1st Battalion 79th Field Artillery "Peace Through Victory"













1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery Unit History

The 1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery traces its linage back the 13th Cavalry Regiment, following its transfer from

the Philippines to Fort Riley, Kansas, in 1911. The 13th Cavalry Regiment fought under General John J. "Blackjack" Pershing in Mexico during the 1916 Punitive Expedition against the infamous bandit Poncho Villa. The 1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery was created on 1 July 1916, when it was constituted in the regular army as Troops A and B of the 21st Cavalry Regiment, and then re-organized on 1 June 1917, back at Fort Riley, Kansas, as the 79th Field Artillery.

The battalion was designated as Battery A, 79th Field Artillery on 1 November 1917—shortly after the United States entered the First World War. The battalion was then assigned to the 7th Division on 6 December 1917, providing fire support to the 7th Division throughout the bitter fighting in the mud of the 1918 Alsace-Lorraine Campaign. The 79th Field Artillery remained with the 7th Division until inactivation following World War I where it served with distinction.

After a series of reactivations and reassignments to the 7th Division, the battalion headquarters was activated on 1 June 1940, at Camp Bragg, North Carolina. The battalion was re-designated as the 697th Field Artillery on 23 February 1943. The battalion's batteries entered the European Theater of Operations during World War II at both Anzio and Normandy. Batteries of the 697th Field Artillery provided fire support to General George S. Patton's Third Army and LTG Mark Clark's Fifth Army. The battalion's 240mm howitzers lumbered across France from the Norman hedgerows to the Siegfried Line and up the Italian Peninsula from the Anzio beachhead to the Po River Valley, providing continuous fire support to the advancing armor and infantry columns of the United State Third and Fifth Armies. The battalion found itself on familiar, damp ground during the Lorraine Campaign and fought with great distinction during the Ardennes-Alsace Counter-offensive to stem the Nazi advance in the Battle of the Bulge. In the Italian Campaign, the battalion massed overwhelming artillery fires against the defenders of Monte Casino to ensure their defeat. The battalion culminated its service in the European Theater of Operations with Third Army's occupation of Southern Germany and Fifth Army's liberation of Northern Italy, bringing about the greatest victory in US military history.

The battalion was back in combat as the 555th Field Artillery in support of the 5th Infantry Regiment during the Korean War. While in action during America's "Forgotten War," the battalion stemmed the tide of suicidal mass charges by Chinese infantry in the frozen and mountainous terrain of the Korean Peninsula, saving the 5th Infantry Regiment from destruction. Following action in Korea, the battalion underwent another series of re-designations, activations and in-activations, finally being activated and re-designated as the 1st Howitzer Battalion, 79th Artillery, on 1 July 1960, and returning to the Republic of Korea a second time to serve in the 7th Infantry Division.

On 1 July 1963, the battalion was re-designated as the 1st Battalion, 79th Artillery and remained active for eight more years until 2 April 1971, when it was inactivated at Fort Lewis, Washington. The battalion was again re- designated, this time as the 1st Battalion, 79th Field artillery, and activated on 21 October 1975, at Fort Ord, California, where it served for another eight-year period in the 7th Infantry Division once again.

Following its last inactivation and relief from assignment to the 7th Infantry Division on 1 October 1983, the headquarters of the 1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery was transferred on 16 August 1995 to the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, and activated at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where it has been assigned to the 434th Field Artillery Brigade. The 1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery continues its proud tradition of service to our country and extensive combat record by transforming volunteers into the Army's newest soldiers, competent and confident in their warrior tasks and battle drills, and prepared to see our great nation to victory.

1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery

Welcome Letter

Future Teammate,

Welcome to Fort Sill, the 434th Field Artillery Brigade, and the 1st Battalion (BN), 79th Field Artillery (FA) Regiment! 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 integration and contributions in training our Army's next Soldiers.

The Initial Entry Training (IET) environment is unique. The 434th FA BDE is the largest "Field Artillery" brigade in our Army, consisting of five BNs, four of which (including ours) are purely Basic Combat Training (BCT) responsible for transforming citizens into lethal, motivated, and discipline Soldiers. The fifth BN is our reception BN which provides which enables these citizens to be professionally welcomed into our Army.

Our BN consists of five batteries and the brigade headquarters and headquarters service (HHS) battery. As you can imagine, being one of five batteries conducting and supporting IET makes for a very busy but rewarding environment as does joining the HHS team which keeps everything running. You will find that you will have an opportunity to enhance your leadership skills while training or enabling the training our Army's newest Soldiers and its future generation of leaders.

You will be hearing from your sponsor very soon. Pick their brains as much as you can while you are preparing to transition to Fort Sill. We are operating in a fairly uncertain time so if you have unanswered questions, please ask your sponsor or reach out to our Battalion Sponsorship Coordinator (SFC Fitzgerald: (580) 442-1343 or alfreda.fitzgerald.mil@mail.mil). No question should go unanswered so please let us advise you early and often. In addition, we will be sending some flyers that you might find useful for your upcoming move.

To be on the safe side, you are asked to go directly to the Fort Sill Urgent Care Clinic upon your arrival to obtain a decision on your requirement to self-quarantine upon your arrival. Please ensure you have the means and support to go immediately into this status if directed.

While we know this can be painful, it is an important step to keep COVID out of this strategically important team.

CSM Stewart and I look forward to meeting you and having you a part of this GREAT unit!

Sincerely,

JUSTIN M. STEWART CSM, USA Command Sergeant Major

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RYAN J. PURSEL LTC, MP Commanding

1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery Battalion Commander



LTC Ryan J. Pursel is a native of Illinois and grew up in Hawaii. He is a graduate of New Mexico Military Institute, where he commissioned as an Infantry Officer in the Indiana Army National Guard. In 2003, he transitioned to the Regular Army as a Military Police Officer.

LTC Pursel's duty positions include: Platoon Leader for the Indiana Army National Guard; Company and Battalion

Staffs as well as Command of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment for the 519th MP Battalion (Fort Polk, LA); US Army Military Police School Commandant Executive Officer and Basic Officer Leader Course Small Group Leader and Team Chief (Fort Leonard Wood, MO); Division Provost Marshal, S3 and BN XO for the 93rd MP Battalion (Fort Bliss, TX); represented the US Army with a fellowship for the American Correctional Association (ACA); G3 for US Army Corrections Command for the Headquarters, Department of the Army; US Army Europe Chief of G34 Plans, Operations, and Exercises, Senior US Delegate to the NATO Military Police Community, and Deputy Chief of Protection. LTC Pursel has deployed to Iraq, Republic of the Seychelles, Afghanistan, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

LTC Pursel's military education includes: Certified Missouri POST instructor, Certified Corrections Manager from ACA, professionally enhancing US Army, NATO, and Civilian Law Enforcement courses, and General Staff College (ILE). His civilian education includes a Master's degree in Business and Organizational Security Management from Webster University.

His military awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal; the Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC); the Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC); the Combat Action, Air Assault, and Army Staff badges; the Army Meritorious Unit Commendation; and the Army Superior Unit Award.

He is married to Laura, a proud Registered Nurse, and are proud parents to Hayden (10) and Hannah (8), and their newly-adopted puppy, Lucky.

1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery Command Sergeant Major



CSM Stewart graduated from High School in May 1999. He entered enlistment in the United States Army active duty in September 1999. He headed to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri where he attended Basic Combat Training (BCT). He then transferred to Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he attended Advance Individual Training (AIT) for 13F as a Fire Support Specialist (FSS). His assignments include the past duty positions as Driver, Radio Telephone Operator (RTO), Forward Observer (FO), Fire Support NCO, Effects NCO, Targeting NCO, Information Operations NCO, Instructor for the Advance Leaders Course and Senior Leaders Course, 1st Battalion 27th Infantry as a First Sergeant (1SG),Bravo Battery 3rd Battalion 7th Field Artillery Regiment as a First Sergeant

(1SG), HHB 3rd Battalion 7th Field Artillery as a First Sergeant (1SG), Bravo Battery 1st Battalion 78th Field Artillery as a First Sergeant (1SG), HHB 428th Field Artillery Brigade as a First Sergeant (1SG), Field Artillery Proponent Office Sergeant Major, and Sergeant Major for the Directorate of Training and Doctrine. He currently serves as the Battalion Command Sergeant Major for the 1st Battalion 79th Field Artillery.

CSM Stewart's military education includes Instructor Trainer Course (ITC), Joint Fire Observer (JFO) Course, Fire Support Coordination (FSC) Course, Asymmetric Warfare Adaptive Leader Program, Basic Leaders Course (BLC), Advance Leaders Course (ALC), and Senior Leaders Course (SLC) where he was the Distinguish Honor Graduate (DHG), First Sergeants Course, Battle Staff NCO Course, and a graduate of Class 68 United States Army Sergeants Major Academy with Honors.

CSM Stewart's awards include the Bronze Star Medal (BSM), Meritorious Service Medal (MSM with 2OLC), Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM with Valorous Device VD), Army Commendation Medal with (ARCOM with 8OLC), Army Achievement Medal (AAM with 5OLC), the Joint Meritorious Unit Award (JMUA), the Valorous Unit Award (VUA with 1OLC), the Army Good Conduct Medal (AGCM with 5 knots), the Korean Defense Service Medal (KDSM), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (ACM), Iraq Campaign Medal (ICM with 3 Stars), the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary (GWTEM) and Service Medal (GWTSM), the NATO defense Service Medal (NDSM), Air Assault Badge (AASLT), and the Combat Action Badge (CAB).

CSM Stewart's career highlights include his induction into the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club (SAMC), the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara, winning the Instructor of the Quarter 2nd Quarter FY17 for Fort Sill, and the TRADOC and Fort Sill NCO of the Year for 2008.

CSM Stewart is married to Christina Stewart and currently resides in Lawton, OK with their children Kal Stewart and Amiah Stewart.





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Emergency & Urgent Contacts

Emergency - Dial 911

Police Non-Emergency (580) 442-2101 / 2102

Military Police Desk (580) 442-3374

Fort Sill Operations Center (580) 442-3239 / 3241

Casualty Assistance (580) 442-4014 (580) 512-6178 (after hours)

Duty Chaplain (after hours) (580) 442-3240/3241

Visitor Control Center (5a.m. to 9p.m.) (580) 442-9604

Phone Directory

WELCOME CENTER - BUILDING 4700

The Welcome Center, usually known simply as "building 4700", is a state-of-the-art, five story building on Mow-Way Road at Fort Sill, Okla. Named for Medal of Honor recipient 1st Lt. Lee R. Hartell, it houses almost all of Fort Sill's Soldier and family support agencies.

For information about the myriad services available in support of families assigned to Fort Sill, check out the Fort Sill Welcome Packet here.



Entering at the east entrance, agencies and services are easily found thanks to the 24/7 staff duty personnel (staff duty number 580-442-3217) at the welcome desk. Hours of Operation, (0800 to 1600). There are also directories located at each entrance to help find services. For customer convenience, main agencies such as Soldier In-Processing, ID Cards, Finance, ACS, F&MWR and Child Youth Services are located on the first floor.

Maps and directions to other on-post agencies are available at the welcome desk.

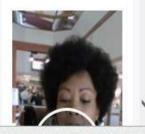
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AGENCY	LOCATION	PHONE
Adventure Travel	1st Floor, Room 152N	250-4040
Administrative Services Division - Official mail, publications records archive etc.	Basement, Room G06	442-3892
Army Community Services (ACS)	1st Floor, Northwest	442-4916
Building Manager	1st Floor, Room 109	442- 5225/3724

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SHARP

DoD Safe Help Line: (877)995-5247

Sexual Harassment & Sexual Assault Hotline: (580) 917-4277

Installation SHARP Office





PERMANENT PARTY SOLDIERS

Upon arrival, all permanently assigned Soldiers report to the Welcome Center at building 4700 (Hartell Hall), 4700 Mow-Way Road (Main East entrance under the awning). The Welcome Center reception desk is manned by military personnel and open 24 hours daily. The reception desk personnel then sign Soldiers in from leave, assist with billeting, and tell Soldiers when to return to inprocess.

The contact number for the Welcome Center reception desk is 580-442-3217, DSN 639.

Upon arrival at Building 4700, Soldiers must turn-in their DA Form 31 and permanent change of station (PCS) orders

A 2-day in-processing period is normal at Fort Sill. All new permanently assigned military personnel receive briefings on programs, assistance, and services available on the installation, with attendance at some briefings mandatory. Upon completion of the central in-processing, Soldiers report to their gaining units.

In-Processing	Out-Processing	Chapter Separations
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Privately Owned Weapons (POW): Soldiers reporting to Fort Sill due to a permanent change of station (PCS), MUST register any privately owned weapons with the Police Administrative Branch, room 218, building 4700. You must clear through the Police Administrative Branch and request cancellation of firearms registration as part of out-processing.

Reporting In (24 Hour Operation): Upon arrival, permanently assigned Soldiers report to the Welcome Transient Operations, in the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 4700 (Hartell Hall), Mow-Way Road (use east entrance under the awning). Upon entering, report to the front desk. Point of contact is the Transient Reception Liaison NCO (580) 442-3217. For driving instruction to this building click "HERE." Map

Normal Hours of Operation: 0830-1630 Monday through Friday, closed Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. Points of contact are: Branch Chief (580) 442-3007, Supervisor (580) 442-5122 and Team Leader (580) 442-4579. For driving instructions to this building click "HERE". Map

Required Documents: Upon arrival at Building 4700, Soldiers must turn-in the following items:

- DA Form 31
- Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Orders

Permissive TDY (House Hunting): Permissive TDY (house hunting) must be approved by the losing command prior to arrival at Fort Sill. For those with pre-approved permissive TDY, report to the Housing Services Office, Building 4700, 3rd Floor to have your DA Form 31 stamped with the date of arrival to begin your 10 day house hunting. Soldiers without pre-approved permissive TDY from their losing command must complete inprocessing to their gaining unit at Fort Sill and then request permissive TDY through their new commander.





Installation Inprocessing: Installation inprocessing is conducted Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for all permanent party Soldiers. SFC through CSM; CW2 through CW5; 1LT and above complete inprocessing the same day. The majority of processing is conducted in Building 4700 to include ID Cards, Finance, Housing, and ACS. New arrivals are briefed by several agencies on programs, assistance, and services available on the installation. Briefings/training includes the following:

- Housing/Government Quarters
- Fort Sill Credit Union
- Fort Sill National Bank
- MEDDAC (Records pick-up)
- DENTAC
- Finance Inprocessing (click here to preview DMPO inprocessing procedures)
- Travel Inprocessing

"Start Right" Program: Conducted Tuesday afternoons 1300-1630, and Wednesdays 0830-1630, at the Graham Resiliency Training Center (GRTC), Bldg 2934. This orientation is mandatory for all MAJ and below, CW4 and below, and MSG and below. It's strongly encouraged you bring your family members to the Start Right Orientation. Child care is provided on site. No pre-registration is required.

Financial Management Training – mandatory for 1st Duty Station Soldiers. Training is conducted on Mondays, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Welcome Center, 4700 Mow-Way Road, room 209. All Soldiers on their first/initial enlistment and this is your first permanent duty station must attend.





434TH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE PHONE DIRECTORY

Brigade Adjutant: 580-442-1146

Brigade S1: 580-442-1230

Brigade Sponsorship Coordinator: 580-442-1230

Brigade Staff Duty: 580-442-1273

Brigade S2: 580-442-6880

Brigade SHARP: 580-442-1284/6985/9567

Brigade EO: 580-458-0439

1ST BATTALION, 79TH FIELD ARTILLERY PHONE DIRECTORY

Battalion S1: 580-442-1343

Battalion Sponsorship Coordinator: 580-442-1343

Battalion Staff Duty: 580-442-1331

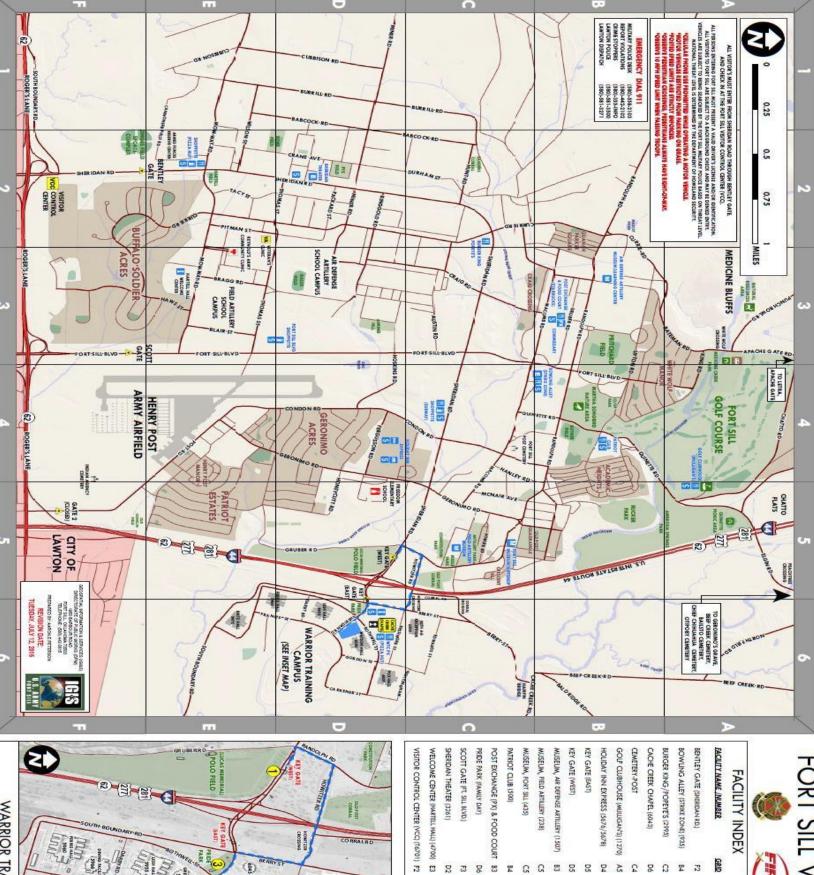
Battalion S3: 580-442-1306

Battalion Chaplain: 580-442-1330/1328









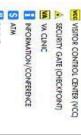
FORT SILL VISITOR MAP



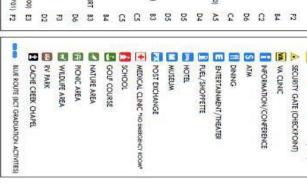


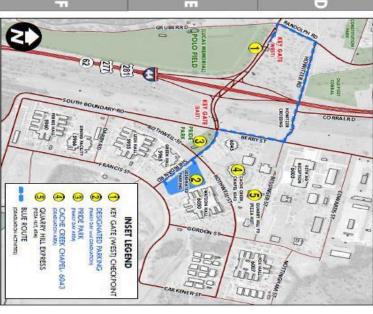












WARRIOR TRAINING CAMPUS







Fort Sill 5445 Greble Road Fort Sill, OK 73503 p: (580) 581-2100

M - F: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm **S - Su:** Closed

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Home information and floor plans provided are representative only. Actual homes may vary. A year lease is required for all housing. CCC and BOLC students will be considered for shorter term leases when attending these schools. Please contact our Leasing Office for more information. We encourage you to contact our Leasing and Relocation Center as availability changes frequently for our homes on post. Please email sill@corvias.com or call (580) 581-2144. Visit our YouTube Channel for an inside look at Corvias Fort Sill



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Rank Eligibility: E6-E8 | Buffalo Soldier Acres NH

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More Information

View Floor Plan

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Homes are offered on a first-available basis. If you have indicated a preference for a specific neighborhood or house type on your application, your wait time will probably be extended and these estimates may not apply.

For additional information please click on this link: http://sill.corviasmilitaryliving.com/





Reynolds Army Health Clinic:
https://www.rach.sill.amedd.army.mil/
Appointments 833-286-3732
0700-1600 M-F
For more information call 580-558-2500

Truman Education Center:

https://sill-www.army.mil/usag/dhr/TEC/index.html 580-442-3201

Freedom Elementary School: https://www.lawtonps.org/o/freedom

Lawton Oklahoma Public schools: https://www.fortsillhousing.com/schools

Religious Support:

https://sill-www.army.mil/usag/chapel/index.html 580-442-3302 After duty hours 580-442-3240/3241

Family and MWR:

https://sill.armymwr.com/ 580-442-3113/6472 To view fitness hours and contacts please see

https://sill.armymwr.com/contact-us

Post Exchange:

580-351-0504

M-F 0900-2000 SAT 0900-2000

SUN 1000-1900

Commissary:

https://www.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/fort-sill
M-F 0930-2000 EARLY BIRD 0700-0930
SAT 0800-1800 EARLY BIRD 0700-0800

SUN 1200-1800





Current Off-Limits Restricted Businesses

The Other Place Tommy's House of Music	E. Gore Blvd, Lawton, OK 3132 NW Cache Road, Lawton, OK 7808 S Western & 3200 N. May Ave. #A, Oklahoma City, OK 502 NW Sheridan Road #1, Lawton, OK 7092 MacArthur Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 107 S. Sooner Road, Oklahoma City 4401 NW Cache Road #A, Lawton, OK 2213 NW Sheridan Road, Lawton, OK 24201 Oklahoma 49, Medicine Park, OK 1309 NW Cache Road, Lawton, OK 2818 NW Sheridan Road, Lawton, OK 2818 NW Sheridan Road, Lawton, OK 2818 NW Sheridan Road, Lawton, OK 1309 SW Lee Blvd., Lawton, OK 1305 SW Lee Blvd., Lawton, OK	Dec. 17, 2013 Dec. 17, 2013
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Zagman's Interesting Gifts	2818 NW Sheridan Road, Lawton, OK	Dec. 17, 2013
Ziggy's Smoke Shop	2228 S. Air Depot Blvd. and 924 SW 59th St.	Dec. 17, 2013
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Businesses are placed off limits by the commanding general of the Headquarters, U.S. Army Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill when necessary to protect the health, welfare and safety of all personnel. When appropriate, the Fort Sill Disciplinary Board meets and recommends the action to the CG, then distributes the off limits order to the units at Fort Sill, OK, Tinker Air Force Base, OK, Vance Air Force Base, OK, Altus Air Force Base, OK and Sheppard Air Force Base, TX.

Violation of the off limits order is punishable by Article 15 or court-martial under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Copies of the off limits orders are available in the official memorandums on our website: http://sillwww.army.mil/USAG/publications.html

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