



# Graduation Information

## C/1-19<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery



27<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

CLASS 39-16

### **FROM THE COMMANDER:**

Hello again to the families of Charlie Battery! The Soldiers of Charlie Battery are proving their mettle every day. They are motivated, fit, knowledgeable and ready to graduate!

However, before they do, there are still a couple more weeks of rigorous mandatory training.

This is the time of the cycle when families are anxious to make their travel plans to see their Soldier graduate. This newsletter will provide you with information you need in order to make your travel arrangements, including information on hotels, airlines, and taxis. A map is included, as well. Furthermore, I would like to invite you to visit and tour the Lawton/Fort Sill community while you are here in town for the graduation. Lawton/Fort Sill and our surrounding communities offer a vast array of attractions. As you may know, Fort Sill is located in southwest Oklahoma and is surrounded by the Wichita Mountains. If you take a drive through

The Wichita Mountains, you can visit several tourist sites, such as the Holy City and the Wildlife Refuge Center. In the Lawton area we have the Great Plains Museum, and while on post you can tour Geronimo's Guard House and gravesite, the Old Post Quadrangle Museum, Old Post Corral, and the Artillery Museum.

We suggest that you not make any travel arrangements until you have received confirmation from your Soldier that he/she is eligible to graduate. I will ensure that your Soldier contacts you to confirm his/her eligibility. Your Soldier is scheduled to graduate on **May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. @ McMahon Auditorium.**

While you are here at Fort Sill, we ask that you help us to preserve our training environment. Please do not smoke or use inappropriate language in or around the training area. Please wear appropriate attire; there is not a dress code, of course, but vulgar or distasteful slogans and exposure is unacceptable.

Finally, I consider you my personal guest during your stay here at Fort Sill. If there is anything I can do to accommodate you while you are here, please let me know.

Please feel free to write or call if you have any questions (contact information is on page 2).

### **GRADUATION WEEK!!!**

Graduation week will be very busy for your Soldier; however, I have scheduled some time during Family Day, and Graduation for you to spend time with your Soldier.

### **Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Family Day will be in The Battery Area (**Bldg. 5970, South Boundary Rd. from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.**) Family Day will consist of highlights of the accomplishments as well as a demonstration of some of the training your Soldier conducted throughout nine weeks of Basic Combat Training here at Ft Sill. After Family Day, Soldiers will enjoy an off post pass with their

family members until 8:00 pm.

**Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

The Graduation ceremony will begin at **10:00 a.m. at the McMahan Auditorium**. During the ceremony, please feel free to take pictures of your Soldier as your Soldier graduates.

The graduating class will be seated together and will not have the opportunity to socialize at that time.

Immediately following the ceremony, the Soldiers will be bused back to the battery area, where the Soldiers will be released for an off post pass until 8:00 p.m., except for the 13 series Soldiers (Field Artillery).

The 13 series (Field Artillery) will return to the battery area, gather their belongings and immediately ship to AIT for in-processing and family briefs with the 1/78 FA Battalion. Usually a three day pass is granted, with **Soldiers required to return every night no later than 8:00 p.m.** Their contact information is 580-442-6480 and are located at BLDG 3410 Crane Ave Fort Sill, OK 73503.

Website: <http://sill-www.army.mil/428thfa/ait.htm>

The 14 series (Air Defense Artillery) will ship to AIT on Saturday morning for inprocessing with the 30th ADA BDE. Following inprocessing, a pass is normally granted, with **Soldiers required to return every night no later than 8:00 p.m.**

Their contact information is 580-442-2091 and are located at 1611 Cardin Road Fort Sill, OK 73503  
Website: <http://sill-www.army.mil/30ADA/ait.html>

**Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>  
And beyond...**

Most Soldiers will be leaving Fort Sill early on May 28<sup>th</sup>

**Access to Fort Sill**

**Finally, to be allowed to enter Fort Sill, every visitor 18 years of age and over must have a Visitors Pass and a valid government issued ID.** We have facilitated Visitor's Passes as best as we could. Some were not able to be processed by the Fort Sill Visitor Control Center due to

illegibility, incompleteness, prior convictions, and mailing the request to the incorrect address – requests mailed to the unit were not able to be processed in accordance with regulations. **If you have not received your Visitors Pass(s) by the time you begin your trip, please proceed to Fort Sill's Visitor Control Center to acquire your pass in person prior to attempting to gain entry to Fort Sill.** The VCC is open from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily. Contact: 580-442-9603 Or 580-442-9602  
Website: <http://sill.armymwr.com/us/sill/programs/visitor-control-cent>

**POINTS OF CONTACT**

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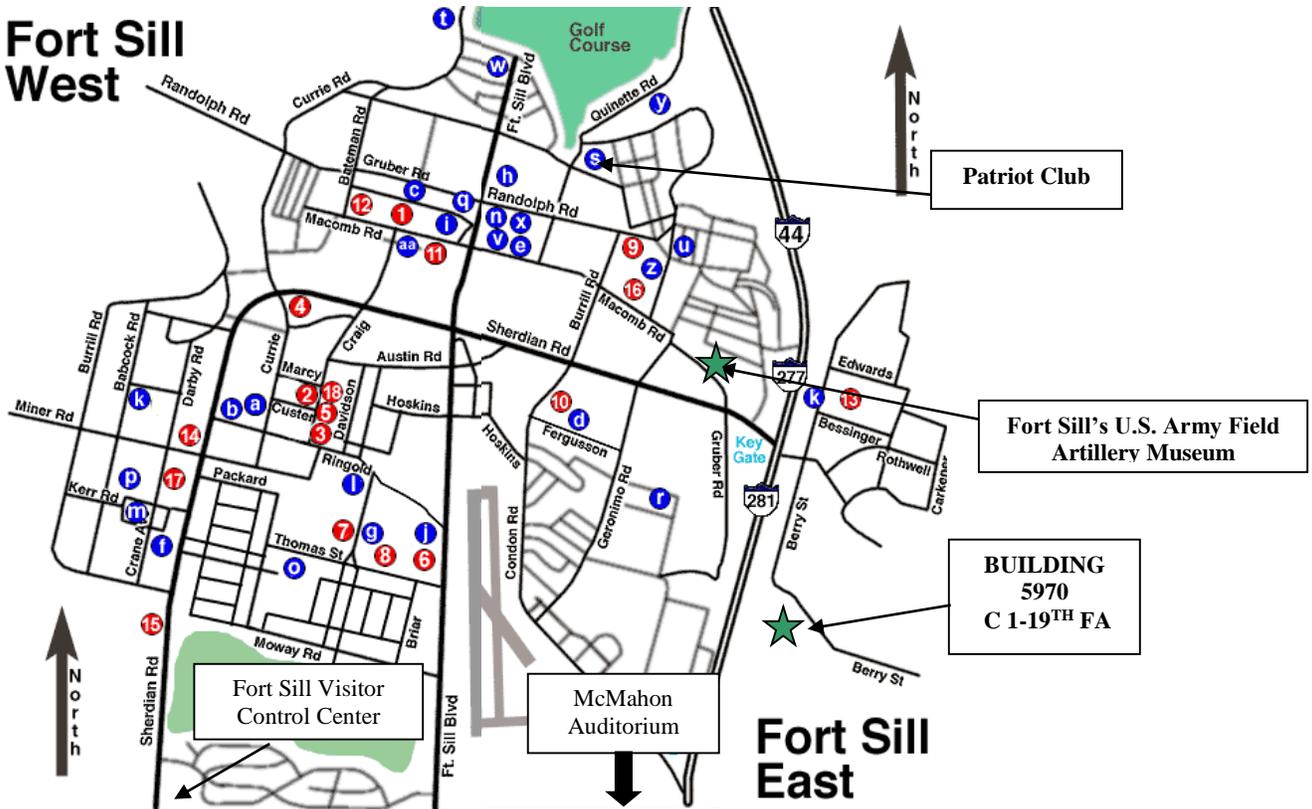
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## Fort Sill West



### POINTS OF INTEREST

#### EAST FORT SILL

1. Exchange Mall
2. Administration
3. Barber Shop
4. Burger King
5. Artillery Bowl PX
6. Fort Sill Blvd Shoppette/ Gas Station
7. Hospital PX
8. Laundromat
11. MCSS/ Alterations
12. PXtra
14. Sheridan Road Car Care Center
15. Sheridan Road Shoppette/ Gas
17. Theater - (Schedule)
18. Unit Photo
- a. Arts & Crafts Center
- b. Auto Craft Center
- c. Bank
- f. Education Center
- g. Child Development Center
- i. Commissary
- j. Credit Union
- l. Fitness Center
- m. Gym/ Goldner
- o. Hospital
- p. Impact Zone
- q. Library
- t. Outdoor Adventure Center

#### WEST FORT SILL

9. Laundry/ Dry Cleaners/ Barber Shop
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  13. Quarry Hill Complex  
(PX, Barber, Cleaners,  
Phone Center, Taco Bell/ Pizza)
  16. Snow Hall Bookstore & Cafeteria
  - d. Billing
  - e. Bowling Center
  - h. Chapel / New Post
  - k. Enlisted Club/Gunner's Inn
  - n. Gym/ Honeycutt
  - r. NCO Club
  - s. Patriot Club
  - u. Post Headquarters
  - v. Post Office
  - w. Pool/ King Road
  - x. Pool/ Honeycutt
  - y. Pool/ Quinette Road
  - z. Veterinary Hospital
- Fort Sill Visitor Control Center:  
T6701 Sheridan Road  
Fort Sill, Okla. 73503  
(580) 442- 9603

#### OFF FORT SILL

McMahon Auditorium:  
801 NW Ferris Ave, Lawton, OK 73507  
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