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Future Big Red One Soldier,

Command Sergeant Major Harris and I would like to officially welcome you and your family to Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division! On June 27, 1853, a small settlement overlooking the Kansas River valley became what is now Fort Riley. In the late 1800's it was home to the famed Buffalo Soldiers of the 9th and 10th United States Cavalry, and later served as the home of the United States Cavalry School. The installation played a crucial role in training and deploying Soldiers in both world wars, and in July of 1955 became the home of America's 1st Infantry Division.

Today, Fort Riley remains one of our Army's premier installations. Furthermore, the Flint Hills community's steadfast and strong support of our military families, coupled with unmatched recreation opportunities, makes the installation one of America's best places to call home. We want you to have a smooth transition and encourage you to reach out and discuss your arrival plan with your sponsor. As you begin your move from your-current duty assignment to Fort Riley, please stay safe and exercise sound judgement during your travel. Upon arrival to Fort Riley, you will be directed to the Installation's Reception and Replacement Company (Building 210, 785-239-2119), where you will complete all required in-processing tasks.

As members of this revered organization, it is our responsibility to live up to the standards of excellence demonstrated by our predecessors. From Cantigny to Afghanistan, men and women wearing the Big Red One on their shoulder demonstrated combat mastery, mental and physical strength, compassion, and empathy. They were feared by their enemies and loved by their friends. They leaned on each other in difficult times, raised each other up, and carried one another through moments of great peril. They refused to be defeated and learned from their mistakes to become stronger, better, and more capable. They reflected the diversity of our society and, though individuals, they formed teams, which achieved unsurpassed synergy through shared vision, respect for humanity, and devotion to family and friends.

It is our collective duty to uphold the standards established by those who came before us. In these extraordinary times to be an American, we must be ready should the Nation call us to action. We will continue to strive for mastery of our profession, to achieve the level of combat excellence the Division has displayed since its inception more than 100 years ago. Throughout, we will ensure each Soldier, Department of the Army Civilian, and Family member in the Fort Riley community displays and receives the dignity and respect expected of those privileged to call the Flint Hills home. Welcome to the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Team!

Duty First! People Always...All Else Follows!

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