

# 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)

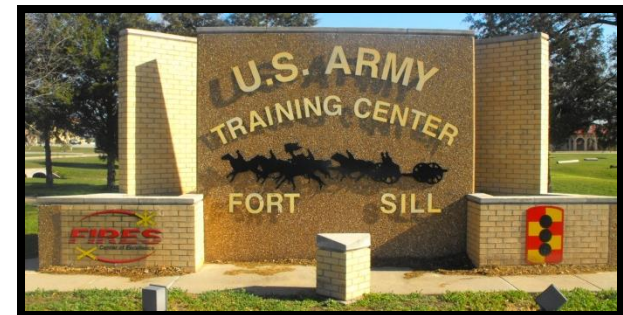
434<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade  
Fort Sill, Oklahoma



Delta Battery  
1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 31<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery  
Basic Combat Training  
Graduation Ceremony



*Class # 11-25*  
*February 14, 2025*



# 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 31<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery

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

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

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

The 31<sup>st</sup> FA was then withdrawn from the Combat Arms Regimental System 16 March 1989, reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System, and transferred to the United States Army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 31<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Regiment on 1 October 2005 and began the reactivation process on 1 October 2010, attaining operational capacity under the 434<sup>th</sup> 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 *David P. Jessup Command Sergeant Major***
- **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 434<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade "Destroyers"

**Commander,**  
**434<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade**  
Colonel Reginald D. White

**Command Sergeant Major,**  
**434<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade**  
Command Sergeant Major Scott E. Kelsey

**Commander,**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 31<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery**  
Lieutenant Colonel Shawn R. Jokinen

**Command Sergeant Major,**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 31<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery**  
Command Sergeant Major Tywayne L. Richardson

## Delta Battery, 1st Battalion, 31<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Unit Cadre

<b>Battery Commander</b>	<b>Captain Sean W. Burger</b>
<b>Battery Executive Officer</b>	<b>Second Lieutenant Keonte Dunne</b>
<b>Battery First Sergeant</b>	<b>First Sergeant Carlos J. Bustamante</b>
<b>Training Room</b>	<b>Ms. Rita V. Canales</b>
<b>Battery Supply</b>	<b>Specialist Stephen U. Martin</b>

# 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!*



# 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



**SSG Maria Taylor  
Drill Sergeant  
Delta Battery,  
1st Battalion,  
31st Field Artillery**

SSG Taylor was born in San Francisco, California, and began her service on 22 April 2013. She completed OSUT at Fort Lee, VA, and earned the MOS of Unit Supply Specialist.

SSG Taylor's assignments included serving in HHC 307th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, HMR Hawaii, where she worked as a logistics specialist in the S4 Shop. In January 2016, she reassigned to HHC 2-227 Aviation Regiment at Fort Hood, Texas, where she served as the Headquarters Supply Sergeant. She later became the lead Property Book NCOIC for the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade at Fort Hood. From Fall 2017 to Spring 2018, she participated in the EUCOM "Allied Spirit" rotation with 1ACB, Texas, at Katterbach, Germany. In 2020, she returned to Hawaii for her second tour and served as the Supply Sergeant in the MEDEVAC unit, Charlie Company DUSTOFF, 3-25 Aviation Regiment Battalion. SSG Taylor currently serves as a Drill Sergeant in Delta Battery 1-31 Field Artillery.

SSG Taylor's military education includes the Basic Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course, P3T (Post Partum Physical Training), UPL (Unit Prevention Leader), ACE-Suicide Prevention, and the United States Army Drill Sergeant Academy.

SSG Taylor's awards include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (4th Award), Army Good Conduct Medal (3rd Award), Humanitarian Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Medal (2nd Award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award), and the Driver and Mechanic 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.***

**David P. Jessup  
Command Sergeant Major**



CSM David P. Jessup is a native of Austin, Texas and he enlisted in the Army on September 28, 1988, and successfully completed basic training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he was awarded the MOS 13F (Fire Support Specialist). His first enlistment consisted of active duty from September 1988 to April of 1994. He entered the Texas National Guard from April 1994 to February 2007. He then returned to active duty in February 2007 to present.

CSM Jessup's duty assignments include Forward Observer Bravo Battery 2<sup>nd</sup> BN 319<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment (FAR) Fort Liberty, North Carolina. Section Chief Bravo Battery 2<sup>nd</sup> BN 319<sup>th</sup> FAR Fort Liberty, North Carolina. Fire Support NCO Headquarters and Headquarters Troop 1<sup>st</sup> SQDN 124<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, Waco, Texas. Effects NCO Headquarters and Headquarters Troop 6<sup>th</sup> SQDN 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, Fort Cavazos, Texas. Effects NCO Headquarters and Headquarters Company 1<sup>st</sup> Combined Arms Battalion, Army Evaluation Task Force, Fort Bliss, Texas. Brigade Fires Support NCO Headquarters and Headquarters Company 3<sup>rd</sup> IBCT, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas. Senior Fire Support Operations Sergeant Observer/Coach/Trainer Joint Operations Training Center Operations Group, Fort Johnson, Louisiana. Operations Sergeant Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 5<sup>th</sup> BN 25<sup>th</sup> FAR, Fort Johnson, Louisiana. First Sergeant Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 5<sup>th</sup> BN 25<sup>th</sup> FAR, Fort Johnson, Louisiana. First Sergeant Alpha Battery 5<sup>th</sup> BN 25<sup>th</sup> FAR, Fort Johnson, Louisiana. First Sergeant Headquarters and Headquarters Company United States Army Garrison, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. First Sergeant Fires Center of Excellence Headquarters Detachment, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Operations Sergeant Major Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 3<sup>rd</sup> BN 13<sup>th</sup> FAR, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and currently the Command Sergeant Major for 1<sup>st</sup> BN 14<sup>th</sup> FAR (HIMARS), Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He has deployed to Iraq for Desert Storm and Desert Shield, numerous deployments to Iraq for Operations Iraq Freedom and Operation Inherent Resolve, deployments to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom and Egypt for peacekeeping operation Multinational Force Observer.

CSM Jessup has successfully completed the Basic Leaders Course, Advanced Leaders Course, Senior Leader Course, Battle Staff Course, Army Basic Instructor Course, Army Airborne School, Master Resiliency Instructor Course, Jungle Warfighting School, Joint Firepower Course, ASIST Train the Trainer Course, Precision Fires Weaponneering, Precision Fires Target Mensuration, Precision Fires Collateral Damage Estimates, and he is a graduate of the Sergeants Major Course Class 73.

CSM Jessup's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (3OLC), Bronze Star (2OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2OLC), Army Achievement Medal (8OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (7<sup>th</sup> Award), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal (1BS), Southwest Asia Service Medal (2BS), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2BS), Iraq Campaign Medal (2BS), Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal (1BS), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (1BS), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Army Medal (M device, Num2, Bronze Hourglass), Army NCO Professional Development Medal (Num 5), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Medal (Num 5) NATO ISAF Medal, Multi-National Forces and Observers Medal (Num 2), Saudi Arabian Liberation of Kuwait Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Combat Action Badge, and German Jump Wings

CSM Jessup has been married to Amy Jessup since 1995 and current resides in Lawton, Oklahoma. Their children are Allan, Taylor, Patrick, and Aaron.



**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.

**PFC IVAN HUERTA**

**Basic Rifle Marksmanship Award:**

This Soldier has distinguished himself by achieving the highest score during Basic Rifle Marksmanship, scoring 33 out of 40 points.



**PVT MORGAN GLASS**

**Army Physical Fitness Badge Award:**

This award is given to the Soldier that achieves the highest physical fitness score. This Soldier scored a 587 out of 600 during the final Army Combat Fitness Test.



**PFC JESSE JUAREZ**

**Private Louis Birtz Award**

This award is presented to the Soldier who best displays the Army Values and inspires Soldiers.



**PV2 CYRUS WALKER**

**Honor Graduates:** This designation is awarded to the top ten percent of the graduating class.

- PVT EMMANUELA L CARDOS
- PFC WOOD NERLING BERNADEAU HENDRICK
- PFC CHASE W CHESLEY
- SPC KIRILL P CHUMOV
- PV2 REVNA R EINARR
- SPC KILEE K HARRIS
- PFC JOVONTAE R JACK
- PV2 BRANDON K JONES
- PFC JESSE J JUAREZ
- PVT DIVINITY R MARSHALL

- SPC GABRIEL M MOREY
- SPC CHRISTOPHER J OCONNOR
- SPC STACY A RESENDIZ
- SPC LUKE C ROGERS
- SPC LABARRON M SMITH
- SPC KATHERINE A THOMAS
- SPC LYANNIE L VEGA HERNANDEZ
- PFC RAEGYN A VILLA
- PVT DAVID H WALTERS



**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.



**“DEMENTORS”**

SFC BRYAN MILLS,  
SSG MARIA TAYLOR  
SSG LARON BUIE

PV2 JOSEPH AHMANN  
PV2 ANTHONY ALVARADO  
PV2 KARINA ALVARENGA  
PVT JAKEB ANDERSON  
SPC JAMEY ANGUZ  
PVT CHIMNOYA ANYANWU  
PVT MAX BAILEY  
PVT DUSTON BARRINGER  
PVT GABRIEL BENJAMIN  
PFC HENDRICK BERNADEAU  
PV2 ARDEN BILLINGSLEA  
PFC DUSTIN BLASDEL  
PVT CLARENCE BLEDSOE  
PFC RACHEL BOCKELMAN  
PVT ELIZA BOWMAN  
PFC AIDAN BUECHLER  
PVT SHEILA BUSTOS  
PFC ALEXIS CARDENAS  
PV2 EMMANUELA CARDOS  
PV2 KELLIE CARPENTIER  
PV2 TREASURE CHEN

PFC CHASE CHESLEY  
SPC KIRILL CHUMOV  
PV2 NATHAN CITLAU  
PV2 JORDAN COLEMAN  
PV2 JACOB COWELL  
PFC ANGELINA CURIEL  
PV2 ISAIAH CURTIS  
PFC JADE DAUGHERTY  
PVT JUSTIN DE JESUS  
PV2 ZAYDON DOMINGO  
SPC DIANA DOMINGUEZ  
PFC DAYTON DYAR  
PV2 DOMINIQUE ESTRADA  
PV2 ISAIAH ESTRADA  
PV2 ROBERT EZELL  
PV2 JAMISEN GAGER  
SPC NOAH GARTHWAITE  
PFC SHEILA RAMIREZ  
PVT NAVEAH ROSS  
SPC LATRICE SCOTT

**“TINANS”**

SFC MAJOR DEVON  
SSG EDWIN MARRERO  
SSG DEADRICK JONES  
SSG DIANA LOPEZ

PVT SASHA DUBOSE  
PVT RADARIA EDWARDS  
PV2 REVNA EINARR  
PFC KIMBERLY ENRIQUEZ  
PFC CYNTHIA ESTRADA-MAYA  
PVT ELIZABETH FUENTES  
PVT ASHLEY GARCIA  
PV2 MAELIS GBEDEMAH  
PVT JOEL GEORGE  
PV2 RYAN GEORGI  
PVT AUSTIN GILLETT  
PVT MORGAN GLASS  
PVT VERONICA GONZALEZ  
PV2 ANTONIO GONZALEZ  
PV2 NOAH GRAHAM  
PFC MATTHEW GUTIERREZ  
PVT AVA HAFEMAN  
SPC KILEE HARRIS  
PVT CHARLIA HAYNES  
PVT INGRID HERNANDEZ  
PFC MICHAEL HOUSE

SPC FELIX HUAMAN  
PFC IVAN HUERTA  
PV2 ASIA HUFF  
PV2 TRISTAN HUNTER  
PV2 TRISTAN HUTTON  
PFC JOVONTAE JACK  
PV2 CHILON JACKSON  
PVT NICHOLAS JENSEN  
PV2 BRANDON JONES  
PFC JESSE JUAREZ  
PV2 AUTUMN KEMP  
PVT LANDON KLINGER  
SPC BROOKLYN KUCHINSKI  
PVT VICTOR LAGAT  
PVT RETANA LAURRABAQUIO  
PV2 DAVID LE  
PV2 STRYDER LEWELLEN  
PV2 NICKOLAS LOTT  
PFC KAYLA LUDWIG  
PVT MILES STOVELL



# Third Platoon

## “DEATH EATERS”

SSG JOHNATHAN FEATHERS  
SSG CHAMP HARDESTY  
SSG ETHAN WHITE

PVT SASHA DUBOSE  
PVT RADARIA EDWARDS  
PV2 REVNA EINARR  
PFC KIMBERLY ENRIQUEZ  
PFC CYNTHIA ESTRADA-MAYA  
PVT ELIZABETH FUENTES  
PVT ASHLEY GARCIA  
PV2 MAELIS GBEDEMAH  
PVT JOEL GEORGE  
PV2 RYAN GEORGI  
PVT AUSTIN GILLETT  
PVT MORGAN GLASS  
PVT VERONICA GONZALEZ  
PV2 JACOB GONZALEZ  
PV2 NOAH GRAHAM  
PFC MATTHEW GUTIERREZ  
PVT AVA HAFEMAN  
SPC KILEE HARRIS  
PVT CHARLIA HAYNES  
PVT INGRID HERNANDEZ  
PFC MICHAEL HOUSE

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SPC BROOKLYN KUCHINSKI  
PVT VICTOR LAGAT  
PVT RETANA LAURRABAQUIO  
PV2 DAVID LE  
PV2 STRYDER LEWELLEN  
PV2 NICKOLAS LOTT  
PFC KAYLA LUDWIG  
PVT MILES STOVELL

PV2 SAMANTHA CAMARILLO  
PV2 JERMAINE LUGO  
SPC SHARNA-KAY MCFARLANE  
PV2 CHIBUZOR OBASI  
SPC GODWIN OKYERE  
PVT IRLANTA ROMERO  
PVT NAVEAH ROSS  
PV2 LATISHA ROWDEN  
PFC ABDEL SALDANA  
PV2 REBECCA SARLOG  
PV2 CECIL SCLEMMER  
PVT JIANNI SHAW  
SPC LEE CORISSA SHEFELBINE  
PVT MYLAYISHA SHUMAN  
SPC RAYONA SHUMAN  
SPC LEAH SIMULIS  
PFC ASHLEY SMITH  
PVT ELISABETH SMITH  
SPC LABARRON SMITH  
PFC MICHELLE SOLANO  
PVT LUKAS SOLBERG  
PV2 DALLAS SPRUILL  
PFC NOAH STARR

## “SCORPIONS”

SFC OCTAVIA HUBBARD  
SSG KHALID GOODHALL  
SSG NICHOLAS VANRYZIN

PFC WENDY SUAREZ  
PVT ODINA TARLUE  
SPC ADRIENNE TCHOUANDEM  
PVT JEREMIAH THOMAS  
SPC KATHERINE THOMAS  
PV2 MAURICIO TORRES-ROSAS  
PV2 ELBERT URITA  
PFC JUSTIN VANCE  
PV2 BRAYDEN VARGAS  
SPC LYANNIE VEGA  
PV2 CINDY VICENTE  
PFC RAEGYN VILLA  
PVT KATHLEEN VILLATORO  
PFC ERICK WAGNER  
PVT CYRUS WALKER  
PV2 SEAN WALKER  
PVT DAVID WALTERS  
SPC EDMOND WANG  
PFC LANDON WILLIAMS  
PVT SABRINA WOODS  
PVT DAVARDO WRIGHT

# Fourth Platoon

