

U.S. ARMY TRAINING CENTER ★ FORT JACKSON

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U.S. ARMY BASIC COMBAT TRAINING GRADUATION



3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment
17 JUNE 2026
HILTON FIELD
FORT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

FORGING AMERICA'S ARMY

Since 1917, Fort Jackson has carried out its sacred responsibility of “Forging America’s Army” by transforming civilians into Soldiers. These Soldiers are the lifeblood of the readiness of the United States Army and its mission to fight and win our Nation’s wars.

Fort Jackson is the “Premiere Training Post in the U.S. Army”, training the majority of all Soldiers entering the Army to include almost two thirds of the women. Graduations from basic combat training occur approximately 46 weeks of the year and generate over 40,000 new Soldiers prepared for advanced individual training in their respective military specialties. After completing their initial entry training comprising of both basic combat training and advanced individual training these Soldiers are ready for their first unit of assignment.

The basic combat training mission at the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Jackson is conducted by 56 companies organized in 11 battalions and two brigades. They are all supported by a garrison command, logistics readiness center, medical clinic, and other agencies who deliver excellence.

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ARMY LEADERSHIP



193RD INFANTRY BRIGADE



ARMY MOTTO: “THIS WE’LL DEFEND”

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

DANIEL P. DRISCOLL

CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY:

GENERAL RANDY A. GEORGE

SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE ARMY:

SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE ARMY MICHAEL R. WEIMER

TRANSFORMATION AND TRAINING COMMAND

COMMANDING GENERAL

GENERAL DAVID M. HODNE

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR RAYMOND S. HARRIS

U.S. ARMY RECRUITING COMMAND

COMMANDING GENERAL

LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHNNY K. DAVIS

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR JOSEPH W. WILSON

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COMMANDING GENERAL

MAJOR GENERAL DARYL O. HOOD

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR WILLIAM M. SHOAF

BRIGADE COMMANDER:

Colonel Timothy P. Meadors

BRIGADE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

Command Sergeant Major William P. Clancy

3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry

BATTALION COMMANDER:

LTC Michael L. Casiano

BATTALION COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR:

CSM Janio D. Cespedes

A COMPANY:

Commander - CPT Aajza Gonzalez

First Sergeant – 1SG Andrew Weinberg

D COMPANY:

Commander – CPT Michael Mathews

First Sergeant – SFC Jeremy Hicks

B COMPANY:

Commander- CPT Andrew Rivera

First Sergeant - 1SG Eric Saffle

E COMPANY:

Commander – CPT Eduardo Colon-Ortiz

First Sergeant – 1SG Jacob Alexander

C COMPANY:

Commander – CPT Dekariea James

First Sergeant - 1SG Marc Dorval

COMMANDER OF TROOPS:

MAJ Marie R. Smith

Battalion Executive Officer

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AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE**Drill Sergeants of the Cycle**

A CO	DS (SSG) Caban, Fernando	Davenport, FL
B CO	DS (SSG) Conway, Brennan	Elgin, SC
C CO	DS (SSG) Frazier, Zachariah	Bainbridge, GA
D CO	DS (SSG) Cosme, Ysley	Hopkins, SC
E CO	SDS (SSG) Gray, Darien	Columbia, SC

Soldier Leaders of the Cycle

A CO	SPC Dong, Yuhan	Troy, MI
B CO	SPC Hennings, Kassie	Cedar Falls, IA
C CO	PV2 Boyd, Grace	Fort Mill, SC
D CO	PVT Bledjumah, Benjamin	Atlanta, GA
E CO	PVT Wilson, Dillon	Abilene, TX

Retirees

SFC	Kelly Anderson	Columbia, SC
SFC	Calvin Wynne	Columbia, SC
MRS.	Marilynn Bailey	Blythewood, SC

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE**Soldiers of the Cycle**

A CO	SPC Otwell, Landon	Mt. Enterprise, TX
B CO	PFC Francis, Aiden	Gravette, AR
C CO	PV2 Carrillo, Victor	Sacramento, CA
D CO	PVT Duchene, Lukas	Long Prairie, MN
E CO	SPC DeanToni, Miles	Laramie, WY

High Marksmanship

A CO	PV2 Colon, Fulton
B CO	PV2 Kirby, Shonnie
C CO	PFC Cano, Damien
D CO	PV1 Jorge, Brandon
E CO	SPC Sunuwar, Nischal

Most Physically Fit

A CO	PFC Rodriguez, Abram	PV1 Erickson, Emma
B CO	PFC Francis, Aiden	PV2 Severance, Mackenzie
C CO	PV2 Dejesus, Benjamin	PV1 Cojocar, Hrafnhildur
D CO	PV1 Bledjumah, Benjamin	PV2 Hoblit, Madison
E CO	SPC Olowu, Abdulazeez	PV2 Brown, Leah

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BASIC COMBAT TRAINING

Basic Combat Training transforms volunteer civilians into Soldiers, always Soldiers – Soldiers for life! They are ready for close combat, exhibit a high esprit de corps, and display the confident military bearing that is the hallmark of the American Soldier.

This transformation occurs over 10 weeks of tough, realistic training intended to build Soldiers who are disciplined, physically and mentally tough, and proficient at essential Soldier tasks. These tasks trained to the Army standard include marksmanship, hand grenade employment, individual and buddy team movement techniques, medical and communication skills, and chemical, biological, and nuclear survival. Upon graduation, Soldiers are ready to effectively operate and contribute as a member of a team.

Basic Combat Training is organized into three phases: Red, White, and Blue with each culminating in a realistic tactical field training exercise. They are the HAMMER, ANVIL, and “THE FORGE.”

Soldiers are introduced to the Army’s distinguished heritage and traditions as well as the customs and courtesies of military service. Inspections, drill and ceremonies, to include today’s graduation, effectively instill discipline, attention to detail, and teamwork.

In Basic Combat Training, the Army first introduces, then strengthens, and finally internalizes the character, competence, and commitment essential to service in the Army’s profession of arms.

The guarantee of success are the world’s best trainers, the U.S. Army Drill Sergeants. Specially selected, dedicated non-commissioned officers from the operating force who model excellence and whose best credential is your Soldier.

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“THE FORGE”

To earn the right to be called a “Soldier”, trainees must successfully complete “THE FORGE” which is a culminating tough, realistic, and demanding tactical field exercise designed to challenge their skill proficiency, physical endurance, mental resiliency, and ability to contribute to the Army team. Trainees are forced to rely on their training, their teammates, and their equipment.

Entering “THE FORGE” is a privilege that must be earned by achieving the Army standard on all Soldier tasks to include physical fitness and discipline.

“THE FORGE” name is a historical reflection of the Army’s experience during the American Revolutionary War at its first basic combat training at VALLEY FORGE in the Winter of 1777. General George Washington trained the Continental Army, the Army’s first professional force in tough, austere conditions through the means of inspired leadership, standards, and drill. We know that the highest quality steel comes from the hottest fires, shaped and molded by the hammer, anvil and “THE FORGE.”

During “THE FORGE” trainees foot march approximately 45 miles in 81 hours with training missions conducted mostly at night and under heavy load. They sleep for 5 hours on the ground during the day and awake to either intense medical first responder drills, pugil stick bouts, or hand to hand fighting matches. It is an extraordinary gut check and a test of will, individual, and team. Your Soldier made it through even though dirty, hungry, and exhausted and earned the right!

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BATTALION LINEAGE



The 3d Battalion, 60th Infantry was constituted in May 1917 in the Regular Army as Company C, 60th Infantry. It was organized in June 1917 at Gettysburg National Park, Pennsylvania, during the outset of the First World War. In November 1917, the regiment participated in the campaigns of St. Mihiel, Alsace-Lorraine, and finally in the war ending campaign of the Meuse-Argonne.

The battalion was inactivated at Camp Jackson, SC in September 1921. In August 1940, the battalion was assigned to the 9th Division, as it became part of the active Army yet again.

The battalion fought with superb distinction throughout the Second World War beginning with the Algeria-French Morocco invasion at Port Lyautey, part of "Operation Torch." In February 1943, the battalion was an integral part of pushing Field Marshal Rommel's Afrika Corps from the Kasserine Pass.

In France during the heroic days of June 1944, the battalion led the way for the division as it spearheaded the American advance out of the "Utah" beachhead that cut the Contentin Peninsula and secured the vital Port of Cherbourg. For the battalion actions at the pivotal crossing of the Douve River, the battalion was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation. Following the final advance into Central Europe the battalion received another Presidential Unit Citation for capturing the Schwammeneel Dam. The battalion was inactivated in November 1946 while in Ingolstadt, Germany.

The battalion was activated at Ft. Riley, Kansas in 1966. It deployed to the Republic of Vietnam in December 1966 and during the latter part of January 1967, the battalion began riverine training with the advance River Assault Flotilla One elements that were aboard the USS *Whitfield County* (LST 1169). *The 3d Battalion, 60th Infantry, was the first Infantry unit sent to Dong Tam.*

The battalion was selected to be one of the first units to return to the United States from Vietnam. On July 8, 1969, the unit was greeted by General William C. Westmoreland, a former commander of the 60th Infantry (1945-1946), on their return to Seattle, Washington and on August 1, 1969, the unit was deactivated at Ft. Riley, Kansas.

The 3d Battalion, 60th Infantry was reactivated on November 21, 1972 at Ft. Lewis, Washington. Following deployments as peacekeepers in Sinai, Egypt and fighting forest fires in Yellowstone National Park, the 3d Battalion, 60th Infantry was inactivated on August 15, 1988 at Ft. Lewis and relieved from assignment to the 9th Infantry Division.

The battalion was finally called back to the active Army on November 16, 2005 at Ft. Jackson, SC. The 3-60th instills the spirit of the "GO DEVIL" Regiment and the "RIVER RAIDERS" Battalion into the hearts and minds of today's young fighting Soldiers.

U.S. ARMY HERITAGE



The United States Army is America's oldest military service and draws its lineage and heritage from the Continental Army. The United States Army is the only army in the world that defends an idea, not the mother or fatherland, not a dictator, monarch or other potentate, but an idea where the people are sovereign. This idea embodied in the Constitution of the United States is what we support and defend.

The storied history and faithful service of the Army began on 14 June 1775, when the Second Continental Congress recognized the need to provide for the common defense of all the colonies and authorized the raising of 10 companies while also adopting established militia forces in Massachusetts and New York. From this time forward the history of our nation is inextricably linked to that of our Army.

Our Army has been and remains a faithful servant that won our independence, fought to keep our nation whole, secured America's interests and freedom for many around the world, helped win the cold war and remains ready today to answer the call and when necessary to fight and win our nation's wars.

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SOLDIER'S CREED

I am an American Soldier.

I am a Warrior and a member of a team.

I serve the people of the United States, and live the Army Values.

I will always place the mission first.

I will never accept defeat.

I will never quit.

I will never leave a fallen comrade.

I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills.

I always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself.

I am an expert and I am a professional.

I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy the enemies of the United States of America, in close combat.

I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.

I am an American Soldier!

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ARMY SONG

“The Army Goes Rolling Along”

Intro:

March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free
Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory

We're the Army and proud of our name
We're the Army and proudly proclaim

Verse:

First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Refrain:

Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!
The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong
For where e'er we go,
You will always know
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.

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