



Basic Training Information

A/1-31ST Field Artillery



05 November 2025 – 30 January 2026

CLASS# 09-26

FROM THE COMMANDER:

Greetings! I am Captain Brianna M. Romaine, your Soldier's Battery Commander during Initial Entry Training into the United States Army. Your Soldier has arrived safely at Fort Sill and will begin Basic Combat Training.

During the ten-week training period, your Soldier will learn the basic skills that are required to survive and win on today's modern battlefield. The training will be very strenuous and demanding, but the tasks performed will help each Soldier develop the discipline and self-confidence necessary to be a successful Soldier in today's Army.

I want you to know that the Drill Sergeants who will train your Soldier are a very dedicated group of professionals who are genuinely concerned about the health, welfare, and training of each Soldier. We consider your Soldier to be the Army's most important asset, and I personally ensure that your Soldier's basic training experience will be both challenging and rewarding.

YOU WILL HEAR FROM YOUR SOLDIER SOON!

By now, you should have already received a phone call from your Soldier. All Soldiers are given the opportunity to call home within the first 72 hours upon arrival to Basic Combat Training. Afterwards, Soldiers are occasionally afforded the PRIVILEGE to utilize the telephone (usually during Sundays for a specified amount of time); however, Soldiers may have this privilege revoked due to poor performance or misconduct.

I ask that you do not attempt to contact your Soldier by phone. If there are any concerns regarding the health and welfare of your Soldier, I will personally let you know, or your Soldier will be allowed to call home.

YOUR SOLDIER WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Whether or not this is your Soldier's first time away from home, I am sure that your Soldier will miss you a great deal. I strongly encourage you to write at every opportunity. Your Soldier will have time to write you as well. When writing your Soldier, use the following address:

Rank Last Name, First Name

Alpha BTRY, 1-31 Field Artillery

____ PLT, Class# 09-26

5960 Rothwell Street

Fort Sill, OK 73503

***(Your Soldier should have let you know what PLT they are in)**

Packages are generally not permitted because your Soldier can buy everything needed here at our local Post Exchange. However, if you choose to send your Soldier a package, please observe the following guidelines:

- X No alcohol or products containing alcohol, tobacco, or narcotics
- X No weapons
- X No medications (cough drops, ibuprofen, etc.)
- X No radios, TV's, cameras, cell phones, or other electronic devices
- X No pornographic or morally questionable materials
- X No magazines or books
- X No food items, candy, cookies, snacks, etc. (this attracts rodents and can cause a disease outbreak)

The following items are the authorized items:

- ✓ Stamps
- ✓ Paper and envelopes
- ✓ Unscented hygiene items
- ✓ Laundry soap
- ✓ COVID-19 masks (solid, neutral color only with no logos)

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM SENDING PACKAGES! Your Soldier will not be allowed to maintain unauthorized items in their personal lockers.

WHAT CAN I DO TO ASSIST MY SOLDIER DURING TRAINING?

The best thing you can do is write as many encouraging letters as possible. Soldiers look forward to mail call.

HOW ARE THEY TREATING MY SOLDIER?

Today's Soldiers are treated fairly and firmly with dignity and respect. Abuse of any kind is not tolerated. Drill Sergeants are selected amongst the best Noncommissioned Officers in the Army and are highly qualified to train recruits.

MAY MY SOLDIER ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES?

Absolutely. Soldiers have the opportunity to attend weekly religious services of various denominations and bible study. Soldiers are also permitted to seek counseling from an Army Chaplain, who is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY SOLDIER FAILS A PORTION OF BASIC TRAINING?

If a Soldier fails to meet any of the graduation requirements, every effort will be made for the Soldier to retake the failed portion. In the event the Soldier cannot pass or retake that portion, they will be considered for a transfer (recycle) to another unit in order to complete the remaining training requirements. Upon graduating with that unit, the Soldier will move on to Advanced Individual Training (AIT). In the event of a recycle, I will ensure that your Soldier is afforded the opportunity to call home in order to keep you updated on their status.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES

Should an emergency arise, the best means of notifying your Soldier is through your local American Red Cross. The field office in your area will contact the Fort Sill, Oklahoma field office who will, in turn, contact us. In extreme cases, such as serious injury or death affecting immediate family members, an emergency leave of absence may be granted (this is case-by-case basis only). Other leaves of absence during training are not normally authorized.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY SOLDIER IS INJURED DURING TRAINING?

Should any injury occur, your Soldier will receive appropriate medical attention from Fort Sill's state-of-the-art medical facilities. Additionally, Drill Sergeants are Combat Lifesaver qualified and carry medical aid kits. Injuries that prevent Soldiers from graduating will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Any Soldier who is injured during training and cannot complete the remaining training requirements will be transferred to the Warrior Training Rehabilitation Program (WTRP) to recover. Once the Soldier recovers, they will be sent to another training unit to resume the missed portion of training.

FAMILY DAY AND GRADUATION INFORMATION

Provided your Soldier meets all basic training requirements, Family Day will be held at **9:00 AM on Thursday, 29 January, 2026** and Graduation will be at **09:30 AM on Friday, 30 January, 2026**. Your Soldier should know their graduation status by the end of the 9th week of training (week of January 19th). As the time gets closer, I will issue a graduation letter that will go into more detail about Family Day and Graduation. This letter will also be posted on the 434 BDE Facebook page and website listed in this letter.

Graduation will also be live-streamed for you to watch for anyone that will not be physically present on the Fort Sill Livestream page. Details will be sent out in the graduation letter. Please wait for confirmation from your Trainee that they will graduate and check the BDE Facebook page for changes before making any travel plans.

434 BDE FACEBOOK

The Basic Combat Training BDE maintains a webpage that is updated periodically. The website can be found at <https://sill-www.army.mil/434>. Here, you can find relevant information about our Family Day, Graduation, and upcoming training events.

POINTS OF CONTACT

If you have an extremely important, sensitive, time urgent message, please look below for our e-mail. We attend as many training events as possible to witness firsthand your Trainees transforming into the Army's next Soldiers, but we do check our e-mail often.

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