



CLASS 25-16 NEWS LETTER



D/1-79th Field Artillery

Class# 25-16 Graduation Date: 01 APRIL 2016

FROM THE COMMANDER:

Hello again to the Families and Friends of Delta Battery! The Soldiers of Delta Battery are proving their mettle every day. They are motivated, fit, knowledgeable, and ready to graduate! Before they do, however, there are still a few 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 also included, but we recommend you check the maps listed on the website <http://sill-www.army.mil/434/1-79/1-79d.html>

Until you have received confirmation from your Soldier, we strongly suggest that you do not make any travel arrangements that cannot be changed. Your Soldier has been instructed to contact you to confirm their

eligibility. **NOT ALL DELTA SOLDIERS WILL BE GRADUATION.**

The graduation date is: **Friday, April 1st 1000** at the **McMahon Auditorium** located at: **Lawton, OK 73501.**

A brief formation will be held in the Delta Battery area following graduation. This will allow you time to talk to the Drill Sergeants and Cadre, while your Soldier prepares to go on pass.

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 no dress code, but vulgar or distasteful slogans or exposures are unacceptable.

Finally, I consider you my personal guests 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).

The office is open 24 hours a day.

GRADUATION WEEK!!!

Graduation week will be very busy for your Soldier; however, we will be granting passes to the Soldiers. Soldiers who are in a **graduating status** will be authorized local passes in the Lawton/Ft Sill area. Soldiers who **are not** in a graduating status may be granted **on-post or 434th FA Brigade Area** passes on a case-by-case basis. Please note that a pass is a privilege that can be **revoked** if a Soldier is involved in any misconduct. This only happens rarely, but I just wanted to inform you of the policy so there are no surprises.

Thursday, March 31st

The first Family oriented event for graduation week is the Family Day located at **Delta Battery 1-79th FA (6007 Rothwell Rd.) 09:00.** The accomplishments of the Soldiers over the past 10 weeks will be recognized. Following this, I will highlight the pass policy

and the schedule for Family Day and Graduation. Immediately thereafter, some of the Soldiers of Delta Battery will perform a demonstration to highlight their 10 week training here at Ft. Sill. Additionally, during this time CD's containing still photos of our training events, will be offered for purchase.

Following the Family Day demonstration, we will hold a brief formation where we will recognize some Soldiers for outstanding performance during the cycle. We will also present certificates to family members who completed the online Army Family Team building (AFTB) training. Upon conclusion of the formation, the Soldiers will be released on "pass" in the Lawton/ Fort Sill area. **I will inform you on Family Day when Soldiers must return to the battery for accountability formation.**

Friday,
APRIL 1st

Graduation ceremonies will begin at **10:00 PM, April 1st** at the **McMahon Auditorium**. During the graduation ceremony, please feel free to take pictures of your Soldier. The graduating class will be seated together and will not have the opportunity to socialize at this time. Immediately following the ceremony, we will host another brief formation at the **Delta Battery Area**.

This will give you a chance to see other Family Members and talk with the Drill Sergeants and Cadre. Following the formation, the Soldiers will be released for another pass. Again, **I will inform you when Soldiers must return to the battery for accountability formation.**

****Please note:** Some Soldiers may ship out to AIT that afternoon. Additionally, Soldiers who are staying at Ft. Sill for AIT (13/14 series MOS) will be shipped the same day as graduation to **1-78th FA** or **30th ADA**. They will have to in-process into AIT. I do not know if they will be granted passes if they still have family members present in the local community. If so, this pass will come from 1-78th FA or 30th ADA.

Friday, and beyond...

Most Soldiers will be leaving Fort Sill early on **APR 1st**. Those Soldiers who have later departure times may be granted a **BDE area** pass on a case-by-case basis, **dependent upon their departure schedule**. Again, please check with your Soldier to confirm his departure date before making definite plans.

POINTS OF CONTACT

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the unit:

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Captain Claus



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Fort Sill, Oklahoma 73503-6204

Photography on Post

It is permissible to photograph and videotape graduation activities, however this permission does not extend to the rest of Fort Sill. 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.

Access to Ft Sill Military Reservation

Gate Passes: Due to the National Threat Level, you are required to have gate passes to gain access to Fort Sill. If you mailed your request form, your gate passes will be available for pick up at the Sheridan gate Visitors Control Center (VCC). Please arrive early in order to obtain a gate pass at the VCC. Upon attempting to enter you will need to provide a current photo I.D. and/or driver's license, vehicle registration,

and proof of insurance, in order to be granted access to the installation. If you are driving a rental vehicle, you will also need to provide a copy of your rental agreement. **We strongly recommend that you also bring a copy of this letter to present to the gate guards in order to facilitate access to the installation.** You may be denied access at the gate. If you are, please report to the Visitor Control Center (VCC) just south of the Sheridan Road Gate near the intersection of Roger's Lane and Sheridan Road to seek permission to enter.

Vehicle Searches: All civilian and military personnel entering Fort Sill must present a valid license at the gate. Please take into consideration that **all vehicles** are subject to being searched by the Fort Sill police based on the National Threat Level determined by the Department of Homeland Security.

***Note:**

Fort Sill Military Installation and the State of Oklahoma, mandate the wearing of seatbelts at all times while operating a vehicle. Additionally, the use of cellular phones while **driving** on Fort Sill is strictly prohibited. Passengers may use cell phones; however, **drivers may only use cell phones with the aid of "hands-free" or "speaker-phone" devices.** The Fort Sill

Army Values

police strictly enforce this rule for the safety of our installation.

Loyalty:

Bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, the Army, 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).

Drill Sergeant Creed

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.

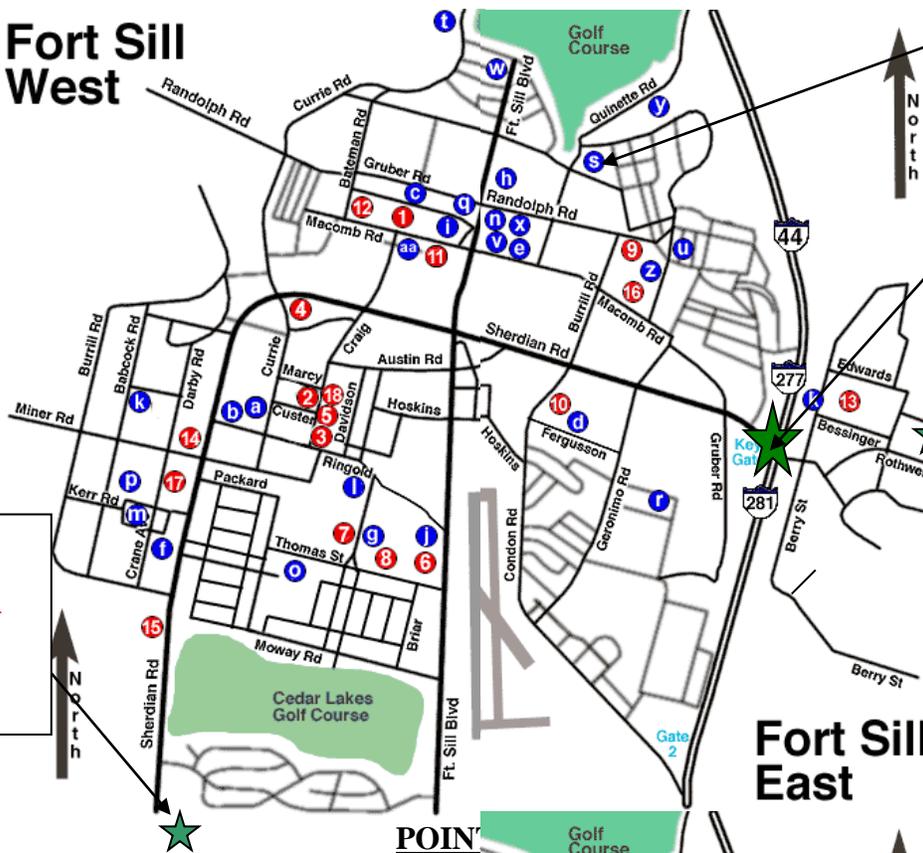
I will insist that each soldier meets and maintains the Army standards of military bearing and courtesy, consistent with the highest traditions of the United States Army.

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.

Fort Sill West



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Gate to Training Area

Delta 1-79 Battery

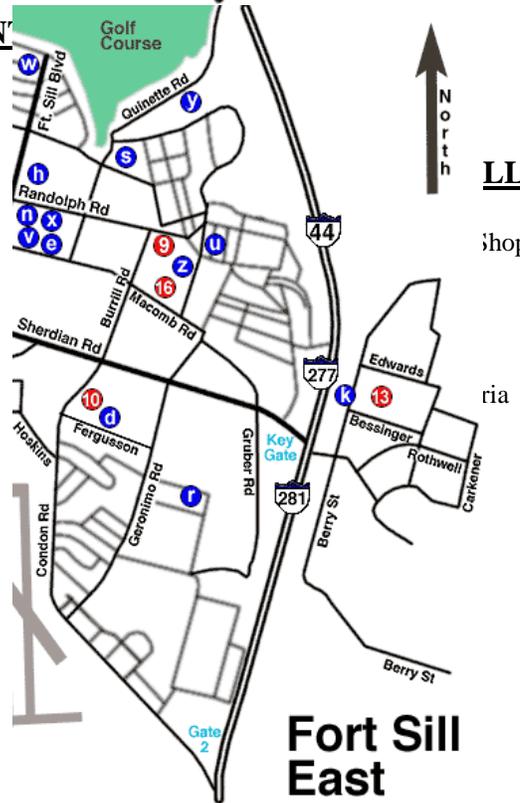
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Fort Sill East

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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



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