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MEMORANDUM FOR INCOMING PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: 229th Military Intelligence Battalion Welcome Letter.

1. Congratulations on your assignment and welcome to the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC), located at the Presidio of Monterey, California. We are excited you are joining the Griffin Team!
2. The Mission of the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion is to grow trained and read Soldier Linguists and Cadre to fulfill the needs of the operational force and intelligence enterprise. We do this by ensuring Griffin Soldiers are Well, Educated, and Ready. The 229th will help you be mentally, physically, and spiritually fit, foster your intellectual and professional development, and prepare you to contribute on your first day in your follow-on units.
3. This assignment is challenging due to the fast-paced learning environment – you must be ready to work hard and minimize distractions. Rest assured; you are not alone. We are here to help you and your family succeed. We are committed to ensuring that everyone on our team has access to the resources needed to support our mission, family, and individual readiness. Communication early and often is the key to victory here.
4. At the Presidio of Monterey, we are fortunate to be surrounded by incredible nature and have access to great cities. No matter what your interests are, you and your family will be able to enjoy one of the nation's best recreational areas. The Monterey Peninsula has a rich history and its rugged coastline is known for its natural beauty. We encourage you to get out, decompress, and enjoy your time in Monterey.
5. Please feel comfortable asking for support for you or your family to get the things you need prior to your arrival, or during your time at DLI. We are here to help you have a smooth integration into life as a student in the 229th MI BN. A strong support system is paramount to success in both the Battalion and at DLIFLC.
6. The attachment to this letter includes some frequently requested information to assist you. If you need more information, please contact our Battalion S1 at (831) 242-5642 or

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your Company POCs. Foreign Area Officers, please contact the FAO Program Office at the following email: FAOProgramOffice@dliflc.edu. You can also find the Base Guide at <https://mybaseguide.com/base/presidio-of-monterey>.

Again, welcome to the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, we look forward to serving with you. "Soldiers First, Always!"

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BENJAMIN S. GRIFFIN
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Attachment 1: Frequently Requested Information

1. Preparing to come to Monterey.

a. Housing.

(1) Soldiers E5 and Below without Dependents.

(a) IET Soldiers. You will be assigned barracks upon arrival. If you are married your spouse will be able to move into a house while you are in Phase IV, you will be able to assist them but will remain in the barracks until you graduate Phase V.

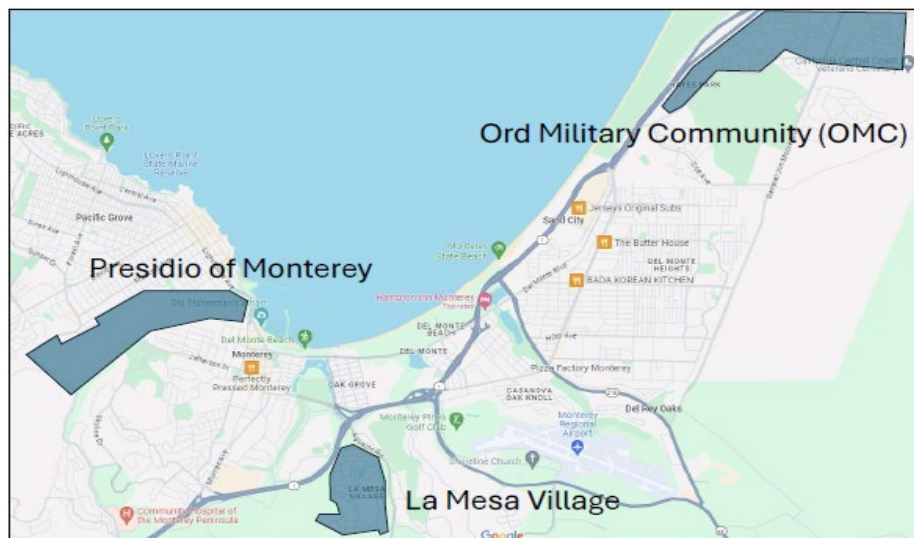
(b) Careerist/Prior Service. Single Soldiers E5 and below will be assigned a barracks room on the Presidio of Monterey upon arrival to their assigned Company. Feel free to reach out to your company based on your assigned language, which can be found using Appendix 1 – 229th MI BN POCs.

(2) Soldiers E6 and above or with Dependents. Soldiers' may apply for The Parks at Monterey Bay [here](#) or call at: (831) 644-0400. The waiting list can be long, so do this ASAP. You are also welcome to seek housing off-base. Soldiers experiencing issues with The Parks at Monterey are recommended to contact Mrs. Teresa Watkins at army housing Phone: (831) 242-7984 or email: teresa.a.watkins5.civ@army.mil.

(a) Required Documents to get on the waiting list:

- Application
- Orders
- Absence/Leave Request
- DEERS Dependent Verification (if not on orders)
- LES

(3) Base Housing Map.



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(4) Soldiers not required to live in the barracks are authorized up to 10 days of House Hunting PTDY if it does not interfere with your in-processing or class start date. With IPPS-A, you must request the "House Hunting" PTDY **BEFORE** your PCS leave, even if it does not take place until you arrive or sign-in at POM. After you arrive, if you were unable to request the PTDY ahead of time, work with your first-line supervisor to determine your best course of action.

b. Childcare/Schools for Kids.

(1) Kids Not of School Age. There are two military Child Development Centers (CDC) servicing the Presidio of Monterey. Monterey (NSA) Child Development Center in La Mesa Village and Monterey Road Child Development Center on For Ord. It is recommended that you get on the waitlist early as spots are limited. Utilize militarychildcare.com for CDC childcare request.

(2) Schools for Kids. Please use [School Support Services Page](#) or contact the POM Garrison School Liaison Officer Elaine Vrolyks for assistance email: elaine.l.vrolyks.naf@mail.mil or phone: (831) 242-6904.

(3) Porter Youth Center [website](#) and Teen Connection [website](#) specifically for after before/after school care as well as summer care.

c. Temporary Lodging. SMs needing temporary lodging can call the Presidio of Monterey IHG at (831) 645-1199 or visit their [website](#). Temporary Lodging Entitlement covers you for housing up to 14 days, but you should still in-process finance ASAP to ensure you start receiving Monterey BAH.

2. Reporting.

a. IET Soldiers. All IET Soldiers will fly into the Monterey Airport upon graduation from Basic Combat Training. Upon arrival, IET Soldiers will be picked up by Phase IV Drill Sergeants. If they are not there upon arrival, contact 229th Staff Duty and wait for further instructions. Phone: (831) 402-4839.

b. Careerist/Prior Service.

(1) There is only one 24hr gate, [Bolio Gate](#).

(2) Upon arrival to the Presidio of Monterey SM's should report during normal duty hours 0800 – 1600 at least one week prior to class start date for in-processing. Soldiers will report to S1 on the 2nd Floor of Taylor Hall (BLDG 616). From there you will be provided further information on what company you will be assigned to based on the language you are studying.

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and 15min break for lunch. Depending on your academic status you may be required to attend additional class time 1hr before or 1hr after class. Students can expect to spend about 3hrs on homework and studying every night.

6. Student Graduation. Students will participate in a graduation ceremony before departing the course. The complete Army Service Uniform (ASU) or Army Green Service Uniform (AGSU) is the required uniform for graduation. This includes all authorized ribbons and badges. The Presidio of Monterey Clothing Sales is limited and may only have some items.

7. Additional Information.

a. Meals.

(1) For Soldiers living in the barracks, meals are provided seven days a week at the post dining facilities (DFAC), [CHAY DFAC](#) and [Belas DFAC](#). Each DFAC offers Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, Monday through Friday from 0600-0745, 1045-1245, and 1730-1900 with limited hours on weekends starting 0730-0900, 1200-1330 and 1700-1830.

(2) GTCC. Soldiers who already have a GTCC should ensure that it remains active while here at DLI and will need to ensure it is placed under our hierarchy.

(3) 229th Running Start Program. Ask your First Line Supervisor about the 229th Running Start Program. Running Start is mandatory for IET Soldiers and highly recommended for all others. It is ran by Soldiers currently in the course that will prepare you for the rigorous academic requirements and lifestyle while here at DLI. This will greatly decrease the initial stress of the class and allow you to get and stay ahead.

(4) Airports.

(a) Monterey Airport (MRY), 4.7 miles from the Presidio, is the closest airport but has limited service.

(b) San Jose Airport (SJC), 77 miles from the Presidio, the closest large airport.

(c) San Fransisco Airport (SFO), 108 miles from the Presidio.

(5) Weather. In Monterey, the summers are short, comfortable, dry, and mostly clear and the winters are cold, wet, and partly cloudy. Over the course of the year, the temperature typically varies from 44°F to 68°F and is rarely below 37°F or above 77°F.