



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 1ST BATTALION, 78TH FIELD ARTILLERY
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Dear AIT Soldier,

Welcome to the 1st Battalion, 78th Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. It is here where you will learn to become a member of the Army's most deadly branch – the Field Artillery. The battalion's mission is to conduct Field Artillery Advanced Individual Training in order to provide the Army with combat ready, skill level one Soldiers qualified in Field Artillery core competencies. The "Teamwork" battalion consists of the three batteries which house and train all Field Artillery Military Occupational Specialties for the Army.

We are looking forward to you joining our team. You have an important mission to accomplish. Our battalion has a high operational tempo; things move fast, so get ready to hit the ground running. Physical fitness is important; you will complete an Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) for record within 7 days of arrival.

New Soldiers arrive to AIT every Friday from Basic Combat Training. Soldiers whose family are visiting in the Lawton-Fort Sill area are authorized to have their family members sign their Soldier out for a weekend pass after their Soldier completes initial in-processing. However, Soldiers are restricted to the Lawton-Fort Sill area and must report back to the unit no later than indicated by your battery leadership each night. Overnight passes are not allowed. AIT Soldiers will remain in the Army Service Uniform (ASU) while on pass. Visiting establishments that serve alcohol and/or gambling as their primary means of income is strictly prohibited while in uniform. This includes, but not limited to bars and night clubs.

Your training in AIT is challenging and rewarding, and you will be given every opportunity to excel. It's up to you to do so. Welcome to the team!

Teamwork!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael T. Anders", is positioned above the typed name.

MICHAEL T. ANDERS
LTC, FA
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