GHOSTRIDER GAZETTE

Golf Battery, 1-79 Field Artillery **Class 32-10, 07MAY10, Week 1**

Dear Friends and Family Members,

My name is CPT Kyle Lippold and my Battery First Sergeant is 1SG Rudolph Green. I would like to introduce you to your Soldier's Battery Command Team for Basic Combat Training in the U.S. Army here at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Your Soldier is in Golf Battery, 1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery. I also want you to know the cadre training your Soldier are a very dedicated group of professionals, genuinely concerned about the health, welfare and training of each Soldier.

We have completed our first week of training. Your Soldiers have been introduced to a wide variety of many new things and ideas. We completed our initial 1-1-2 Physical Fitness Assessment . Similar to the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), your Soldiers conduct as many push-up and sit-up repetitions as possible within 1 minute each, and run 2 miles as quickly as possible. This allows us to gauge our Soldier's overall fitness and identify ability groups for physical training. We also completed our first road march of four kilometers that culminated with rappelling down a 40 foot tower! Your Soldiers completed the Team Development Course (TDC). This taught Soldiers how to communicate effectively and work together as a team. Your Soldiers have also been given numerous introductory classes to Army life such as proper wear of the uniform, Drill and Ceremonies (marching), Army policies and procedures for equal opportunity and prevention of sexual harassment / assault. They have also been issued their equipment and their M16A2 rifles to begin learning how to safely and effectively use them.

Your Soldiers are extremely busy. We try to make time for them to contact you on the weekends. This is not always possible due to training requirements. I encourage you to write to your soldiers. A little bit of encouragement from home goes a long way. Please send letters, but do not send packages, magazines, food, or other contraband items (candy, soda, electronics, tobacco, pornography etc…). Later in the cycle you will receive a letter via US Mail and E-mail (if address provided) with information about graduation and information on how to contact your soldier in case of a family emergency. Letters should be mailed to: (**Line 1) Soldiers' Name, (Line 2) Golf Battery, 1-79 FA, PLT #___, (Line 3) 5960 Rothwell St., (Line 4) Fort Sill, OK 73503 .**

I will keep you all up to date on your Soldiers training using this email format. If there is someone else that you know that would like to receive these updates please send me their email address. If you have questions pertaining to an emergency concerning your Soldier, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward meeting you all in the future.

Respectfully,

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Ghostrider Soldier's In Action!

DS Rochelle gives Soldiers a brief for a TDC obstacle.

Soldiers experience their first "Hot A" meal during field chow at Treadwell.

1SG Green gives instruction on 'belaying' at Treadwell Tower

Soldiers rappel off of the 40 foot Treadwell Tower to build the Army Value of personal courage.

Additional Photos of Ghostrider Soldier's In Action!

Team Development Course

Treadwell Tower

Combat Conditioning Course