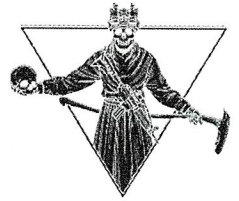




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Dear Family and Friends of Basic Combat Training Class 17-25:

Greetings from the Fires Center of Excellence, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Home of the Field Artillery! The Trainees of Executioner Battery are proving their indomitable spirit every day. They have become more knowledgeable, motivated, and fit to be an American Soldier. We are coming to an end of Basic Combat Training, and now it is time to look forward to graduation. The culminating graduation requirement, the FORGE Field Training Exercise, occurs during Week Eight. Your Trainee will be given the opportunity to call home and communicate their status to you.

**Family Day will occur on Thursday, 20 March 2025 at 0900.** 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 Fort Sill through **Key Gate East**. Gates will open for access at **0500. Your Trainee's pass will start at 0900, and they will need to return to the battery no later than 2000 (8:00 PM).** Do not drive on the installation while actively controlling any portable electronic device. Please do not purchase contraband items for your Trainee. Trainees must maintain their military bearing during their time with you; they represent this Unit, Fort Sill, the United States Army, and this Nation. Trainees are unauthorized to purchase, possess or consume contraband items while on pass. These items include but are not limited to weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco/nicotine products, portable electronics other than one personal phone, body spray, perfume, body piercings, tattoos, and pornographic material. Trainees are unauthorized to drive vehicles while on pass. Trainees are unauthorized to use cell phones while walking in uniform and must remain in uniform for the entirety of their Family Day. Trainees are unauthorized to occupy establishments whose primary purpose are gambling or the consumption of alcohol. Trainees will be held accountable for individual actions insubordinate to this order or contradictory to good order and discipline.

**Class 17-25's Graduation Ceremony will begin promptly on Friday, 21 March 2025 at 0900, in the Cache Creek Chapel, 6043 Rothwell St., Fort Sill, OK, 73503.** You will access Fort Sill through **Key Gate East**. We highly recommend guests carpool due to limited parking. At the conclusion of the ceremony, after you have had an opportunity to congratulate your Trainee, we ask Families to exit the Chapel to allow for other units' ceremonies. Your Trainee will depart back to Executioner Battery's area of operation to prepare to ship to their respective Advance Individual Training location, home duty station, or follow-on additional training.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED: CL 17-25's Graduation Ceremony will be livestreamed; the official link will be posted on our website and communicated to Family and Guests by their Trainee. While our Battery Social Media is currently suspended in accordance with an administrative directive, please be aware of scammers promoting graduation ceremony links and payment advertisements within our comments.**

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 (KGW access is currently suspended). 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 0700 to 1000. You DO NOT need to go to the visitor center for a pass on base. If you have a felony record or warrant, please reach out to the Visitor Center for post access approval. Their number is 580-442-9604.

You will find available information or changes regarding Family Day and the Graduation Ceremony published following this letter. Your Trainee is given the opportunity to call you with updated information the Sunday prior to graduation. We look forward to meeting you and hope you can attend your Trainee's graduation. Thank you for your support! Again, we are honored to have your Trainee as a member of this Battery.

**NO SLACK! FIRST TO FIRE.**



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