



Department of the Army
Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 22nd Field Artillery
Welcome to Basic Combat Training

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 October 6th at 9:00 a.m. Guests will be able to pick up their Trainee at Echo / 1-22FA PT Field (See attached Map for reference). You will access the post through Key Gate East. Gates will open for access at 8:00 a.m. Your Trainee's pass will start at 9:00 a.m. and they will need to return to the battery headquarters 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 the nation. Do not purchase contraband items for your Trainee or allow your Trainee to purchase/consume these items while on 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 on October 7th at 9:30 a.m. at the Fort Sill Polo Field. You will access the post through Key Gate West. If inclement weather occurs, we will conduct indoor graduation at the Cache Creek Chapel Complex at 10:30 a.m. 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 on the Polo Field until noon. We encourage families to bring chairs, coolers (no alcohol), and blankets for post-graduation activities. 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 (AIT) location. **FAMILY TRAVEL TO AIT IS NOT AUTHORIZED.**

During Family Day and Graduation, the Department of Emergency Services (DES) 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 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. 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,

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