



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 2ND SQUADRON 16TH CAVALRY
316TH CAVALRY BRIGADE, US ARMY ARMOR SCHOOL
BLDG 5144, 13TH ARMORED REGIMENT ROAD
FORT BENNING, GA 31905

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16 November 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR Incoming Armor Lieutenants

SUBJECT: Welcome to Armor Basic Officer Leaders Course

1. Welcome to the U.S. Army's Armor Branch, "The Combat Arm of Decision." The Brigade Commander, COL David S. Davidson, and I welcome you to the 2nd Squadron, 16th Cavalry Regiment, 316th Cavalry Brigade, and the Armor Basic Officer Leaders Course (ABOLC).
2. The purpose of ABOLC is to *forge physically fit, mentally agile, technically and tactically proficient leaders grounded in the Army values and capable of decisive operations as part of a combined arms team*. ABOLC incorporates a challenging training methodology that is experience-based and learner centric. The training you will receive combines classroom, small group, and practical exercise instruction designed to hone your leadership skills, foster the Warrior Ethos, and start your journey learning the technical and tactical traits required of an Armor officer.
3. When you arrive at Fort Benning and the Armor School, ensure you meet Army height and weight standards outlined in Army Regulation 600-9 and that you can pass the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT).
4. In accordance with your orders, report to Building 5144 (Harmony Church) in order to begin your in-processing and allowing us to assist you in getting settled into the area and beginning your Army career.
5. ABOLC is your first Permanent Change of Station (PCS) duty station. I encourage you to bring your families in order to help them adapt to the Army lifestyle. This is a demanding course. You will need to study and spend time in the field, but you will also have the opportunity to spend time with your family and learn to balance your professional and family responsibilities.
6. For further information please like us on Facebook at 2-16 Cavalry "Saber Squadron" or visit the 2-16 CAV link at <http://www.benning.army.mil/armor/316thCAV/216/>.
7. Again, welcome to the Armor Branch. I look forward to meeting you. Please call my staff for additional assistance at 706-626-8339.
8. Point of contact for this action is the HHT Commander at 706-626-8347.


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