will be required to wear a mask in all indoor facilities and where social distancing is impossible.

If any information gets updated, you can find it 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 continual support!

Respectfully,

PAUL A. SHELTON 1LT, FA Commanding