DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Headquarters, 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment
4380 Century Division Avenue
Fort Jackson, South Carolina 29207

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Dear Family Members and Friends,

Your Trainee has arrived safely at Fort Jackson, SC and is now assigned to one of the four companies (A, B, C, or D) of the 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment for completion of Basic Combat Training (BCT) Cycle 26-01.

The mission here at BCT is to transform civilians into physically and mentally capable Soldiers who live by the Army Values. As they prepare to take their place in the ranks of the Army these Trainees learn about the values, and Warrior Ethos that are at the core of our Army Profession.

Please follow your Trainees' journey through Basic Training on the 2nd Battalion 13th Infantry Regiment official website. Updates, photos, and answers to commonly asked questions are all found on the site which is moderated by ATC personnel. Please follow the QR code or link to access the website at your convenience. https://home.army.mil/jackson/units-tenants/193BDE/2nd-battalion-13th-infantry-regiment. The primary means for communicating any issues or concerns should be through the Battalion Staff Duty at (803)-751-4185.

You are welcome to write to your Trainee to help keep him or her motivated! While we welcome mail from home, please be aware that the following items are prohibited and will cause disciplinary penalty for your Trainee if found in their possession: Any additional food or candy, tobacco, alcohol, books, magazines or newspapers. Please address mail for your Trainee based on the guidelines listed on the unit website.

If there is an emergency at home during your Trainee's. time at BCT, contact your local chapter of the American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767. The American Red Cross will contact your Trainee's Company to ensure timely receipt of the message. If there is a necessity to contact your Trainee beyond the family emergencies, the Company Commander and First Sergeant's names are listed below; use this as a last resort to request directly through Battalion Staff Duty.

- A CO (Apocalypse): Captain King & First Sergeant Reyna
- B CO (Beast): Captain Kronschnabel & First Sergeant Battista
- C CO (Rock): Captain Rogers & First Sergeant Bush
- D CO (Dawgs): Captain Falcone & First Sergeant Walker

Throughout your Trainee's 10 weeks of BCT he or she will be guaranteed two specific times with which to phone home. 1) During the first 48 hours after reception to informing family of their safe arrival and unit of assignment, and 2) After successful completion of the final BCT Field Training Exercise (FTX)

"THE FORGE". Additionally, your Trainee will have phone opportunities every Sunday. While we wish to provide opportunities to stay in contact with friends and family, phone calls are considered privileges. There is no guarantee you will hear from your Trainee. Primary method of communication will be via mail. If, at any time, a Trainee has a change in training status (i.e., recycle, non-graduate), they will be able to call next of kin to advise them of their status change to Family Day and Graduation dates:

- Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 09:00am, will be Family Day. The day will start with a 30-minute ceremony at Hilton Field, Fort Jackson, SC, after which your Soldier will be afforded an on-post pass. Family and friends will be allowed to access Fort Jackson on this day to spend time with their Soldier.

- On Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 09:00am, we will have graduation at Hilton Field, Fort Jackson, SC. The day will start with a one-hour Graduation Ceremony.

- The 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment will live stream the ceremony via on-line social media in addition to having video recordings made available for purchase.

- Following graduation, the companies will be released for the day for an off-post pass and return to their respective companies no later than their designated times.

- On Friday, March 13, 2026 at 09:00am shipping operations will be conducted to safely transport your Soldier to their Advanced Individual Training (AIT) location.

- Families will have the option of driving their Soldier from Fort Jackson to their AIT as a way of spending time together if your Soldiers' AIT location is east of the Mississippi River. Soldiers whose AIT is west of the Mississippi River will use government means of transportation. Those taking their Soldiers to AIT will leave on March 12, 2026 immediately following graduation. All others will leave during shipping operations on March 13, 2026.

Thank you for entrusting them to our care, as our dedicated, professional Cadre guide them on the path from Civilians to Soldiers.

Sincerely,

K. Niemeyer

Kristina Niemeyer
Lieutenant Colonel, Engineer
Battalion Commander

"Forty Rounds!"