

THE ARMY VALUES

Loyalty

Bear true faith and allegiance to the United States Constitution, the Army, your unit, and other Soldiers

Duty

Fulfill your obligations

Respect

Treat people as they should be treated

Selfless Service

Put the welfare of the Nation, the Army, and your subordinates before your own

Honor

Live up to all the Army Values

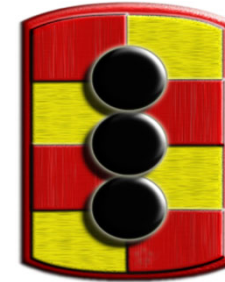
Integrity

Do what's right, legally and morally

Personal Courage

Face fear, danger, or adversity
(physical and moral)

434th Field Artillery Brigade
Fort Sill, Oklahoma



Foxtrot Battery,
1st Battalion, 31st Field Artillery
Basic Combat Training
Graduation Ceremony



Class #82-23
1 December 2023



The 434th Field Artillery Brigade "Service With Pride"

Commander,
434th Field Artillery Brigade
Colonel Michael P. Stewart

Command Sergeant Major,
434th Field Artillery Brigade
Command Sergeant Major Luis A. Arroyo-Avila

Commander,
1st Battalion, 31st Field Artillery
Lieutenant Colonel Shawn R. Jokinen

Command Sergeant Major,
1st Battalion, 31st Field Artillery
Command Sergeant Major Tywayne L. Richardson

F Battery, 1st Battalion, 31st Field Artillery Unit Cadre

Battery Commander
Battery First Sergeant
Executive Officer
Platoon Leader
Platoon Leader
Supply Sergeant
Operations Support

Captain Elisabeth L. Sallack
First Sergeant Manuel A. Borquez Jr.
First Lieutenant Austin T. Salazar
First Lieutenant Ellington M. Ward
Second Lieutenant Kyra G. Andrews
Sergeant Liberty Rose W. Tajalle
Mr. Robert A. Peel



The Army Goes Rolling Along

The U.S. Army Song got its beginnings in the Philippines in 1908. Brigadier General (then Lieutenant) Edmund L. "Snitz" Gruber, an artillery officer, was stationed there with the 2nd Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, and wrote it with the help of two fellow lieutenants. After hearing one of his section chiefs urge his drivers to "keep them (guns) rolling," he felt inspired; and quickly produced the lyrics and music to "The Caisson Song." Instantly popular, the song was soon adopted by the entire U.S. Field Artillery. Later, the song was given to legendary composer John Phillip Sousa; the resulting "U.S. Field Artillery March" became a blockbuster during World War I, selling about 750,000 copies. Despite two attempts by the Army to create an official song, nothing that was created seemed to make its mark. Finally in 1952, H.W. Arberg, the Music Advisor to the Army Adjutant General, adapted "The Caisson Song" to become the official U.S. Army song, "The Army Goes Rolling Along."

*March along, sing our song,
With the Army of the free.
Count the brave, count the true,
Who have fought to victory.*

*We're the Army and proud of our name! We're the Army and proudly
proclaim:*

*First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along.
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along!*

*Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!
The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong!
For where e'er we go,
You will always know
That The Army Goes Rolling Along!*

1st Battalion, 31st Field Artillery

The 1st Battalion, 31st Field Artillery was constituted 5 July 1918 in the National Army as the 31st Field Artillery and assigned to the 11th Division. It was organized at Camp George G. Meade, Maryland 6 August 1918 but relieved thereafter from its assignment to the 11th Division on 30 September 1918. The unit demobilized 9 December 1918 at Camp George G. Meade, Maryland.

On 22 July 1929, the 31st FA was reconstituted in the Regular Army and assigned to the 2nd Division but was, once again, later relieved on 1 January 1930 from its assignment to the 2nd Division.

The Battalion was subsequently assigned to the 7th Division on 1 July 1940 and activated at Camp Ord, California where it was reorganized and re-designated as the 31st Field Artillery Battalion on 1 October 1940. It underwent another reorganization and re-designation on 1 July 1957 as the 31st Field Artillery, which was a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System.

The 31st FA was then withdrawn from the Combat Arms Regimental System 16 March 1989, reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System, and transferred to the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC).

The unit was re-designated as the 31st Field Artillery Regiment on 1 October 2005 and began the reactivation process on 1 October 2010, attaining operational capacity under the 434th Field Artillery Brigade and activated on 11 January 2011.

The Battalion is credited with participating in multiple campaigns in World War II as well as the Korean War. It has been distinguished with several decorations, to include the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation that was awarded on three separate occasions.

Program of Events

- **Welcome**
- **Invocation**
- **National Anthem**
- **Introduction of Guest Speaker:**
 - 2LT Mary L. Hiller
- **Presentation of Awards/Diplomas**
- **Drill Sergeant of the Cycle Award**
 - Drill Sergeant Marcus A. Clark
- **Playing of The Army Song**
- **Closing Remarks**
- **Departure of Graduating Class**



The Soldier's Creed & Warrior Ethos

The Soldier's Creed was first introduced by then Army Chief of Staff, General Shinseki, in June of 2003. It represents the concept that *all* Soldiers are prepared for combat and embody the Warrior Ethos that is contained within it. Chief of Staff of the Army, General Schoomaker, reemphasized the creed and demonstrated his commitment to our soldiers by stating, "No longer is a Soldier's value measured by how close he or she is to the front line -- there are no front lines on today's battlefield. Every Soldier is a warrior; every Soldier has to embody not only the Army Values every day but take to heart the Soldier's Creed and, most specifically right now, the Warrior Ethos."

I am an American Soldier.

I am a Warrior and a member of a team. I serve the people of the United States and live the Army Values.

I will always place the mission first.

I will never accept defeat.

I will never quit.

I will never leave a fallen comrade.

I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills.

I always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself.

I am an expert and I am a professional.

I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy the enemies of the United States of America in close combat.

I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.

I am an American Soldier.

Warrior
Ethos



SFC Marcus A. Clark
Senior Drill Sergeant
Foxtrot Battery, 1-31st FA BN

Sergeant First Class (SFC) Marcus Clark is a native of San Diego, CA. He enlisted into the Army 14 August 2014 as a 13J Fire Control Specialist. He attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, OK. He went to Advance Individual Training in Fort Sill, OK to become a MOS qualified Fire Control Specialist. Upon completion of AIT SFC Clark was assigned to 6th Battalion 37th Field Artillery Regiment (FAR) in Camp Casey, South Korea. In 2017 he PCS to Fort Sill, OK he was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, FAR. SFC Clark previously served as a Platoon Sergeant in the 1st Battalion 6th FAR.

SFC Clark military education includes Drill Sergeant, Tactical Combat Casualty Care, SHARP Foundation, Field Sanitation Course, Unit Armor, Basic Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course, Senior Leader Course, Master Resiliency Course, Combative Level 1, Combative Level 2.

SFC Clark's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation medal, the Army Achievement medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, The Army Good Conduct Medal, The Drill Sergeant Badge, Driver Mechanic Badge)-DWV(Driver-Wheel Vehicle).

SFC Clark is currently serving as a Senior Drill Sergeant for Foxtrot Battery, 1st Battalion, 31st Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.





In September of 1964, the then CONARC (Continental Army Command)—created the Army's Drill Sergeant program at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. The concept was hugely successful and today produces the finest training cadre in the United States Armed Forces: the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant.

Today's drill sergeant is a sergeant, staff sergeant, or sergeant first class who faces one of the most demanding jobs in the Army: transforming a volunteer civilian into a Soldier. After being Department of the Army (DA) selected from the top 10 percent of their MOS, drill sergeants graduate from the nine-week Drill Sergeants School at Fort Jackson, South Carolina; highly motivated to train new soldiers.

A quick profile reveals that the vast majority of drill sergeants are extremely dedicated with a high sense of duty, are bright and articulate, and generally score on the extended scale of the Army Physical Fitness Test. These NCOs face 18-hour workdays in all conditions to ensure their soldiers meet the standards and wake up the next morning ready to begin again.

I am a Drill Sergeant.

I will assist each individual in their efforts to become a highly motivated, well-disciplined, physically and mentally fit Soldier capable of defeating any enemy on today's modern battlefield.

I will instill pride in all I train; pride in self, in the Army, and in country.

I will insist that each Soldier meets and maintains the Army standards of military bearing and courtesy, consistent with the highest traditions of the U.S. Army.

I will lead by example, never requiring a Soldier to attempt any task I would not do myself.

But first, last, and always I am an American Soldier, sworn to defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, both foreign and domestic.

I am a Drill Sergeant.



Mary L. Hiller 2LT, Field Artillery

Second Lieutenant Mary L. Hiller is from Clarksville, Tennessee. She graduated from Cameron University in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership. In 2020, she graduated from Webster University with a Masters in Human Resource Management. She enlisted the in Army on December 27th, 2022, and attended Basic Combat Training in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, with Charlie Battery, 1-79 Field Artillery Battalion. Following BCT, she attended the Officer Candidate School at Fort Moore, GA and commissioned in the Military Intelligence Branch with a branch detail in Field Artillery. She reported to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for Field Artillery Basic Officer Leadership Course in August 2023. She will follow on to Fort Campbell, KY, to continue her Lieutenant time.

Second Lieutenant Hiller's military education includes: Basic Combat Training, Officer Candidate School, and Basic Officer Leaders Course.

Second Lieutenant Hiller has been married for 18 years. Currently her spouse, Master Sergeant Brandon Hiller is stationed at Fort Campbell, KY. They have two boys: Gabriel and Mason.



Distinguished Honor Graduate: The Distinguished Honor Graduate is the Soldier who through performance and evaluation by the drill sergeants is rated as the best in the class.

SPC CHRISTOPHER M. TOMKINS

High Rifle Marksmanship (RM) Award: This Soldier has distinguished himself by achieving the highest score during Rifle Marksmanship.

PFC DAVID R. WORLEY (37/40)

High Army Combat Fitness Test: This award is given to the Soldier that achieves the highest Physical Fitness Training score during a Physical Fitness Test.

PFC GAVIN W. PATTERSON (600)

Private Louis Birtz Award: This award is presented to the Soldier that displayed the personal courage, dedication and motivation that Private Louis Birtz displayed (see narrative on following pages). The battery chain of command recognizes this Soldier as the most improved in his class:

PV2 DANIEL SVECHKA

Honor Graduates:

The top ten percent of the graduating class are:

SPC COOPER, ZACHARY L.
SPC HARRY, MARCUS L.
SPC RIGDON, GARRETT G.
SPC TULLOS, NATHANIEL W.
PFC GORDON, GABRIEL D.
PFC HARRIS, JORDAN A.
PFC LUOMA, LEONARD L.
PFC RODRIGUEZ, ALEXANDER D.
PFC SUZUKI, RYO
PVT AKINDILENI, TOLUWALASE N.
PVT CARVALHO, AVANCI G.
PVT KEMP, JEFFREY E.



Private Louis Birtz

An act of heroism by Private Louis Birtz, Battery "A" 19th Field Artillery Regiment on the night of 18 August 1918, gave the regiment its motto "Per Scintillam Flamma" (Through The Spark The Flame).

The 1st Battalion fired about 2000 Artillery rounds at the enemy attempting to capture the village of Frapella and Hill 415. The Germans retaliated with mustard and arsenic gases. During the battle, Battery "A" had trouble with the lights used as aiming points.

Disregarding personal safety, Private Birtz took up a station in front of the guns and lit matches so the guns could be sighted without aiming points. He continued this all during the shelling. The enemy shells bursting around him saturated the area with gas as his own guns were firing over him. He came through this unscratched.

Private Birtz was killed the next day in an accident.

In today's Army, Soldiers are still asked to display the Army Values and Warrior Ethos that Private Louis Birtz showed on that August day.



1ST PLATOON “HELLHOUNDS”

SDS SELLERS

DS GARCIA – DS BIDWELL

DS HARRIS – DS MARQUIT

SPC ADEBOYE, ADETOMI

SPC COOPER, ZACHARY

SPC FODJIO, ADRIEN

SPC GADDY, DAKOTA

PFC ARTHUR, JACKSON

PFC BIEKER, LEROY

PFC BLACKLEDGE, MICHAEL

PFC DONALD, CHRISTOPHER

PFC GORDON, GABRIEL

PFC HALL, LUKE

PV2 ALLEN, CASEY

PV2 BARLOW, GARY

PV2 BARRINGTON, DANIEL

PV2 BECK, CASEY

PV2 BROWN, TREMAINE

PV2 DO, TAN

PV2 GARCIA, ALEJANDRO

PV2 GARCIA, ALEXANDER

PV2 SVECHKA, DANIEL

PVT ADORNO, THOMAS

PVT AKINDILENI,

TOLUWALASE

PVT AMBEDKAR, EMMANUEL

PVT ANDREWS, KONA

PVT BARTHOLOMEW,

TAYLOR

PVT BATTLE, TREVELL

PVT BONDS, STEPHONE

PVT BRUNET, AUSTIN

PVT BURGER, RADLEY

PVT CALDERON, JASON

PVT CARVALHO, GUSTAVO

PVT CASSALATA, KEVIN

PVT CEDILLO, XANDER

PVT CLARE, KENNETH

PVT ESTRADA, JAKOB

PVT FEQUIERE, DELL

PVT GARCIA, JAYDEN

PVT GRAHAM, CONNOR

PVT GREEN, RYKER

PVT MCMANUS, MCMANUS

PVT WALTON, EMANUEL

First Platoon



2ND PLATOON

“CHAOS”

SDS REDD

DS BARRON – DS HANSEN – DS WALLACE

SPC HARRY, MARCUS
SPC LEE, RYAN
SPC LUCERO, JANATHON
SPC MILES, MARK
SPC MINGKWANYUEN,
NAPAT
PFC AZUARA, EMILIO
PFC HARRIS, JORDAN
PFC JEANNONT, RYAN
PFC JOHNSON, DERRECK
PFC JOHNSON, ELIJAH
PFC KETCHAM, RYAN
PFC LOCKWOOD, JACKSON
PFC LUOMA, LEONARD
PFC MONTALVO, NELSON
PFC PASCUAL, JORDAN
PFC PATTERSON, GAVIN
PFC PURKEY, MATTHEW
PV2 HARRIS, ELBERT
PV2 HUNTER, KAREEM
PV2 KASMAR, CHASE

PV2 LATIMER, VERNARD
PV2 MANSOR, GAVIN
PV2 MAYERS, JAMAAL
PV2 MOORE, JACKSON
PV2 MORALES, ALEJANDRO
PV2 OUELLETTE, OWEN
PV2 POWER, TYLER
PV2 REN, ALBERT
PV2 RICHARDSON, DANIEL
PVT ANDERSON, DWIGHT
PVT GORE, HOYT
PVT HANSON, COLETEN
PVT JOHNSON, AMON
PVT KEMP, JEFFREY
PVT LEVERETTE, DANIEL
PVT MANN, BENJIMAN
PVT MCCRAY, RAHEEM
PVT MORABITO, TEAGAN
PVT NI, CHARLES
PVT PATHAMMAVONG,
MATTHEW

3RD PLATOON

“WOLFHOUSES”

SDS CLARK

DS BARTON – DS KIRBY
DS DEPATIE – DS MOLINA

SPC RIGDON, GARRETT
SPC TOMKINS,
CHRISTOPHER
SPC TRUESDALE, MICHAEL
SPC TULLOS, NATHANIEL
SPC YERRO, JAMES
SPC YI, WILLIAM
PFC RODRIGUEZ,
ALEXANDER
PFC SCHADEL, LANDON
PFC SIMPSON, BENJAMIN
PFC SUZUKI, RYO
PFC WATTS, JACKSON
PFC WILSON, ZANE
PFC WORLEY, DAVID
PFC ZACOVIC, LIAM
PV2 JARMON, MALACHI
PV2 SAWYER, JACOB
PV2 SHELTER, AUSTIN
PV2 TZOC, CARLOS
PV2 VELEZ, JORDAN

PV2 WALKER, ISAIAH
PV2 WILLIAMS, ADAM
PV2 WILLIAMS, TREY
PVT LITTLE BOY, STANLEY
PVT RIVERA, CESAR
PVT ROSARIO, RYAN
PVT ROSS, GABREAL
PVT RUBIO, OMAR
PVT SAH, CHANDAN
PVT SARRA, OSCAR
PVT SAY, SHA
PVT SHAW, COY
PVT SHAW, MIKEL
PVT SHREVE, KAIDEN
PVT SHUFORD, JACOB
PVT SOLO, MATTHIAS
PVT STONE, MATTHEW
PVT TORPY, THOMAS
PVT TRONCOSO, EDWIN
PVT UMBAO, VICTOR
PVT WISEMAN, DYLAN

