



Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 22nd Field Artillery  
434th Field Artillery Brigade  
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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 called 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 on **Thursday, 24 July 2025 at 9:00 a.m.** Guests will be able to pick up their Trainee at **Never Second Field** located at the **intersection of Nottingham St. and Gordon St.** You will access the Post through **Key Gate East**. Gates will open for access at **7:00 a.m. Your Trainee's pass will start at 9:00 a.m., and they will need to return to the battery before 8:00 p.m.** While on the 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 this 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. 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 play in any casinos. All Trainees will be held accountable for their actions.

**Graduation ceremonies will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, 25 July 2025 at the Cache Creek Chapel.** You will access the Post through **Key Gate West**. We highly recommend that guests carpool to mitigate limited parking. Following each outdoor graduation ceremony, guests will be allowed to spend time with their Trainee outside of the chapel until 12:00 p.m. (Noon). We encourage families to bring chairs, coolers (no alcohol), and umbrellas for shade for post-graduation activities. 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. Split-Ops Trainees will out-process the unit and prepare for departure home via commercial means purchased by the government or with family if arranged. Split-Ops Trainees have the opportunity at week 2 and week 8 to decide and arrange for family pick-up.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED:** Graduation Day Ceremony will be livestreamed; the official link will be posted on our Facebook account. Be aware of scammers promoting graduation ceremony links and payment advertisements within our comments.

If inclement weather occurs, we will conduct indoor graduation at the **Cache Creek Chapel Complex**. Times dependent on number of Batteries graduating that day due to space restrictions. Immediately following indoor graduation, families will 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 or U.S. passport at the entrance to gain access to the installation. If you have military identification, you can use this card for post access. 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 base. If you have a felony or warrant, please reach out to the Visitor Center for post access approval. Their number is 580-442-9604.

As information changes and gets updated, you can find it on the Battery Facebook page. Your Trainee will also be able to call with any updated information the Sunday before graduation week. We look forward to meeting you and hope you can attend your Trainee's graduation. Thank you for your continual support!

Very Respectfully,

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Commanding