

WELCOME PACKET



*1st Battalion,
40th Field Artillery Regiment
Gauntlet Battalion
“All for One”*





1-40 FA BN Welcome Letter



Dear,

Welcome to Fort Sill, the 434th Field Artillery Brigade (434th FA BDE), and the 1st Battalion, 40th Field Artillery Regiment (1-40th FA BN). You are joining a great unit during a critical time as we prepare our Army's newest Soldiers for the challenges that face us around the world today. We look forward to your arrival and your contributions as a leader in training our Soldiers in Basic Combat Training (BCT).

The Initial Entry Training (IET) environment is unique. The 434th FA BDE is the largest "Field Artillery" brigade in our Army, but training the future Field Artillery team is only a part of what we do. Specifically, the 434th FA BDE consists of six battalions, and 1-40th FA BN is one of five battalions that are purely Basic Combat Training (BCT), transforming civilian volunteers into U.S. Army Soldiers.

The 1-40th FA BN consists of five batteries. As you can imagine, being one of five batteries conducting and supporting BCT makes for a very busy, but rewarding environment. You will find that you will have an opportunity to enhance your leadership skills while performing the critical job of training our Army's newest Soldiers. We are confident that this assignment will be both personally beneficial and professionally rewarding. Our Soldiers deserve solid leaders and the best training that we can provide. We are sure that you will fit right in and lead from the front.

You will be hearing from your sponsor soon who will be able to answer any questions that you may have concerning this assignment. Your sponsor has the experience of living in the Lawton/Fort Sill area and can assist in your transition. Until then, if you have any specific administrative concerns, please contact the Battalion S1 NCOIC at (580) 442-1270.

We look forward to meeting you and having you join this already outstanding team!



Jonathan D. Eppes
CSM, USA
Command Sergeant Major



G. C. Redford
LTC, SF
Commanding



LTC REDFORD



Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Redford was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in May 2003 through the University of Kentucky ROTC. That same summer, he married his wife of 22 years, and together they have nine children: Caden, Kenadie, Ashlyn, Elijah, Cohen, Cali, Corbin, Elizabeth, and Canaan.

LTC Redford attended the Infantry Officer Basic Course in 2004 and was assigned as a Platoon Leader with Bravo Company, 3-69 AR BN, 3rd Infantry Division. He deployed to Samara, Iraq in 2005 and later served as the Company Executive Officer for Bravo Company's deployment to Ramadi, Iraq in 2007.

Following his deployment, LTC Redford attended the Maneuver Captain's Career Course and Ranger Course in 2008-2009. He was then stationed at Fort Bliss, TX, serving in 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, where he commanded Bravo Company, 1-41 IN BN, Chosen Troop, 1-13 CAV SQDN, and later the Rear Detachment of 1-13 CAV SQDN.

After completing his assignment at Fort Bliss, LTC Redford served as a Small Group Leader from 2012 to 2014 at the Maneuver Captain's Career Course, Fort Benning, GA. In 2015, he attended the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Fort Leavenworth, KS, where he earned an M.A. in Security Studies from Kansas State University.

Upon graduating CGSC, he was assigned as the Battalion Executive Officer for 1-5 IN BN, 1/25 SBCT, Fort Wainwright, AK from 2015 to 2017. He then transferred to 1-509th (Airborne), JRTC Operations Group, Fort Polk, LA, where he served as Battalion Operations Officer and Executive Officer, completing Jumpmaster Training.

LTC Redford later served in the 3rd Security Forces Assistance Brigade (SFAB) at Fort Hood, TX, where he was a Troop Advisor Team Leader and Troop Commander. He trained and deployed Alpha Troop, 3rd SQDN to Afghanistan in 2019. Upon redeployment, he became the Squadron Executive Officer for 3rd Squadron, 3rd SFAB.

In July 2021, LTC Redford moved to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), AK, assigned to 11th Airborne Division (USARAK). During his tenure, he has served as Chief of Current Operations, Plans Officer, and Chief of Future Operations.



CSM EPPES



Sergeant Major Eppes is a native of Nashville, Tennessee. He entered the United States Army Reserve as a 91W Healthcare Specialist in June of 2002. He reclassified to 13M MLRS Crewmember and entered active duty in August of 2003. SGM Eppes has served in a variety of leadership positions to include MLRS Launcher Driver, Gunner, Section Chief, Platoon Sergeant, Writer/Instructor, Battalion and Brigade Master Gunner, Equal Opportunity Advisor, First Sergeant, and Operations Sergeant Major.

SGM Eppes' assignments include 1st Battalion, 94th Field Artillery Regiment (Germany and Joint Base Lewis McChord), 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, the Directorate of Training and Doctrine, the 3rd Battalion, 13th Field Artillery Regiment, the 428th Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, the 1st Battalion, 30th Field Artillery Regiment, the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Field Artillery Regiment, and currently serves as the Operations Sergeant Major in the 2nd Battalion, 4th Field Artillery Regiment.

His military education includes all levels of [NCOES](#) and he is a graduate of Class 74 of the United States Army Sergeants Major Course. He has also attended the Master Resilience and Fitness Trainer courses, the Field Artillery Master Gunner Course, the Equal Opportunity Advisor Course, the Air Assault Course, and others.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (3), Army Commendation Medal (6), Army Achievement Medal (6), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Valorous Unit Award, the Air Assault Badge, and the Master Gunner Identification Badge. He is a member of the Redleg Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Association and an inductee [into](#) the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara.

He resides in Cache, Oklahoma with his fiancé and their four children.



Battalion History



On 1 September 1971, the 1st Battalion, 40th Artillery was redesignated as the 1st Battalion, 40th Artillery and subsequently assigned on 13 September 1972 to the 3rd Armored Division and activated in Germany.

The Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 40th Field Artillery, reorganized and redesignated on 16 September 1987 as Battery A, 40th Field Artillery, and remained assigned to the 3rd Armored Division (the remainder of battalion concurrently inactivated).

The Battery A, 40th Field Artillery was then inactivated on 15 January 1992 in Germany and relieved from assignment to the 3rd Armored Division, reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System, and transferred to the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC).

The unit was redesignated as the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 40th Field Artillery on 15 January 1996 and assigned to the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command; Headquarters concurrently activated at Fort Sill, Oklahoma under the 434th Field Artillery Brigade.

1st Battalion 40th Field Artillery Honors

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

WORLD WAR II

Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

VIETNAM

Counteroffensive II
Counteroffensive III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive IV
Counteroffensive V
Counteroffensive VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer-Fall 1969
Winter-Spring 1970

SOUTHWEST ASIA

Defense of Saudi Arabia
Liberation and Defense
of Kuwait
Cease-Fire



Unit Awards and Campaigns



Presidential Unit Citation (Navy)



Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army)

The 1st Battalion, 40th Field Artillery is credited with participating in multiple campaigns in World War II as well as the Vietnam War and Southwest Asia War. It has been distinguished with several decorations, to include the Presidential Unit Citation (Navy) for VIETNAM 1966-1967, Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army) for VIETNAM 1967-1968, Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army) for VIETNAM 1968-1969, and the Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army) for SOUTHWEST ASIA.

These were awarded during numerous operations the unit participated in. During World War II, it participated in many conflicts including various Counteroffensive operations of the Vietnam War, as well as the 1991 Liberation and Defense of Kuwait Campaign.





Coat of Arms



Shield: Gules, a Dexter arm embowed in armour, the upper part in fess grasping a Lochaber axe fesswise Or.

Red, a right arms arched in armour, the upper arm horizontally centered on the shied grasping a gold colored Lochaber axe in a horizontal position.

Crest: On a wreath Or and Gules, in front of a mound Vert a fleur-de-lis Azure within a chain of five broken links forming an oval opened at the top of the first.

Positioned on top of a gold and red curled crown, and in front of a green mound, is a blue fleur-de-lis within a chain of five broken links forming an oval which is open at the top.

Motto: ALL FOR ONE.

Symbolism: The shield is red for Artillery. The arm in the striking position signifies the readiness of the organization. The five broken chain links symbolize the unit's five World War II Battle Honors. The Fleur-de-Lis refers to the area of Europe where it fought in World War II. The color green alludes to hope and liberation. The gold color of the arm and Lochaber ax represents the color of a king, in this case, the King of Battle, and hence challenges the King's men, the Field Artilleryman, to live up to the kingly standards of prowess and virtue.



Gauntlet Focus

Battalion Mission:

1-40th Field Artillery **Inspires, Develops, Trains, and Transforms** America's Volunteers with **Dignity and Respect**
IOT provide lethal Soldiers, ready to excel at their first duty assignment for the Army.

Gauntlet 3 C's:

CHARACTER

We internalize and live the Army Values in everything we do.

People First – Value of Life – Ethical Climate

COMPETENCE

Whether you are a trainer or trainee, we strive to improve each and every day.

Winning Matters – Excellence in the Fundamentals – Standards and Discipline

COMMITMENT

You are a part of something bigger than yourself; dedicated to the mission, the unit, the Army.

Tactical Readiness – Resiliency – Professional Cohesive Teams



Battalion Social Media



Facebook:

@140FA (<https://www.facebook.com/140FA/>)



Battery Social Media platforms:

- Alpha Battery Facebook: [@AlphaBattery140thFA](https://www.facebook.com/AlphaBattery140thFA)



Alpha Battery 1-
40th FA "Apaches"
@AlphaBattery140thFA

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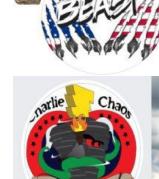
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- Bravo Battery Facebook: [@bravo140fa](https://www.facebook.com/bravo140fa)



Bravo Battery 1st Battalion 40th Field Artillery

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Bn, 40th Field
Artillery, "Chaos"
@C140Chaos



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BN, 40th FA
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Phone Directory



FORT SILL PHONE DIRECTORY:

- <https://sill-www.army.mil/directory/>
- <https://mybaseguide.com/installation/fort-sill/phone-directory/>

Organizations	Telephone Number
Post Telephone Operator (6a.m. to 5p.m.)	442-8111
Emergency	911
Police Non-Emergency	442-2101/2102
SHARP	580-917-4277
Building repairs (DPW Helpdesk)	442-3251
Housing repairs	442-3499
Field Officer of the Day	442-3230
Area Code	580

1st BATTALION, 40TH FIELD ARTILLERY PHONE DIRECTORY

Battalion S1: 580-442-1233
Battalion Sponsorship Coordinator: 580-442-1270
Battalion Staff Duty: 580-442-1204
Battalion S3: 580-442-9491
BN Chaplain: 580-44-8706

434th FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE PHONE DIRECTORY

Brigade Adjutant: 580-442-1146
Brigade S1 NCOIC: 580-442-1230
Brigade Sponsorship Coordinator: 580-442-2029
Brigade Staff Duty: 580-442-1273
Brigade S2: 580-442-6880
Brigade SHARP: 580-442-6985
Brigade EO: 580-442-4747



Essential Resources



FORT SILL WEBSITE: <https://sill-www.army.mil/>

RELOCATION GUIDE TO FORT SILL:
<https://sill.armymwr.com/programs/welcome>

WELCOME CENTER WEBSITE: <https://sill-www.army.mil/usag/bldg4700/>

HOUSING WEBSITE:

<https://www.housing.army.mil/default.aspx#!pg=post&sp=welcome>

FORT SILL HOUSING SERVICES WELCOME PACKET WEBSITE:
https://sill-www.army.mil/75th_field_artillery_brigade/docs/welcome_hso.pdf

FAMILY AND MWR: <https://sill.armymwr.com/categories>

- [ACS](#)
- [BOSS](#)
- [Community Events](#)
- [Conference & Catering](#)
- [CYS \(for childcare\)](#)
- [Financial](#)
- [Libraries](#)
- [Outdoor Recreation](#)
- [Recreation](#)
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- [Travel & Lodging](#)



Housing Services
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MEDICAL WEBSITE: <https://www.rach.sill.amedd.army.mil/>

RELIGIOUS SUPPORT ACTIVITIES: <https://sill-www.army.mil/usag/rs/>

EDUCATION:

- Truman Education Center: <https://sill-www.army.mil/usag/dhr/tec/>
- (On Post) Freedom Elementary: <https://freedom.lawtonps.org/>
- (Off Post) Lawton Public Schools: https://www.lawtonps.org/276076_2
- (Off Post) Cache Public Schools: <https://www.cachebps.org/>
- (Off Post) Elgin Public Schools: <http://elginps.sharpschool.net/>

VISITOR CONTROL CENTER (VCC):

<https://sill.armymwr.com/programs/visitor-control-cent>

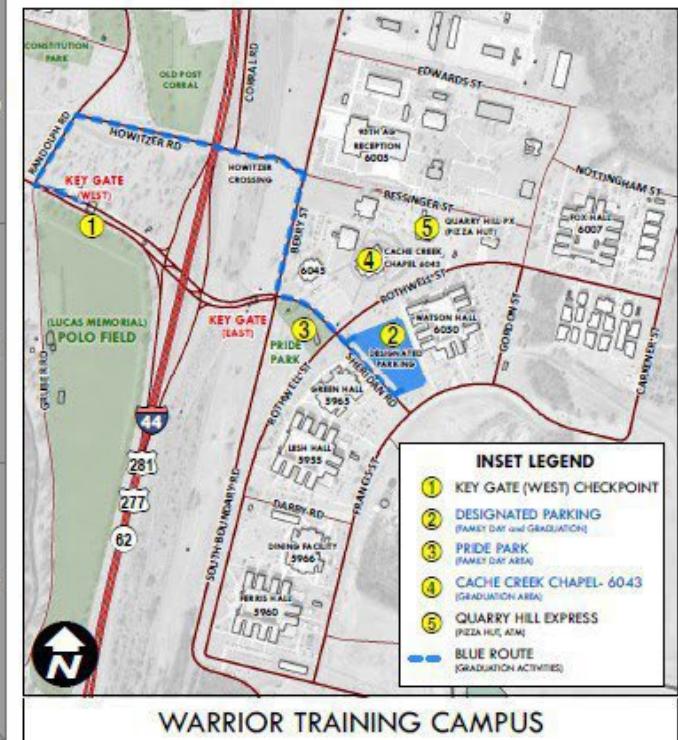
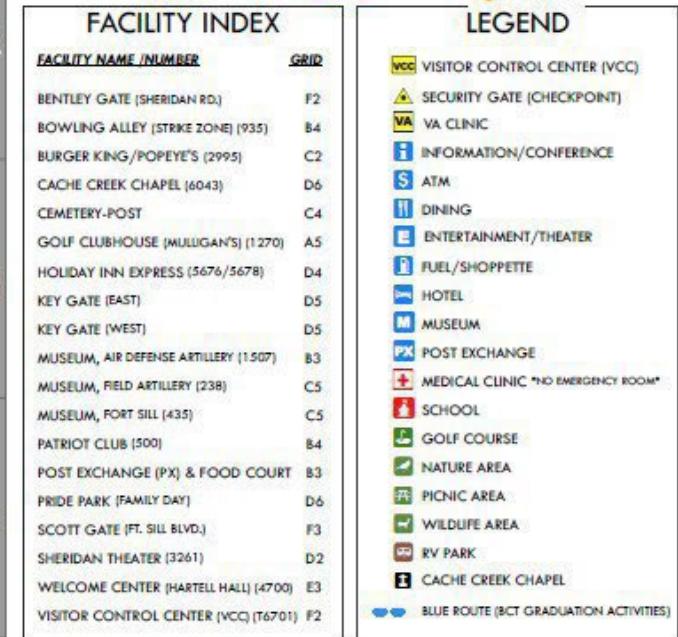
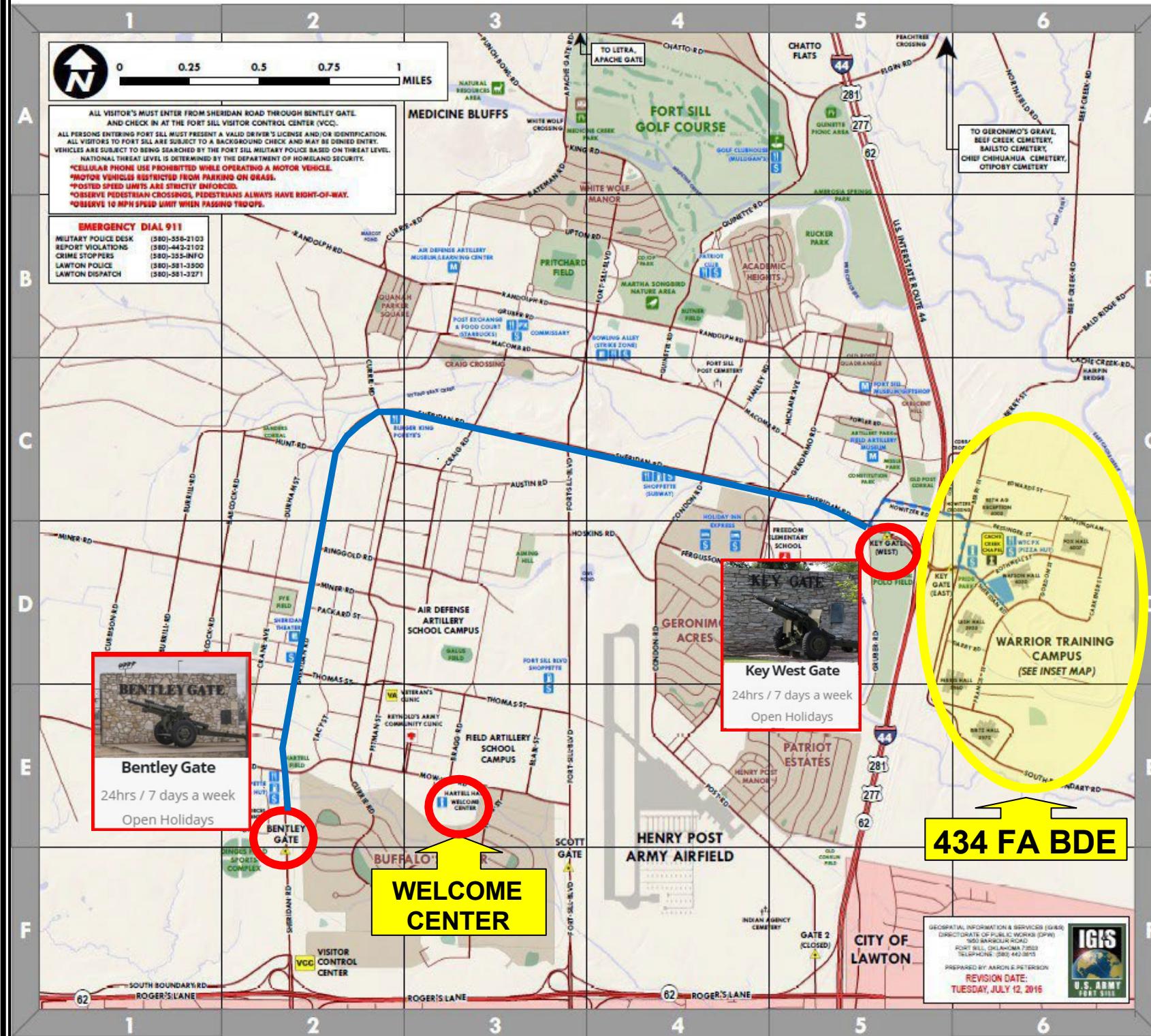
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FORT SILL VISITOR MAP





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Directions to 1-40th FA BN

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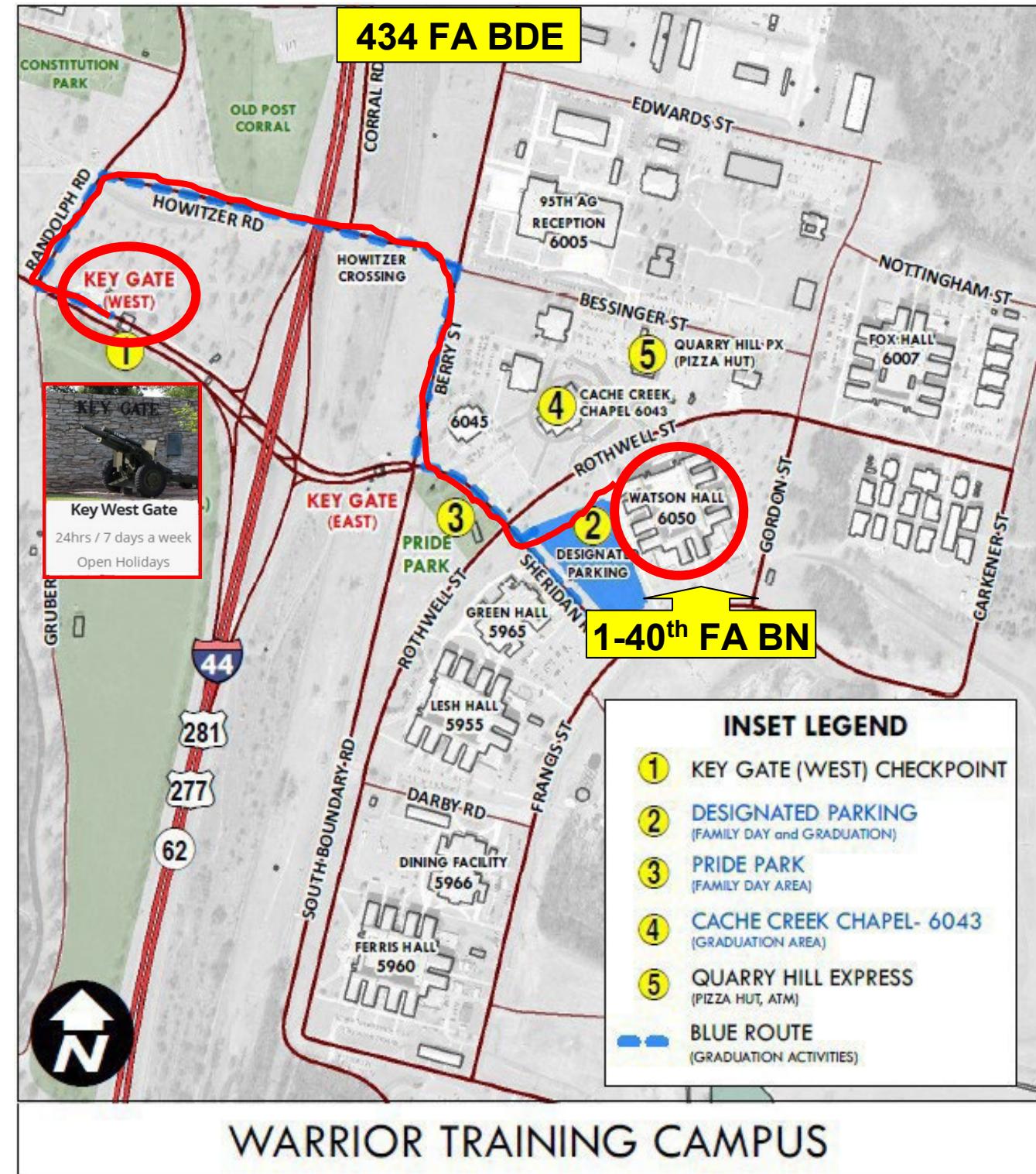
- Between 0500-1500 on a weekday:
 - Exit at Key Gate (East)
 - Enter Fort Sill on Sheridan Rd heading east
 - (FOLLOW THE SOLID BLUE LINE)**
 - 1-40th FA BN is in Watson Hall
- After 1500 or on a weekend:
 - Exit at Key Gate (West)
 - Enter Fort Sill on Sheridan Rd heading west
 - Take a right on Randolph Rd
 - Take a right on Howitzer Rd past the train tracks
 - Take a right on Berry St
 - Take a left on Sheridan Rd at Key Gate (East)
 - (FOLLOW THE SOLID BLUE LINE)**

From Bentley Gate

- Follow Sheridan Rd and follow the above instructions through Key Gate

From Scott Gate

- Follow Fort Sill Blvd
- Take a right on Sheridan Rd and follow the above instructions through Key Gate



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