



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**HEADQUARTERS, 4TH INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM (AIRBORNE), 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION**  
**724TH POSTAL SERVICE LOOP #8400**  
**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON AK 99505-8400**

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Future Spartan Paratrooper, CSM Kupratty and I want to welcome you and your family to the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division – the "Spartan Brigade." Our team, in its short history, distinguished itself with deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Freedom's Sentinel and we are currently the Army's only Arctic Airborne Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

While assigned to 4-25th IBCT (ABN), you will serve alongside the finest Paratroopers in the Army. You will be challenged daily and expected to be adaptive and innovative while contributing to efforts at the strategic level, across a tumultuous area of responsibility.

We are a mission-focused command, and we must remain postured to rapidly deploy and conduct combat operations in support of regional or global contingency plans. With that in mind, we know that receiving you into the unit is essential for you to be able to integrate quickly. I am certain that you will find your assignment here personally and professionally rewarding. You will have a unique opportunity to enjoy the beautiful and historic sites here in the great state of Alaska; the "Last Frontier."

The team will make every effort to support you and your family's transition and integration into the unit. If not already, you will receive a welcome package via email and a sponsor will personally contact you. Your sponsor is your primary point of contact during your move to Alaska and while you settle into your duties. I encourage you to leverage them to help facilitate your transfer and to answer any questions you may have.

Upon arrival to Alaska, Soldiers arriving from U.S. States and Territories who are not fully vaccinated will take a free COVID-19 test upon arrival at the airport. Soldiers arriving from U.S. States and Territories who are fully vaccinated are not required to take a COVID-19 test upon arrival at the airport. All Soldiers including fully vaccinated Soldiers, arriving from or through a CDC THN level 2, 3, or 4 country to Alaska will take a COVID-19 test (1) during the 3 days prior to departure of the commercial or military flight from the foreign country and (2) 3 to 5 days completion of travel, you will report with the necessary orders and paperwork to begin the in-processing procedures with Reception in building 602.

We look forward to your arrival and meeting you in person. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Sponsorship Coordinator, MSG Johnny F. Nieves at [johnny.f.nieves.mil@mail.mil](mailto:johnny.f.nieves.mil@mail.mil) or (907) 384-2707. Again, welcome to the Spartan Brigade!

Sincerely,

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Commanding