

THE SEVEN 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



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



Class # 06-25
24 January 2025



The 434th Field Artillery Brigade "Destroyers"

Commander,
434th Field Artillery Brigade
Colonel Reginald D. White

Command Sergeant Major,
434th Field Artillery Brigade
Command Sergeant Major Scott E. Kelsey

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

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

- Battery Commander** Captain Thomas J. Weatherford
- First Sergeant** Sergeant First Class Kristy I. Clavijo
- Executive Officer** First Lieutenant Tanner E. Oxer
- Ops Support Assistant** Mr. Damian M. Sherman



The Army Goes Rolling Along

The U.S. Army Song was composed 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 Field Artillery 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 Field Artillery 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***
- **The Soldier's Creed and Warrior Ethos**
- **Introduction of Guest Speaker**
Lieutenant Colonel
Stephen Fancey
- **Presentation of Awards/Diplomas**
- **Drill Sergeant of the Cycle Award**
- **Reaffirmation of the Oath of Enlistment**
- **Singing of The Army Song***
- **Closing Remarks**
- **Departure of Graduating Class**

** Guests are requested to stand during this portion of the ceremony*

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



**Staff Sergeant
Justin T. Calibuyot
Drill Sergeant
Alpha Battery,
1st Battalion,
31st Field Artillery**

Staff Sergeant (SSG) Justin Jason Taitano Calibuyot is native of Dededo Gu. Upon enlisting in August 2015, SSG Calibuyot attended Basic Training and One Station Unit Training (OSUT) in Fort Benning, GA. Upon completion of OSUT, SSG Calibuyot was stationed in the following: Camp Vilseck, Germany, Fort Campbell, KY, and Fort Lewis, WA before becoming a Drill Sergeant at Fort Sill, OK.

SSG Calibuyot is assigned to 1-31FA, 434 FA BDE. He is currently a Drill Sergeant in Alpha BTRY, 1-31st Field Artillery (Basic Training) at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

SSG Calibuyot's awards and decorations include the Army Achievement Medal (2x), Army Commendation Medal (3x), The Meritorious Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal (2x), the Global War on Terrorism Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, The Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal, The Army NCO Professional Development Ribbon (2x), Overseas Service Ribbon (2x), the Army Service Ribbon, Air Assault Badge, and Expert Infantryman Badge.





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 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.



Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Fancey

Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Fancey is a native of Rockville, Maryland and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant into Military Intelligence, detailed for four years to Infantry upon graduation from University of Maryland, College Park in May 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Military Intelligence Captains Career Course, the Command and General Staff College, and the Joint and Combined Warfighting School. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Management from University of Maryland, Global Campus, in 2023. After the Infantry Officer Basic Course, LTC Fancey was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Richardson, Alaska, where he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Battalion Intelligence Officer. His next assignment was to 1st Battalion, 3rd Forces Group, Fort Liberty, North Carolina, where he served as the Military Intelligence Detachment Commander and Battalion S-2. In March 2015, he took command of the US Army Recruiting Company in Charleston, South Carolina. Following his change of command in 2017, his next assignment was as the Assistant Brigade S-2, 95th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne) (Special Operations) in Fort Liberty North Carolina. Following that assignment, LTC Fancey served as the Division Intelligence Planner and as the S-2 of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Liberty. His next assignments were serving as the Intelligence Planner, Cyber Operations Division and then as the Executive Officer to the Director of Operations at United States Southern Command in Miami, Florida. His most recent assignment was to Fort Cavazos, Texas, where he served as the Deputy Corps G-2 and currently serves as Analysis and Control Element Chief for III Armored Corps. LTC Fancey has deployed in support of 4 operational deployments: three to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and once to Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. His awards and decorations include two Bronze Stars, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, four Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, four Army Commendation Medals, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, seven Army Achievement Medals, the NATO Medal, three Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medals, the Army Recruiting Ribbon, two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, the Valorous Unit Award, two Meritorious Unit Awards, the Army Superior Unit Award, the Combat Action Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge and the Silver Army Recruiter Badge. His foreign awards and badges include the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge in Gold; Parachutist Badges from Canada, Netherlands, Germany, Poland, Sweden, and Latvia; and Luxembourg International March of Diekirch Medal.



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.

PV2 Michael L. Torre



Basic Rifle Marksmanship Award: This Soldier has distinguished himself by achieving the highest score during Basic Rifle Marksmanship: 31 out of 40

PFC Nathan H. Warren



Army Combat Fitness Badge Award: This award is given to the Soldier that achieves the highest physical fitness score during the final Army Combat Fitness Test:

For Males: 577 out of 600

PVT Jamar S. Rodriguez

For Females: 534 out of 600

PV2 Mayerlin Taylor



Private Louis Birtz Award: This award is presented to the Soldier who best displays the Army Values and who most inspires Soldiers.

PFC Ashley Barlow

Honor Graduates: These are the top ten percent of the graduating class:

PV2 Maryssa A. Fennicks
 PFC Benjamin T. Mancini
 PFC Milaena N. Rich
 PFC Dylan T. Sparks

PFC Samuel K. Thomas
 PV2 Walter Tiexeira
 PFC Michael L. Torre



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.



"GRIZZLY"

**SSG Eric Gibson
SSG Carter Abrell
SSG Donte Mitchellfields
SSG Savannah Krekelberg**

"ORCAS"

**SSG Joshua Thomas
SFC Keila Ortizcabrera
SSG JESSE Glenn
SGT Quentasiya Hucks**

PV1 ALBUTRA, BETHEA MARIE MALACASTE
PV1 BISHOP OLIVER CHANCE
PV1 BOYER KYMBER ALYSE
PV1 BRADLEY DELICIA MONAE
PV1 CUEVAS ASHLEY
PV1 CURTIS JARIUS DEANDRE
PV1 DEEDS BLAZE A
PV1 DZWONEK MIREYA ADAMARIS
PV1 ELMER KODY CURTIS TODD
PV1 GAMBLE LEEANNY HOPE
PV1 GONZALEZ-ESPIRITU FRANCO
PV1 HAMMERSCHMIDT GAVIN CLARE
PV1 JOSEPH DAMALI NALEKAH
PV1 KUHN GANNON MICHAEL
PV1 LOREN LILLY GRACE
PV1 MADDEN JANA E
PV1 WALCOTT RASHEED JAYON
PV1 WILSON KEVIN MAURICE
PV2 ARIAS ACOSTA GUILLERMO DAVID
PV2 BECK RYAN ALEXANDER
PV2 BYNUM NASYR EBBY
PV2 CARNICLE CHANDLER RUIEZ PEREZ
PV2 CARR RHYAN ELIZABETH
PV2 CROWDER CASEY BYRON
PV2 DALEY AJANEA AJA
PV2 DURAN VALERIA
PV2 ECHAVARRIA HAYDEE VICTORIA
PV2 FENNICKS MARYSSA ADELE
PV2 GOMEZ HERNANDEZ RAUDEL
PV2 HARDIN ANTHONY TALMIDGE
PV2 HARO MICHAEL AARON
PV2 HERNANDEZ LORENZO VICENTE
PV2 JOSEPH JONAS MORRIS

PV2 KIMANI MIRIAM NARO
PV2 LESTER MERCEDES SYZI
PV2 MAGANA ROVIRA EMELY ELIZABETH
PV2 MAYS ALEXIS KATELYN
PV2 SHEPHERD, CARLY, MAE
PFC AGUILLARD MICHAEL DEAN
PFC ANANOU FOLLYVI DEGE
PFC BARLOW ASHLEY BRIANNE
PFC BROWN JERILMY ELLIS ALONZO IV
PFC CURRY AYANNA MIA
PFC DEWALT ALISSON MARJORIE
PFC EVERETT EZABELLA MARIA
PFC GROSSE MORGAN ALEXIS
PFC JOLLY GARY ANTONY
PFC LEE KEVIN JONGHAN
PFC MANCINI BENJAMIN T
PFC MARTINEZ VENTURA KARINA IVETTE
SPC APODACA BACA ANGELA
SPC CARRION KATHARINE ROSE
SPC FERRIN ZANE THOMAS
SPC KIM LEEHA
SPC MANICKAWASAGAR TABITHA

PV1 MELENDEZ ARIELYS
PV1 MONINGTON COLTON JOSEPH BASIL
PV1 MORALES RESTO CARLOS LEUGIM
PV1 NEVILLE LUCAS LAVERNE
PV1 OLVERA VALERIA ALEXANDRA
PV1 OPULAUOHO VICTORIA MAHEALANIKAPUIWAMAHI
PV1 PALMA MARIO ALEJANDRO
PV1 RODRIGUEZ JAMAR STARSHAWN
PV1 SESOCK ERIC ANDREW
PV1 SHEDD TIMOTHY COLIN
PV1 SIGG KARSON RAY
PV1 SIMON CHAZ RORY
PV1 SMITH AIDEN JOHN
PV1 SMITH ELIJAH LUKE
PV1 SMITH YVES MIRLINE GERVAIS
PV1 STEWART DEVIN MARKEE
PV1 TAYLOR BRAIDEN DWAYNE
PV2 MIGONIS GRACIE ROSE
PV2 MILLER MARQUISE XAVIER
PV2 MOELLER DEREK JACOB
PV2 MONTGOMERY MARGARET GRACE
PV2 PERALTA RODRIGUEZ JOSE ANGEL
PV2 RICH MILAENA NAOMI
PV2 ROUSE AVYONCE BRIANNA
PV2 ROY JAKE RYAN
PV2 SANTIAGO JAIDEN OMAR
PV2 SHAH AL WAZIR WALI
PV2 SHEARER DOLORES J
PV2 SOUZA MARIA EDUARDA SIQUEIRA
PV2 SOWERS TYLER HUNTER
PFC MCCLLOUD MACKENZIE PATRICIA
PFC MCKENZIE ALEXY BRIANNA AALIYAH

PFC MORELES JASMYN SANTANA
PFC NTAHOLUSIGA SOSPEATER APOLINARY
PFC OCTAVIUS WILLY
PFC POPOCATL CARDENAS GISELLE ALEXANDRA
PFC RAMIREZ ALFONSO
PFC RILEY KIAH
PFC RIVERA URIBE LORENA ELIZABETH
PFC SIERRA FARARONI ELIAS
PFC SMITHER BRENNAN ANDREW
PFC SPARKS DYLAN TYLER
PFC STEPHA STERSON
SPC MCHUGH JOHN PATRICK
SPC ONOUHA TOBECHI CLEMENT
SPC PRUITTDAVIS ALEXANDRIA CHRISTINA
SPC REECE GARY
SPC STEWARD JUNELLE IESHA
SPC SU JIEFENG
SGT SMITH ANTHONY LAMAR



"NIGHT STARKERS"



"Vipers"

SSG Justin Calibuyot
SSG Crystal Whitley
SSG Jordan Chase
SSG Kevin Tenezaca

PV1 BARRON, ELIZA JANE
PV1 THOMPSON SEBASTIAN MASON
PV1 TUZIW LEVI RANDAL
PV1 VELOTTA REVELATION MOONBLOSSOM
PV1 WARNER DESTINY TAKARRAH
PV1 WATTERS RACHAEL LYNN
PV1 WENCIKER WILLIAM DAVID
PV1 WIDER JOEL URIAH
PV1 WILLIAMS CARLOS KARON
PV1 WILLIS KEENAN LEWIS
PV1 WILLIS MIGUEL LACOUR
PV1 WYATT JOSHUA MICHAEL
PV1 YOBECHE ETHAN BREL PANGELINAN
PV1 YOUNG JAZMINE MONJE
PV1 ZAMORA SANCHEZ JONATHAN USIEL
PV1 ZELAYA RAMIREZ KASSANDRA VICTORIA
PV2 ESCOBEDO-GARCIA, ANGELA
PV2 SAGO ARIEL ELIZABETH
PV2 SLUSSER TIANA MICHELLE
PV2 SMITH KEIRA NICOLE
PV2 TAYLOR MAYERLIN
PV2 THOMAS ADORIUS BRENTAY
PV2 THOMAS ANTHONY CORDALE
PV2 THOMAS SAMUEL KING
PV2 TILLMAN CAID ASH
PV2 TORRE MICHAEL LAWRENCE
PV2 TOSCA ANGEL VIDAL
PV2 VEGA BRADLEY ALTON
PV2 VILLALOBOS ERIC DAVID
PV2 VINSON ANTAVEON SHONTARIUS
PV2 WARREN NATHAN HUGH
PV2 WEATHERFORD KYLE ANTHONY
PV2 WENDT WILLIAM HARRISON
PV2 WILLHITE ADAM LOWELL

PV2 WILLIAMS SHINEL NICKALA
PV2 YATES MARSHALL JOHN
PV2 ZARATE PACHECO ALDO REY
PV2 ZAWODNY STEPHEN PAUL
PFC ALBUTRA, LOVELYJULES MALACASTE
PFC PAZ SANTOS CHERISH DEVON
PFC TORRES JOSE L
PFC VELAZQUEZ LOPEZ FRANCISCO ESAUL
PFC VENTURA MIGUELANGEL
PFC VERDIAS NOEMI
PFC VESTAL MIKAELA SUMMER
PFC WARD JALIND QUANEAL DAVID THOMAS
PFC WARREN ZACHARY ALSTON
PFC WILSON NATHANIEL
PFC YANCEY SUMAYAH B
PFC YANES HOPPER YESHUA YAHLEEL
SPC TIFUH ISABELLA
SPC VARGAS NELSON JOSUE
SPC VROLYK JACK ORION
SPC WARREN WESLEY RYAN
SPC WERNEBURG MATTHEW KYLE
SPC YAMAMOTO ZACHARY TURNER
SPC YANG YI
SPC ZAKHAROV TAYSSA LINK



HONOR FOURTH PLATOON

THIRD PLATOON