



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, 1ST BATTALION, 78TH FIELD ARTILLERY  
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Dear Soldier,

Welcome to the 1st Battalion, 78<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. It is here where Soldiers learn to become a member of the Army's most deadly branch – the Field Artillery. The battalion's mission is to conduct Field Artillery Advanced Individual Training in order to provide the Army with combat ready, skill level one Soldiers qualified in Field Artillery core competencies. The "Teamwork" battalion consists of the three batteries which house and train all Field Artillery Military Occupational Specialties for the Army.

We are looking forward to you joining our team. You have an important mission to accomplish. Our battalion has a high operational tempo; things move fast, so get ready to hit the ground running. We need you to arrive to the unit ready to contribute with personnel actions up-to-date, MEDPROs current, and in good physical condition. Physical fitness is important; you will complete an Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) for record within 7 days of arrival. As cadre, you are expected to be professional and set a high example as we lead and train the future of our branch.

Fort Sill is located near Lawton, Oklahoma and is a unique post due to its geographical location and community relationship. The installation offers an array of recreational activities that you and your Family members will enjoy. Economically, Fort Sill and Lawton are thriving. Affordable housing within the Lawton, Fort Sill area is abundant and those residing off-post enjoy an easy daily commute. Oklahoma City is one hour north and Dallas Fort Worth area is three hours south if you need a big city break from small life of Lawton/Fort Sill.

The Command Sergeant Major and I are confident that you will enjoy being part of the team. You should view your assignment with the battalion as challenging and rewarding. A sponsor has been assigned to you and will provide assistance during your reception/integration into the battalion. However, if you or your loved ones want more information about the battalion or your AIT assignment check out our facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/1stBattalion78thFieldArtillery>) or our website (<https://sill-www.army.mil/428thfa/1-78.htm>).

Teamwork!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. McRae", is written over the typed name.

DAVID O. MCRAE  
LTC, FA  
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