



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
Charlie Battery, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 79<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery  
434<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade  
Fort Sill, Oklahoma 73503



Dear Family and Friends,

19 Dec. 2012

Greetings from Fort Sill, Oklahoma. I'm pleased to write you again concerning your Soldier and their progress in Basic Combat Training. As promised in my welcome letter, I have enclosed some items you may find useful while making arrangements to attend the upcoming graduation ceremony, including a key location map and an activities/events schedule.

I highly encourage you to attend the Family Day activities on *30 January 2013 at 10:00 a.m.*, and Graduation on *31 January 2013 at 10:00 a.m.* at McMahan Auditorium in Lawton. You can also find information about Ft. Sill and the Lawton area at the Chamber of Commerce website: <http://www.lawtonfortsillchamber.com/index.php?pr=Lodging>. There is also great information on the 434th FA BDE website at: <http://sill-www.army.mil/434/index.htm>.

The final week here will be a very busy week for your Soldier. I have scheduled opportunities for you to see and visit with your Soldier in conjunction with the pre-graduation and graduation activities. Please understand that visitation outside of this scheduled time is not allowed due to other graduation requirements.

Soldiers will have pass privileges after the Family Day and Graduation times. Please refer to the enclosed schedule for the time frame allocated for these passes. While away from the unit area, I ask for your support in ensuring that your Soldier acts responsibly. It is very important for Soldiers to return to the unit at the correct time, fully prepared to complete the graduation ceremony and other required duties.

It is permissible to photograph and videotape activities, however, this permission does not extend to the rest of Fort Sill. While photography is allowed at ceremonies and family or social events, unrestricted videotaping and photography by the public on the installation is prohibited. Photography is also allowed of historical exhibits at the Fort Sill Museum, including those which are outdoors, but not of nearby family quarters and office buildings. You are welcome to bring a camera to the graduation, but please exercise restraint and do not point it in the direction of installation facilities, buildings, and military equipment which are not part of the graduation activities.

If my cadre or I can be of assistance in any urgent matter relating to your Soldier, please feel free to write or call me. This office is open 24 hours a day; my telephone number is 580-442-1324. Our telephone system will not allow us to accept collect calls. We also have a site on Facebook, search for "**Charlie Battery 1-79 Basic Combat Training**". I look forward to meeting you and hope when the time comes, you are able to attend your Soldier's graduation.

Sincerely,

GREGORY K. FUNK  
1LT, FA  
Commanding