



1st Armored Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion



Welcome Packet



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“Welcome to the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, TX.”

We are pleased to welcome you to the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion (HHBN) “Gladiators!” What better place to be assigned than the “Great State of Texas”. We are excited about the future of our organization as one of the newest battalions here on Fort Bliss. The 1st Armored Division is one of the more revered and highly deployed divisions in the United States Army with a rich and distinguished history. Over the last several years our division has spearheaded our nation’s efforts in the Global War on Terror and in the coming years our nation will continue to call on the Soldiers of the 1AD to fulfill that crucial role.

You are about to become a proud member of an outstanding team of professional Officers, Warrant Officers, NCOs, and Soldiers that are proud of what they do and are able to successfully execute many missions simultaneously. We assure you that your assignment in this command will prove to be challenging and personally rewarding. Expect to be challenged both mentally and physically.

Your Family is an important part of the Gladiator Team. Be sure that all of you use the Battalion’s website <https://www.bliss.army.mil/1ADHHBN/> to get acquainted with the Gladiators and their history. Also, be sure to check out our Facebook page by searching “1ST AD HHBN FRG.”

This packet is a first step toward your initiation into the world of the 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss and El Paso, “The Sun City”. We pride ourselves on providing the strength for America’s Army and taking care of each other and families. We are confident your assignment will be a memorable one for both you and your family.

Sincerely,

**KAREN M. WRANCHER
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
Commanding**

**GABRIEL D. HARVEY
Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army
Battalion Command Sergeant Major**



GLADIATORS

“Iron Sharpens Iron!”

1st ARMORED DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTALION HISTORY

The 1st Armored Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion assumes the lineage of the Special Troops Battalion.

The 501st Replacement Company was constituted 15 February 1944 in the Army of the United States and activated 25 February 1944 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

It was inactivated 28 September 1945 in France.

It was allotted to the Regular Army 27 February 1951 and assigned to the 1st Armored Division and activated 7 March 1951 at Fort Hood, Texas

It was reorganized and re-designated 15 February 1957 as the 501st Administration Company.

It was inactivated 23 December 1957 at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

It was activated 3 February 1962 at Fort Hood, Texas.

It was re-designated 1 March 1991 as the 501st Adjutant General Company.

It was inactivated 30 September 1985 in Germany.

It is credited with Campaign Participation: World War II – Eame, Rhineland.

The 1st Armored Division Special Troops Battalion was activated 30 April 2007.

It is credited with Campaign Participation in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn.

It was re-designated on 16 June 2011 as the 1st Armored Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion at Fort Bliss, TX.

Subordinate units include Headquarters Support Company, Operations Company, Intel and Sustainment Company, Division Signal Company and the 1st Armored Division Band.

Command Focus

Build Iron Man Combat Power

*The most important weapon system is...
The Iron Soldier.*

Iron Soldiers

- Upholding the Warrior Ethos
- Individual Training → Collective Training
- Comprehensive Soldier Fitness

Reset and Rebuilding Capabilities

- Team Building on the Road to War
- Equipment Reception and Property Accountability
- Maintenance and Readiness
- Medical Readiness
- CPOF and Digital Battle Systems

Leader Development

- Professional Development OPDs, NCODPs, LDPs
- Skills Acquisition and the Army Education System
- Invest in today's Soldiers for dividends in tomorrow's Leaders

Army Strong Families

- ACS; Army Family Team Building; Military One Source
- Financial Planning
- Strong Bonds, BOSS and FRGs
- YOU are a part of the fabric of the Army Family & Community

Command Structure

HHBN

LTC Karen M. Wrancher

CSM Gabriel D. Harvey



HSC

CPT Raizhe L. Manuel
1SG Trevor Adams

DIV CMD GRP

SGS

EO, IG, JAG

Retention

Chaplain

BN Staff

OPS

CPT Joseph Masten
1SG Shawn Ward

G3/5/7

Protection Cell

FIRES

INS

CPT Christopher Crager
1SG Leslie Renken

G1

G2

G4

G8

DIV SUR

DSC

CPT (P) Lang, Jeffrey
1SG Kenya King

G6



1 AD, Band

CW3 Russell Houser
1SG Justin Ahrens

Band



HHBN, 1st AD In-Processing



Before arriving at the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, you should have received a letter informing you of your sponsor, the person who will assist you in getting settled upon arrival to Headquarters Battalion, 1st Armored Division.

Before reporting to your assigned unit, all Soldiers will report directly to the Fort Bliss Soldier Welcome Center, Building 503, Pershing Road, West Fort Bliss, TX. Your sponsor will send you the Fort Bliss In-Processing Instructions. In-processing normally last five working days.

After you have completed the in-processing at the Welcome Center, you will report to the 2nd Floor of HHBN, Building 21100, Quartermaster Ave on East Fort Bliss, TX. You should plan to arrive between the hours of 0900-1600, Monday through Friday and Thursday is closed for Training Time. If you plan on arriving on a weekend, holidays or other than the hours listed above, please contact the Staff Duty Officer/NCO at (915) 741-4609 to assist you.

Your time in our battalion will also afford you numerous opportunities to experience and enjoy all the 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss and the United States Army has to offer. Your experience, training, and other talents will make you an integral member of the combat capability of our team and your contribution will enable the continued success of our unit and our Army.

If a sponsor has not contacted you please contact the Battalion S1 for assistance.

Enlisted Soldiers: Contact SSG Navarro, S-1 Strength Management NCO at (915) 741-4584, or email karina.navarro@us.army.mil

Officers: Contact 1LT Hudson, April S-1 OIC at (915) 741- 4589 or e-mail april.m.hudson@us.army.mil or SSG Navarro, S-1 Strength Manager, at (915) 741-4584 or email karina.navarro@us.army.mil.



Important Phone Numbers



1AD, HHBN Command and Staff, Bldg 21100			
Name	Position	Phone #	Room #
LTC Wrancher	BN CDR	(915) 741-4667	2105
MAJ Whittenberger	BN XO	(915) 741-4668	2106
CSM Harvey	CSM	(915) 741-4656	2104
CPT Risher	S1	(915) 741-4658	2110
CW2 Taylor	S1 Technician	(915) 741-4660	2102
SFC De La Rosa	S1 NCOIC	(915) 741-4661	2101
SSG Navarro	S1 NCO	(915) 741-4584	
1LT Trauger	S3	(915) 741-4666	2115
SGM Walker	S3 NCOIC	(915) 741-4663	2115
CPT Adunchezor	Chaplain	(915) 741-3932	2124
SSG Michielsen	BN BOSS Rep	(915) 744-8530	
Mrs. Koelder	Family Readiness Support Assistant	(915) 741-6060	2103
Headquarters and Support Company (Division), Bldg 21115			
Name	Position	Phone #	Room #
CPT Manuel	HSC CO	(915) 741-5053	108
1SG Adams	HSC 1SG	(915) 741-5039	110
SSG Lopez	HSC OPS NCO	(915) 741-5043	111
Operations Company (Division), Bldg 21115			
Name	Position	Phone #	Room #
CPT Masten	OPNS CO	(915) 741-5044	118
1SG Ward	OPNS 1SG	(915) 741-5042	120
SSG Shuman	OPNS OPS NCO	(915) 741-5043	121
Intel and Sustainment Company (Division), Bldg 21115			
Name	Position	Phone #	Room #
CPT Crager	INS CO	(915) 741-5025	142
1SG Renken	INS CO 1SG	(915) 741-5027	140
SSG Seale	INS OPS NCO	(915) 741-5029	139
Division Signal Company, Bldg 21115			
Name	Position	Phone #	Room #
CPT (P) Lang, Jeffrey	DSC CO	(915) 741-5013	150
1SG King	DSC CO 1SG	(915) 741-5056	152
SSG Young	DSC OPS NCO	(915) 741-5011/5012	153
1AD Band, Bldg 762, West Bliss			
Name	Position	Phone #	Room #
CW3 Hourser	1AD Band CO	(915) 568-6540	
1SG Ahrens	1AD Band 1SG	(915) 568-6389	
SFC Easter	1AD Band OPS NCO	(915) 568-7001	



1st AD HHBN Family Readiness



Everybody in the HHBN is encouraged to be an active part of the Family Readiness Group (FRG), not only to receive help, but also to help others. The FRG is an organization of family members, volunteers and Soldiers belonging to the unit, that together provide an avenue of mutual support and assistance, and a network of communications among the family members, the Chain of Command and community resources.

The Battalion has a Family Readiness Support Assistant (FRSA) on hand to answer questions and assist the family members in the Battalion. Family Readiness Group Leaders are available for each Company. They are caring people whose primary mission is to assist you with your concerns, organize FRG activities, give out information, and refer family members when in need. The FRG is always looking for volunteers. Even if you are not sure what you have to offer, call the FRSA and she will find a place for you.

Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion FRSA: Mrs. Erica Koelder, (915) 741-3932 or email: erica.g.koelder.civ@mail.mil.

Headquarters Support Company FRG: Katie Kiewig, HSC-FRG@live.com

Intel and Sustainment Company FRG: Tanja Renken, knighstalkers_hhbn@yahoo.com

Operations Company FRG: Nadeen Wincapaw, fivewincs@yahoo.com

Division Signal Company FRG: Johanna Yeoman, divisionsignalco.frg@gmail.com

Band Company FRG: Vanessa Ahrens, valva03@yahoo.com

The Nature of my ISSUE is,.....

Marriage & Family	Family Advocacy FAP 915-568-1132	Child Crisis Center 915-562-7955	Military Family Life Consultants 915-238-2787	Operation Secure Counsel (TRIAD) 915-581-3256	Family Life Chaplain 915-568-2623	New Parent Support 915-568-4878
Financial	ACS Financial Readiness Program 915-568-1132	Army Emergency Relief 915-568-7088 915-568-1132	WIC 915-771-5870	Food Stamps 915-751-7783	ACS Lending Closet 915-568-6332	
Health Care	Soldier and Family Medical Clinic 915-569-2273	Pharmacy Refill 915-569-1200 800-916-3580	Tel-a-Nurse 915-569-4444	WBAMC Info Line 915-569-2121	Tri-west 877-874-9378	Medical Referrals 915-569-2659
Child Care	Child & Youth Services (Registration) 915-568-4374	Child Development Center CDC 915-568-5437	School Age Services SAS 915-568-5473	Youth Center Teens 915-568-1211	Family Child Care (FCC) 915-568-4198	CYSS REP 915-568-6879
Abuse-Neglect	Family Advocacy FAP 915-568-1132	Child Abuse Neglect (24 hour hotline TX) 800-252-5100	Safe Haven Shelter 915-838-1808	National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233	Sexual Assault Helpline 915-276-1818 915-779-1800	
Emergency	Emergency 911 Military Police 915-568-2115/2116	Ambulance 915-569-2209/1205	American Red Cross 915-568-4895 National 877-272-7337	WBAMC Emergency Room 915-569-233`	Suicide Prevention Hotline 800-273-8255	
Legal	JAG, POA, Wills 915-569-7141	Tax assistance office 915-568-4505	Inspector General (IG) 915-568-1241	Public Affairs Office 915-568-4999	Passport 915-568-5505	
Basic Info	ID CARDS 915-568-6210	Army Community Services 915-568-4614	Education Center 915-568-3386	JR Enlisted Center 915-568-7291	MWR Info and Ticketing 915-568-7506	Army OneSource www.myarmyone source.com

If you do not find your resource call your FRG Leader or your FRSA at: 915-741-3932/915-373-5729
We will provide you with the resource information you need.



Direction to HHBN



From Interstate 10

To access East Bliss from Interstate 1, personnel can Exit 35/Joe Battle Blvd, or 375 Loop, and follow this loop North to the intersection of the 601 Spur, or Liberty Expressway. Upon exiting on Exit 25/601 Spur, personnel may follow this expressway to one of three exits to access East Bliss, Sgt Major Blvd, which is the main 24 hour gate; the Global Reach/Old Ironside exit takes one to the Global Reach gate, a 24 hour gate; or the Constitution exit which takes one to the General Harmon Gate, open Monday-Friday 5:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Exit 25/Airway Blvd and travel North to the intersection at Airport Rd. Make a right onto Airport Rd and keep in the right lane to come to the front entrance, the Sgt. Major Gate, a 24 hour gate.

Turn right on Sergeant Major Blvd. Make a right on Torch, follow and proceed over the overpass. Take a right on Medic and the HHBN Bldg 21100 will be on your left.

From US 54

To access East Bliss from US 54, personnel traveling North can exit Fred Wilson and turn right at the light onto Fred Wilson. Upon making the right hand turn, this road becomes the 601 Spur or Liberty Expressway. Personnel may follow this expressway to one of three exits access East Bliss. The exits are as follows, the General Harmon Gate, accessible from the Constitution exit, hours 0500-2100 Monday through Friday; the Global Reach gate, accessible from the Old Ironside/Global Reach exit, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or lastly, the Sgt Major Gate, accessible from the Sgt Major Blvd exit, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week,

Follow Sergeant Major Blvd, then make a right on Torch, follow and proceed over the overpass. Take a right on Medic and the HHBN Bldg 21100 will be on your left.

From West Fort Bliss to 1st AD, HHBN:

To access East Bliss from West Fort Bliss, personnel can take Haan Blvd and turn right on Sergeant Major Blvd. Make a right on Torch, follow and proceed over the overpass. Take a right on Medic and the HHBN Bldg 21100 will be on your left.

If you need further directions, please contact the Staff Duty Officer/NCO at (915) 741-4609 to assist you.



Points of Interest



Fort Bliss Chapels – (915) 568-1519

- **Sage Hall Chapel** – Gospel Service. Worship service Sunday at 0900. Bible Study on Thursday at 1900 and Prayer on Thursday at 1830 and Sunday at 0800. 311 Pershing Road. (915) 568-6707
- **Center Chapel Two** – Provide Catholic services. Saturday Mass will be held every Saturday evening at 1600. Sunday Mass is held at 08:20 and 11:00 A.M. 1542 Sheridan St. (915) 568-6706
- **Center Chapel Three** – Provides Jewish services every Friday evening at 8:00pm. 1441 Pershing Road. (915) 568-1519

Shopping

- **Cielo Vista Mall** – Situated on the East Side of the Franklin Mountains, features over 140 specialty stores. 8401 Gateway West. (915) 779-7070
- **Sunland Park Mall** – 86 outlet stores from top designers and brands. 7051 S. Desert Blvd. (915) 877-3208

Movie Theaters

- **The Grand 10** – A 10-screen, stadium seating, first run movie theatre, 1733 Pleasonton Rd., Fort Bliss (888) 943-4567
- **Cinemark Tinseltown USA** – 11855 Gateway West, El Paso, TX (915) 590-6464

Golf Courses

- **Underworld Golf Complex** – The complex has lighted driving range, two practice putting greens, golf carts and a computerized handicapping service. 3200 Coe Ave, Bldg 3191, Fort Bliss. (915) 562-2066/1273
- **Painted Dunes Desert Golf Course** – This spectacular golf course offers 27-holes of championship style golf. 12000 McCombs St. (915) 821-2122



Points of Interest



Family Fun Centers

- **Western Playland Amusement Park** – The Park is packed with family thrill rides, attractions, great food, and a low general admission fee and unlimited ride pass. 1249 Futurity Drive. Take the 1-10 exit 13 on Sunland Park (575) 589-3410
- **Adventure Zone** – Offers cutting edge virtual reality, full motion simulator games, a western theme 8-player shooting gallery and the best redemption games and prizes in town. 251 E. Redd Rd. El Paso, TX (915) 585-9663

Historical and Cultural Sites

- **McKelligon Canyon Amphitheater** – Experience four centuries of El Paso's history. Shows every Friday and Saturday at 8:30pm. POC: (800) 351-6024
- **Wyler Aerial Tramway** – Enjoy the view of 7,000sq. Miles encompassing three states and two nations. 1700 McKinley. (915) 566-6622
- **El Paso's Mission Trail** – This Trail is rich in history dating back 400 years with three adobe churches that remain as living testaments to the faith of our Spanish and Indian ancestors. Adobe Horseshoe, 1500 Main San Elizario (915) 851-9997.

Museums

- **El Paso Museum of Art** – Houses a permanent collection of more than 6,000 works of art from European, American, and Mexican colonial art collections. One Arts Festival Plaza (915) 532-1707
- **Railroad & Transportation Museum** – Exhibits cover the evolution of urban transportation technology from mule cars to the streamlined streetcars of the mid-20th century. 400 W. San Antonio Ave. at Durango St. (915) 422-3420

Art Galleries

- **El Paso Art Association** – Dedicated to the promotion and achievement of fine art. EPAA is located on 500 West Paisano Drive (915) 534-7377



Points of Interest



Restaurants

➤ Steak/BBQ

- ❖ **Indian Cliffs Ranch at Cattleman's Steakhouse** – Ranch, private zoo, lake, movie set, and hayrides. 3450 S. Fabens Carlsbad Rd. (915) 544-3200
- ❖ **The Edge of Texas Steakhouse & Saloon** – Handcut Hereford beef steaks, and other mouthwatering classic western entrees.

➤ Italian

- ❖ **Carino's** – From Italian classics to our signature dishes, 1201 Airway Blvd, El Paso TX (915) 778-7771
- ❖ **Mi Piaci** – Delectable Italian dishes from scratch. 5411 N. Mesa (915) 875-0034

➤ Mexican

- ❖ **Carlos and Mickey's** – The menu contains over 70 items and the full bar serves the biggest and voted best margaritas in town. 1310 Magruder St. El Paso, TX (915) 778-3323
- ❖ **Andale** – Over 100 menu items. Live music everyday. 9201 Gateway West (915) 590-5999

➤ Asian

- ❖ **Hong Kong Buffet** - over 150 items daily. 1188 N. Yarbrough Dr. (915) 595-8883 or 1861 Joe Battle Blvd. (915) 857-6888
- ❖ **Okazuri** – Floating Sushi and Boat Bar. 12115 Montwood Ste. 201; (915) 581-7733 or 865 N. Resler Dr. Ste C (915) 855-5000



Points of Interest



Regional Casinos

- **Speaking Rock Casino and Entertainment Centre** – This large gaming and entertainment complex features video game rooms, restaurants and a bar. Visit the Tigua Indian Reservation and Cultural Centre situated just across the street. 122 South Old Pueblo Road, El Paso, TX. (915) 860-7777
- **Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino** – Enjoy over 700 state-of-the-art slot machines and year-round simulcast wagering from tracks all over the world. 1200 Futurity Drive, Sunland Park mall, NM 88063. (575) 974-5200

Vineyards and Wineries

- **La Vina Winery** – New Mexico's oldest winery, has settled into it's new home. The vineyard provides "Estate Bottled" New Mexico wines with a new complexity. New plantings of Italian and Rhode varietals will complement production of Cabernet, Zinfandel and Chardonnay. 4201 NM Highway 28, La Union, NM 88021. (915) 882-7632. Open Mon – Tue, Thu – Sun 12 pm-5pm.
- **St. Claire Winery, Las Cruces Bistro** – Our Winemaker and Master Chef collaborated to create a menu that features French Country dishes paired with our award winning New Mexico wines. St. Claire produces award-winning wines – Chardonnay, Cabernet (from Ruby Cabernet), Sauvignon Blanc, and Muscat wines. 1800 Avenida de Mesilla, Las Cruces, NM (575) 524-2408. Open Sun – Thur 11am-9pm; Fri – Sat 11am-10pm.

Cab/Taxi Services

- **Yellow Cab** – (915) 532-9999
- **Checker Taxi Cab** – (915) 532-2626



Quick Reference Information



Fort Bliss Website: (Newcomer information is located on the top of the page and to the left is another icon stating "Incoming Personnel"). <https://www.bliss.army.mil>

Directions to Fort Bliss: Input your address into Google maps for directions to Fort Bliss, TX.
<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=directions%20to%20fort%20bliss&hl=en&um=1&ie=UTF-8&sa=N&tab=wl>

Fort Bliss Newcomers Information: Congratulations on your assignment to the future of the Army and the place you want to be! <https://www.bliss.army.mil/Sponsorship.html>

Map of Fort Bliss: <https://www.bliss.army.mil/Newcomer/maps/fortblissmap.pdf>

Army Community Services: Call us if you need welcome pages, vicinity maps, telephone directories, information about Fort Bliss and El Paso, etc. For more information, call (915) 568-1132.
<http://www.blissmwr.com/acs>

Military Housing: Go to the Fort Bliss website and click on the Newcomers tab on the top and click on information, call (915) 564-1853. The BAH rates, as of 12 Dec 2010, for Fort Bliss:
<https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bah.cfm>

Child & Youth Services: Central Registry Enrollment (CER) is located in Bldg 1743, Victory Ave and is open from 0800 – 1730. Monday through Friday. Registers all children and youth ages birth through High School for numerous CYS programs. For more information call (915) 568-4374 or visit
https://www.bliss.army.mil/communityresourcesguide/child_care.asp

Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR): <http://www.blissmwr.com/#>

Family Advocacy Services: Location: Bldg 2494, Ricker Rd. For more information call (915) 568-4878; (915) 569-2800. www.blissmwr.com/fap.

Fort Bliss Community Resource Guide:
<https://www.blissarmy.mil/community%20information/educationskillscholarships.htm>

Fort Bliss Monitor: <http://fbmonitor.com/>

Fort Bliss Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/army.bliss>

1st Armored Division Facebook page: <http://facebook.com/1st.armored.division>

City of El Paso: <https://www.ci.el-paso.tx.us/> or <http://elpaso.org/>

Army One Source: <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/default.aspx>

Publications of Fort Bliss and El Paso: <http://www.lavenpublishing.com/>