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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 158TH INFANTRY BRIGADE
802 JACKSON AVE
CAMP SHELBY, MS 39407

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MEMORANDUM FOR Incoming Soldiers and Their Families

SUBJECT: Welcome to the Warrior Brigade!

1. On behalf of Command Sergeant Major William L. Gardner II, and myself, welcome to the 158th Infantry Brigade and congratulations on your assignment to the premier training unit in the U.S. Army. Our mission is to provide the absolute very best in realistic, combat-focused training to National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve Brigade Combat Teams preparing to deploy and fight for our Nation in support of Overseas Contingency Operations.
2. We have a very diverse group of Soldiers comprised of Active Duty, National Guard and the Reserves. This diversity has produced a professional team of closely knit Soldiers who take care of one another, train units for combat, and stay fit and prepared for our future assignments. Camp Shelby is a unique and austere assignment where Army staples, such as a PX and commissary found at active duty posts, are more than an hour away. There is no on post housing, but we do have a program for housing on the economy. As such, it is important to us that we reach out to you and ensure your transition to our unit is as smooth as possible. Your sponsor will contact you and answer all the questions you and your family might have while providing all the information you need to successfully move to and settle into your new home.
3. Camp Shelby is a fantastic assignment for you and your family. Hattiesburg is a wonderful community full of Southern charm and hospitality and with almost any amenity you could want. It has the best schools in the state including two universities, great shopping, gourmet food, excellent medical care and inexpensive/quality housing. We are only a short drive to the Gulf of Mexico or New Orleans; these are just a few of the reasons you will love this assignment! You are joining the premier training organization in all of First Army. Your contributions to the thousands of Soldiers you will train for combat will have an immeasurable impact on them, the Army and ultimately our Nation. If you would like more information, please visit the brigade's website at http://1aeast.army.mil/158INBDE/158_index.html.
4. You and your Family are incredibly important to us! If you have any questions, please contact the Brigade S-1 at (601) 554-7601 or DSN 286-7605 to get more information. We are very excited that you and your family are joining the Warrior Brigade. One Standard!


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