140A WOBC Welcome Letter

1. On behalf of the Instructional Staff I would like to welcome you to the Air Defense System Integrator (140A) Warrant Officer Basic Course located at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

2. You will report to the Air Defense Artillery School on the report date as indicated on your RFO. Your report date is indicated on your RFO and is the day prior to TD1 (Training Day 1). When reporting to Fort Sill you will contact me at the POC information listed in Para 12. If it is after hours you will report to the 30th ADA BDE staff duty, which is located in building 1611 Randolph Road.

   a. When signing in for the course or conducting any business with the HQ/A Battery the duty uniform will be ACUs with soft cap unless otherwise told by the instructional staff or the Battery Command. Bring your Army Service Uniform (ASU). Payday actives are conducted monthly and each class may be required to attend a formal event as a class. You will also be required to graduate in ASUs.

3. The Warrant Officer Basic Course is covered under the Military Training Specific Allotment (MTSA) System. This system provides you with lodging for the duration of the course and meals on duty days. You will be issued a meal card during in-processing which is to be used on training days. You will be authorized per-diem for weekend days and federal holidays. You will be expected to use your meal card on any training holidays that occur during your course.

4. Prior to arrival at Fort Sill on 11 JULY 2017, contact Fort Sill Lodging, BLDG 5676 Aultman Hall, at 1-800-902-3607, (580) 442-5000, or DSN 639-5000 to confirm your reservations. Students will be billeted on post if possible. Overflow will be billeted through the Lodging Success Program (LSP). The LSP provides students with local hotels at a pre-arranged price. Overflow students will be assigned a hotel; they will not pick one on their own. Students will not be required to pay official lodging expenses. Students will be responsible for paying any auxiliary charges (i.e. long distance calls, room service, movie rentals). Fort Sill Lodging has updated their prices for the new 2017 JTR guidance concerning TDY’s over 31 days.

5. Local transportation is not available. Students are required to make appropriate plans for transportation with their unit to include rental cars or POVs. Round Trip mileage between lodging and Duty Station (classroom) is approximately 5 miles.

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   b. Work day DFAC is available within walking distance of Duty Station.

   c. Adequate facilities for non-workday meals are available within approximately 6 miles.
6. Reporting Requirements
   a. After checking into billeting on your report date, contact me at the POC information listed in Para 12.

   b. Students are to report in Army Physical Fitness Uniform (APFU) to the C4I GIF, BLDG 2760 Miner Road Room 219 on 12 JULY 2017, NLT 0700 for initial in-processing and course orientation. Bring a copy of your latest SGLI, DD-93, security clearance memorandum, and 5 copies of your orders to class on the first day.

7. APFT/Height and Weight Screening
   a. Effective 1 November 2012, ref Army Directive 2012-20, Successful completion of the APFT and height and weight screening are mandatory for course graduation. Warrant Officers attending WOB C will be administered an initial APFT and height and weight screening. The initial height and weight screening and APFT will be administered on training day 1. Within the first 10 days of the course you will take an Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) to ensure you meet the height and weight requirements set-forth in AR 600-9.

   b. You are responsible for reporting to school on time and in satisfactory physical condition, able to pass the APFT prior to be admitted to the course (AR 350-1, Paragraph 3-90.) Failure to report on time could result in losing your reserved seat to a person on wait status. Within the first 72-hours of the course you will take an Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) and have your body composition assessed to assure you meet the height and weight requirements set-forth in AR 600-9.

   c. Profiles: Officers with APFT restrictions based upon an approved permanent designator of “2” or higher in their physical profile must have an approved DA Form 3349, Physical Profile. Individuals that possess a permanent profile with the designator “3 or 4” must bring a copy of their DA Form 3349 (Physical Profile) and the results of their Military Medical Review Board (MMRB) before they can be admitted to the course. For Physical Training, your full APFU w/ yellow reflective belt is required. All students should be aware that cold weather gear is required, to include winter PT uniform, hat, gloves, and long sleeve shirt.

8. Instructional/Uniform Guidance
   a. All instructional periods will be held at the C4I GIF BLDG 2760 in ACUs. For Physical Training (PT), the standard APFU (winter/summer) for the appropriate season will be worn. Both PT uniforms are authorized for wear. Bring a Yellow PT Belt if you have one, or one will be provided to you at in processing. PT will be conducted Monday through Friday from 0600-0700. Classroom training hours will be from 0830-1730. Training may extend past 1730 to meet required training objectives. Graduation will be conducted in ASUs on 29 NOVEMBER 2017. Do not make travel plans prior to 1500 on that day for your return home.
9. Signal/ Information Technology/ Comp TIA

   a. To get on the Fort Sill network you will need proof of your completion of the Cyber Awareness Challenge Training course. The Cyber Awareness Challenge Training is required by DOD for all military units so bring a copy of your certificate. If you do not have this you can take the course online upon your arrival and print out your certificate. The website: https://ia.signal.army.mil/dodiaa/default.asp.

   b. Comp TIA A+ and NET+ are the certification globally trusted to validate foundational, vendor-neutral IT security knowledge and skills. You will be attending both courses during your attendance. It is strongly recommended that you complete the A+ and NET+ training available on Skill port before attending. There is also excellent study material available on http://www.professormesser.com. The current attrition rate for them are not great and will affect you eligibility for Honors, prepare yourself for success!

10. TA-50. There is absolutely NO TA-50 required for the course, just uniforms and what you will need to attend class and take notes

11. IAW AR 600-8-10 Leaves and Passes students will not be authorized leave except for emergencies. All students are responsible for managing their individual leave requirements before or after attendance to the Warrant Officer Basic Course.

12. If you have any questions feel free to contact me via any of the following methods. My office number is DSN 639-4345 or Commercial at 580-558-4345. My cell phone number is 713-416-1482. My email address is jared.e.towsey.mil@mail.mil. CW3 David Hemingway is the alternate WOBC POC. His office number is 580-558-4344. His email address is david.j.hemingway2.mil@mail.mil.

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