

# Basic Training Welcome Letter

## Delta Battery, 1-19<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery

August-October 2012, CLASS 59-12

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### FROM THE COMMANDER:

**G**reetings! I am Captain Jason Hawkins, your Soldier's Battery Commander during his/her Initial Entry Training in the United States Army. Your Soldier arrived safely at Fort Sill and has begun Basic Combat Training (BCT) in this unit.

Over the next ten-week period, your Soldier will learn the basic skills that are required to fight and win on today's battlefield. The training will be strenuous and demanding, but the tasks performed will help each Soldier develop the discipline and self-confidence necessary to be a successful Soldier in today's Army.

I want you to know that the Cadre who will be training your Soldier is a very dedicated



group of professionals who are genuinely concerned about the health, welfare and training of each Soldier. We consider your Soldier to be the Army's most important asset and I will personally ensure that we make your Soldier's experience both challenging and rewarding.

### YOU WILL HEAR FROM YOUR SOLDIER SOON!

By now, you should have already received a phone call from your Soldier. All Soldiers are given the opportunity to call home within the first 72 hours upon arrival to Fort Sill and normally once weekly thereafter. This is a privilege that can be lost for poor performance or misconduct.

I ask that you not attempt to contact your Soldier by phone. If there is anything you should be concerned with regarding the health and welfare of your Soldier, I will personally let you know.

### YOUR SOLDIER WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!



Whether or not this is your Soldier's first time away from home, I am sure that your Soldier will miss you a great deal as you will miss your Soldier, too. I strongly encourage you to write at every opportunity you can and be assured that your Soldier will have time to write you as well. When writing your Soldier use the following address:

**Rank Last Name, First Name, MI  
\_\_Platoon, Delta Battery, 1-19 FA BN  
5970 South Boundary Rd.  
Fort Sill, OK 73503**

Unfortunately, due to the limited storage capacity of our mailroom, we cannot accept any packages at this time. Please observe

the following guidelines when sending mail:

- ✓ No alcohol or products containing alcohol, tobacco or narcotics
- ✓ No weapons
- ✓ No electronic devices, these are but not limited to radios, TV's, cell phones, and cameras
- ✓ No pornographic or morally questionable materials
- ✓ No magazines
- ✓ **No food items**

### **WHAT CAN I DO TO ASSIST MY SOLDIER DURING TRAINING?**

**The best thing you can do is to write as many positive letters as possible, and as often as possible. Soldiers look forward to the daily mail call.**

### **HOW ARE THEY TREATING MY SOLDIER?**

Today's Soldiers are treated fairly, firmly, and with dignity and respect. **Abuse of any kind is not tolerated.** Drill Sergeants are selected among the best Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) in the

Army, and are highly qualified to train recruits.

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF MY SOLDIER FAILS A PORTION OF BASIC TRAINING?**



If your Soldier misses or fails a task

required for graduation, he or she will be given another opportunity to make up the training with another unit, which generally means the Soldier will graduate with his or her original class. If a Soldier still fails to meet the requirement, the Brigade Commander will decide whether or not that Soldier will graduate or be recycled to another Basic Training Battery.

### **IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES**

Should an emergency arise, the best means of notifying your Soldier is through your local American Red Cross. The field office in your area will contact the Lawton, Oklahoma field office who will, in turn, contact the unit. In extreme cases, such as serious injury or death, affecting

immediate family members, an emergency leave of absence may be granted. Other leaves of absences during training are not normally authorized. Additionally, American Red Cross messages are required for dealing with any emergency situation.

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF MY SOLDIER IS INJURED DURING TRAINING?**

Should any injury occur, your Soldier will receive appropriate medical attention from Ft. Sill's large, professional medical staff at state-of-the-art medical facilities. Additionally, Drill Sergeants are Combat Lifesaver qualified and carry medical aid kits. Depending on the nature and extent of the injury there may be some delay in graduating.

### **FAMILY DAY INFORMATION**

On Thursday, 18 October 2012 there will be a Family Day ceremony for you to see some things your Soldier has learned. Afterwards your Soldier will be put on pass and released to spend the day with you. Here are some

rules to help you plan for Family Day:

- ✓ Your Soldier may not consume alcohol or use tobacco products
- ✓ No passes for those pending disciplinary or UCMJ actions.
- ✓ No overnight passes. (You Soldier cannot stay the night with you)
- ✓ There will be a set time that your Soldier must return to the unit or be considered for immediate disciplinary action.

Consider reserving a room early as Lawton's hotels fill up quickly on graduation days. However, ensure that there are no penalties for cancellation.

## GRADUATION INFORMATION

Provided your Soldier meets all basic



training requirements, your Soldier will graduate on Friday, 19 October 2012. Normally, your Soldier would then ship to their next duty station sometime that evening. 13 and 14 series MOS

Soldiers can be put on pass by their AIT unit until Sunday. However, the AIT unit is responsible for issuing passes. In a few weeks, we will be sending you another letter with information concerning your Soldier's graduation. Your Soldier is not scheduled to complete his or her last graduation requirement until 11 October 2012, so if you wish to make travel arrangements early, be aware that we cannot guarantee that your Soldier is graduating until that time.

## POINTS OF CONTACT

If we can be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact one of the following people:

### **Battery Commander**

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