



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS AIRBORNE & RANGER TRAINING BRIGADE
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Future Airborne & Ranger Training Brigade (ARTB) Soldier, NCO, or Officer:

Congratulations! I 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. I am looking forward to having you join the team; your assignment 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 to fill U/V/G coded positions within the 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 U.S. Airborne Joint Forcible Entry capability.

Although your orders may indicate a pinpoint assignment to one of the Ranger Training Battalions, you must report to the brigade headquarters 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: 70% in each event from the 17-21 age group on an RPA for a minimum total of 49 push-ups, 59 sit-ups, 6 pull-ups (palms facing the body), 5-mile run in 40 minutes or less, and a 12-mile foot march in under 3 hours with a 35lb rucksack and water.

If you are being assigned to the 1-507th 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.

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 my S-1 NCOIC, SFC Jeffery Simpson at DSN 784-6038, commercial at 706-544-6038, or e-mail at jeffery.l.simpson2.mil@mail.mil.

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