



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, 2ND SQUADRON, 16TH CAVALRY  
199TH INFANTRY BRIGADE  
BUILDING 5144, 13TH ARMORED REGIMENT ROAD  
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MEMORANDUM FOR Incoming Armor Lieutenants

SUBJECT: Welcome to the Armor Basic Officer Leader Course

1. Welcome to the U.S. Army's Armor Branch, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 16<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 199<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, and the Armor Basic Officer Leader Course (ABOLC). In the next 19 weeks, you will be qualified as a Tank Platoon Leader able to successfully lead a tank platoon in any operational environment.
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 16<sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalry Regiment trains and develops future Tank Platoon Leaders to be competent and confident mounted warfighters; capable of leading fighting and winning "at the point of contact" against any adversary.
3. As commissioned officers, you are expected to report to the Squadron physically fit, morally straight, ethically sound, and with the utmost professionalism.
4. This course will challenge you both mentally and physically. Come ready to learn, be teachable, and able to communicate (orally and in writing). Start now learning tank, maneuver, and leadership doctrine. A great starting point is to read ADP 6-22, Army Leadership, Call Handbook 18-24, The First 100 Days of Platoon Leadership, and ATP 3-20.15, Tank Platoon.
5. For further information please like us on Facebook at "Armor Basic Officer Leader Course" and visit us on our webpage at [https://www.benning.army.mil/Infantry/199th/2-16/index.html?\\_id=1634](https://www.benning.army.mil/Infantry/199th/2-16/index.html?_id=1634) you will find useful information for reporting, suggested reading and the course outline.
6. Again, welcome to the Armor Community, the CSM and I look forward to meeting you. Please call staff duty if you need additional assistance at 706-626-8322. "Strike Hard, Strike Fast"

"STRIKE FAST"

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan J. Karasow", is positioned above the printed name.

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Commanding