



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 171ST INFANTRY BRIGADE (BLACKHAWKS)
4310 MAGRUDER AVENUE
FORT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29207



Dear Soldier,

Welcome to Fort Jackson and congratulations on your assignment to the 171st Infantry Brigade, the Blackhawks! We are looking forward to your arrival and joining the team. Your experience and training will make you an integral member of our brigade and your contribution will enable the continued success of this organization and the U.S. Army Training Center at Fort Jackson.

The Blackhawks are an organization of over 750 Soldiers and Civilians that are extremely professional, incredibly effective, and fully committed to our mission and our people. The mission of this brigade is very simple—we train and we support the training of our Army's newest Soldiers. The brigade consists of the 4th Battalion, 10th Infantry; the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception); the 187th Ordnance Battalion (AIT Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic School); and Task Force Marshall, an activated Reserve Battalion that trains individually deploying Navy Sailors for service with ground combat units in Afghanistan, Kuwait, the Horn of Africa, and around the world.

The history of the 171st Infantry Brigade is a remarkable and distinguished one, beginning at a small post in Illinois in 1914, continuing through three wars in Europe and Asia, and culminating here in our training mission in Fort Jackson. The 171st has seen itself stationed in Camp Grant, Illinois, Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and now here in South Carolina. Throughout the years, Blackhawks have made an incredible contribution to our Nation's defense, on and off the battlefield. That tradition of service continues here today as thousands of Soldiers and Sailors train year-round for their future responsibilities again, on and off the battlefield.

Columbia and Fort Jackson are located in a pleasant and scenic area of South Carolina. The post has excellent facilities and a wide range of activities for all. Columbia is a progressive community with a metropolitan population of approximately 130,000. It is also within easy driving distance of several major cities, including Augusta and Atlanta, Georgia, Charleston, South Carolina, and Charlotte, North Carolina. Fort Jackson is an incredible place to live and serve. We call it the "best small town in the Army." We know you and your family will enjoy this post, community, and this incredible part of the country!

If you arrive to Fort Jackson during normal duty hours, you should first report to the Strom Thurmond building, Bldg number 5450 to begin post in processing. If you arrive after duty hours, weekends, or holidays, report to Army Lodging at Building 7550 on Benning Road. Their phone number is (803) 782-9802 or toll free (800) 276-6984. Your sponsor will be contacting you soon and will answer any questions or concerns you may have. If your sponsor does not contact you within 30 days of you receiving this letter, please contact the Brigade S1 at (803)751-4474. You can also access the Fort Jackson Website <http://www.jackson.army.mil/sites/171> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/171st.Infantry.Brigade> for additional information. The brigade headquarters is located at Bldg 4310, Magruder Avenue, or phone number (803) 751-3302, 24-hours a day.

We wish you a safe journey and again, welcome to the 171st Infantry Brigade and Fort Jackson. We expect that you will find your tour of duty here both professionally and personally rewarding and we look forward to meeting you upon your arrival.

"Train for Victory"

CHARLES S. COOK
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