



Graduation Information

C/1-19th Field Artillery



14 December 2020

CLASS 03-21

FROM THE COMMANDER:

Hello again to the families of Charlie Battery! The Soldiers of Charlie Battery are proving their mettle every day. They are motivated, fit, knowledgeable, and ready to graduate!

However, before they do, there are still a couple more weeks of rigorous mandatory training. Normally, we would welcome all families and friends to celebrate this occasion. However, due to current travel restrictions and COVID-19 health concerns, no outside friends and family members are allowed to physically be present. This includes both civilian and military personnel.

I will ensure that your Soldier contacts you to confirm his/her eligibility to graduate ahead of time. Your Soldier is scheduled to graduate on **December 14th at 09:00 a.m. at the Cache Creek Chapel on Ft. Sill.**

GRADUATION WEEK!!!

Graduation week will be very busy for your

Soldier; they are preparing to leave and continue their military training. However, I have scheduled some time for your Graduates to call home so you can celebrate their achievements together.

Wednesday, December 9th

Family Day will be in the Battery Area **from 10:00 a.m. until complete.** Family Day will consist of highlights of the new Soldiers' accomplishments that your Soldier conducted throughout his/her ten weeks of Basic Combat Training here at Ft Sill. The Family Day ceremony will be streamed via Facebook Live on the battery Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/cobraStrike119/>. The video will also be posted afterwards for later viewing. We will give as much time for friends and family members as possible. After the ceremony, Soldiers will be given the opportunity for individual shoutouts on the video and phone calls that day.

Monday, December 14th

The Graduation ceremony will begin at **09:00 a.m. at the Cache Creek Chapel** located on Ft. Sill.

Our 13 and 14 series Soldiers will participate in D/1-22's graduation ceremony due to their ship date. Their graduation is on Friday, December 11th 10:00 a.m. They will then ship to AIT immediately after the ceremony. All other MOSs will graduate on December 14th. Both ceremonies will be live streamed through the official Fort Sill battery page, so you can still celebrate with your Soldier remotely. The link is on <https://sill-www.army.mil/434/1-19/charlie/>. As a reminder, no family members or friends are allowed on post for Family Day or Graduation. We understand you want to visit with your Soldier, but this is not permitted for safety and health.

Due to these restrictions, I am authorizing phone calls at about 2:30 p.m. each day after graduation. This is the time to congratulate and

celebrate with your Soldier, and motivate them for their next phase of training.

**Tuesday,
December 15th
and beyond...**

All ship dates for AIT locations are currently tentative. This is based on current COVID-19 guidance given by the United States Army Training Doctrine Command. Shipping is only confirmed only when the safety of all Soldiers as they progress through training is ensured. This

cycle, most Graduates are allowed the opportunity for Holiday Block Leave. We ask that all families and friends take all precautions during this time. Celebrate with your Soldier and motivate them for their next phase of training.

Finally, I understand this is a frustrating time for families. The situation is unusual, but we are doing all we can to care for your Soldier.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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