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Dear Soldier,

Welcome to the 1st Battalion, 78th Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Artillery starts here, where Soldiers learn to become members of the Army's most lethal branch. The battalion's mission is to conduct Field Artillery Advanced Individual Training to provide the Army with combat-ready Soldiers, qualified in Field Artillery core competencies. The "Teamwork" Battalion consists of five batteries which house and train all Field Artillery Military Occupational Specialties for the Army.

At 1-78 FA, we live by the values of pride, attitude, teamwork, and discipline. These core principles drive everything we do and form the foundation of a high-performing organization. They are not just words—they are habits of thought and action that define our unit's identity and drive our success. You are joining a team that prides itself on standards and discipline, not as a momentary effort, but as a way of life. Discipline isn't a light switch; it is a mindset, cultivated daily through immersion in your formation and enforced by holding both students and cadre to high, but fair, standards. You will be expected to lead from the front, displaying professionalism, consistency, and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

Our mission is not just to train Soldiers for today's fight—we are building future leaders who are ready now and prepared for the future. You are not only shaping technical proficiency but also developing the character and leadership qualities that define the Field Artillery branch. We expect you to master your craft and instill that same drive in every Soldier you lead. Dominate the day—every day. We are professional leaders of character, committed to excellence in all we do. Our battalion carries a proud lineage—not always a training battalion, the 1st Battalion, 78th Field Artillery boasts a storied combat history, including valiant service in the Second World War. That legacy of service, courage, and professionalism is the foundation we stand on today, and you are now part of that history.

We look forward to you joining our team! You have an important mission to accomplish. Our battalion maintains a high operational tempo—things move fast, so be prepared to hit the ground running. Arrive ready to contribute: ensure your Family is settled, your medical and personnel readiness is current, and you are mentally and physically prepared to train. Physical readiness is non-negotiable; you will take a record Army Fitness Test (AFT) shortly after arrival. As cadre, you are expected to set the standard and embody the example we want our students to emulate.

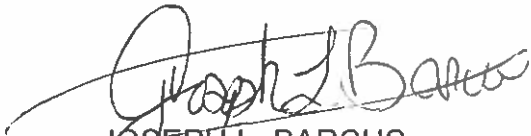
Fort Sill is located near Lawton, Oklahoma, and is a unique post due to its geographical location, history, and community relationship. The installation offers a wide range of recreational activities for you and your Family. The Lawton–Fort Sill area is economically strong, with

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affordable housing and an easy daily commute. Oklahoma City is one hour to the north, and the Dallas/Fort Worth area is just three hours south.

The Command Sergeant Major and I are confident you will find your time in this battalion both challenging and rewarding. A sponsor has been assigned to help guide you through reception and integration. If you or your Family would like more information, please visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/428FABrigade)

Teamwork!



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