



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
HEADQUARTERS AIRBORNE & RANGER TRAINING BRIGADE  
10850 SCHNEIDER ROAD BUILDING 5024  
FORT BENNING GEORGIA 31905

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Future Airborne & Ranger Training Brigade (ARTB) Soldier, NCO, or Officer:

Congratulations! We would like to welcome you to the best training brigade in the world. You are joining an organization that not only has a very challenging and unique mission, but one that has a long and colorful heritage. We are looking forward to having you join the team. Your assignment to ARTB will be a professionally and personally rewarding experience.

You are going to be assigned to an exceptional unit that performs its mission better than any other, and a unit that takes immense pride in all of its accomplishments, both past and present. Our mission is to conduct the Ranger Course in order to produce Rangers for units whose primary mission is to close with and destroy the enemy in direct fire battle. Additionally, the ARTB conducts the Basic Airborne, Pathfinder, and Jumpmaster courses in order to support the Joint Forcible Entry capability.

Although your orders may indicate a pinpoint assignment to one of the Battalions, you must report to the Brigade Headquarters located in building 5024 prior to in-processing at Fort Benning. Your in-processing at Fort Benning will take approximately 3-5 days. You will wear the "Follow Me" unit patch with an Airborne tab and, if qualified, the Ranger tab sewn above the rank on the patrol cap.

If you are being assigned as a Ranger Instructor you must be prepared to conduct a Ranger Physical Assessment (RPA) and height and weight evaluation upon arrival. Ranger Instructors assigned to the ARTB will meet the same physical fitness standards required of Ranger students of 49 push-ups, 59 sit-ups, 5-mile run in 40 minutes or less, 6 pull-ups (palms facing the body), and a 12-mile foot march in under 3 hours with a 47lb rucksack.

If you are being assigned to the 1-507<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment (Airborne School) or the ARTB Flight Detachment you must be able to pass an APFT and height and weight evaluation upon arrival to the unit. Airborne Instructors are required to meet the same physical fitness standards required of the Airborne students of 42 push-ups, 53 sit-ups, 2 mile run in 15 minutes 54 seconds or less, and 20 seconds flex arm hang.

We require that your sponsor contact you within ten days of you appearing on our gains roster. Our Personnel and Administration Center (PAC) will forward you the link to a digital welcome packet. We will mail a hard copy welcome packet on request. Please ensure we have your current mailing address, e-mail (that you can check during your PCS), and phone number. If you have questions or have not received your digital welcome packet within 20 days of receiving this letter, you can contact our S-1 NCOIC, SFC Alana Wauford at DSN 620-3275, commercial 706-626-3275, or e-mail [alana.m.wauford.mil@mail.mil](mailto:alana.m.wauford.mil@mail.mil).

**RANGERS LEAD THE WAY!**

VICTOR A. BALLESTEROS  
CSM, USA  
Command Sergeant Major

DOUGLAS G. VINCENT  
COL, IN  
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Below, are links to helpful websites:

Fort Benning newcomer's information:

<http://www.benning.army.mil/MCoE/Newcomers/>

Accident Avoidance Course Link:

<https://safety.army.mil/training/ARMYACCIDENTAVOIDANCECOURSE/tabid/982/Default.aspx>

Basic Composite Risk Management Course Link:

<https://safety.army.mil/training/DISTANCELEARNINGONLINETRAINING/tabid/1210/Default.aspx>

Maps of the Fort Benning and surrounding area:

<http://www.benningmwr.com/directions/>