2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division
Welcome Letter

Dear Strike Soldier,

Welcome to the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team (2ABCT), also known as the Iron Brigade. Our unit motto: "Strike Hard!" sums up how we conduct every operation we do. We are excited to share the lineage and honors that come with serving as a "Strike" Soldier!

Our Brigade stands ready to conduct combat operations to fight and win our Nation's wars. We can also execute missions to shape the operational environment, prevent conflict and consolidate gains so our nation can accomplish its objectives without having to go to war. As a part of this effort, some elements of our Brigade are currently deployed in support of Operation Spartan Shield (OSS), where Strike Soldiers are supporting various strategic and multi-national operations across the Middle East.

When you arrive, you will be joining one of the most trained and diverse organizations in the United States Army. The strength of the Iron Brigade isn't our armored vehicles, it is our PEOPLE. Skilled and talented people like you who bring a wide variety of capabilities to the Iron Brigade Team. As a Strike Soldier, your battle buddies count on you to make yourself and your team better every day as you strive for excellence in all that you do. No matter your job, have pride in everything that you execute and accomplish, not only in your organization but also for our Brigade and Division.

Communication is key during your reassignment process and we are committed to providing any assistance that you may require before and during your transition period. If you requested a Sponsor and have not heard from him or her yet, please contact our Brigade Sponsorship Coordination Office at (915) 744-7336.

For more information regarding 2ABCT and Fort Bliss, please see the attached flyers for the Fort Bliss services directory and the digital garrison app (enclosed), which can be downloaded on any smartphone. Additionally, you can visit us at https://home.army.mil/bliss/index.php/units-tenants/1st-armored-division/2nd-bct-1st-armored-division and on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/2ABCT1AD.

We are confident that you will find your upcoming assignment to the greater El Paso community very exciting, professionally challenging, and personally rewarding. El Paso has a rich history which it has shared with Fort Bliss and its tenant units for many years. The community is friendly and extremely welcoming to Soldiers and families.

On behalf of the entire Strike Family, we want to thank you for your service to our Nation and welcome you to Fort Bliss, the 1st Armored Division, and the Iron Brigade. We look forward to serving with you.

"Strike Hard!"

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"Iron Brigade!"

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