



# 1st Armored Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion



## Welcome Packet



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Welcome to the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 largest battalions here on Fort Bliss. The 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division is one of the more revered and highly deployed divisions in the United States Army with a rich and distinguished history. Our division has spearheaded our nation’s efforts by conducting joint missions with our coalition partners on a global scale, 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 “HHBN, 1ST AD FRG.”

This packet is a first step toward your initiation into the world of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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. The HHBN FRG Facebook website is <https://www.facebook.com/search/web/?q=hhbn+1ad+facebook&form=FBDRCT&sid=0&source=quickselect#!/1ADHHBN>

Sincerely,

**JAMES M. HARDAWAY**  
Lieutenant Colonel, MI  
Commanding



**ERIC J. VIDAL**  
U.S. Army  
Command Sergeant Major



# GLADIATORS

## “Iron Sharpens Iron!”

### 1<sup>st</sup> ARMORED DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTALION HISTORY

The 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion assumes the lineage of the Special Troops Battalion.

The 501<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division and activated 7 March 1951 at Fort Hood, Texas

It was reorganized and redesignated 15 February 1957 as the 501<sup>st</sup> Administration Company.

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

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

It was redesignated 1 March 1991 as the 501<sup>st</sup> Adjutant General Company.

It was inactivated 30 September 1995 in Germany.

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

The 1<sup>st</sup> 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 redesignated on 16 June 2011 as the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

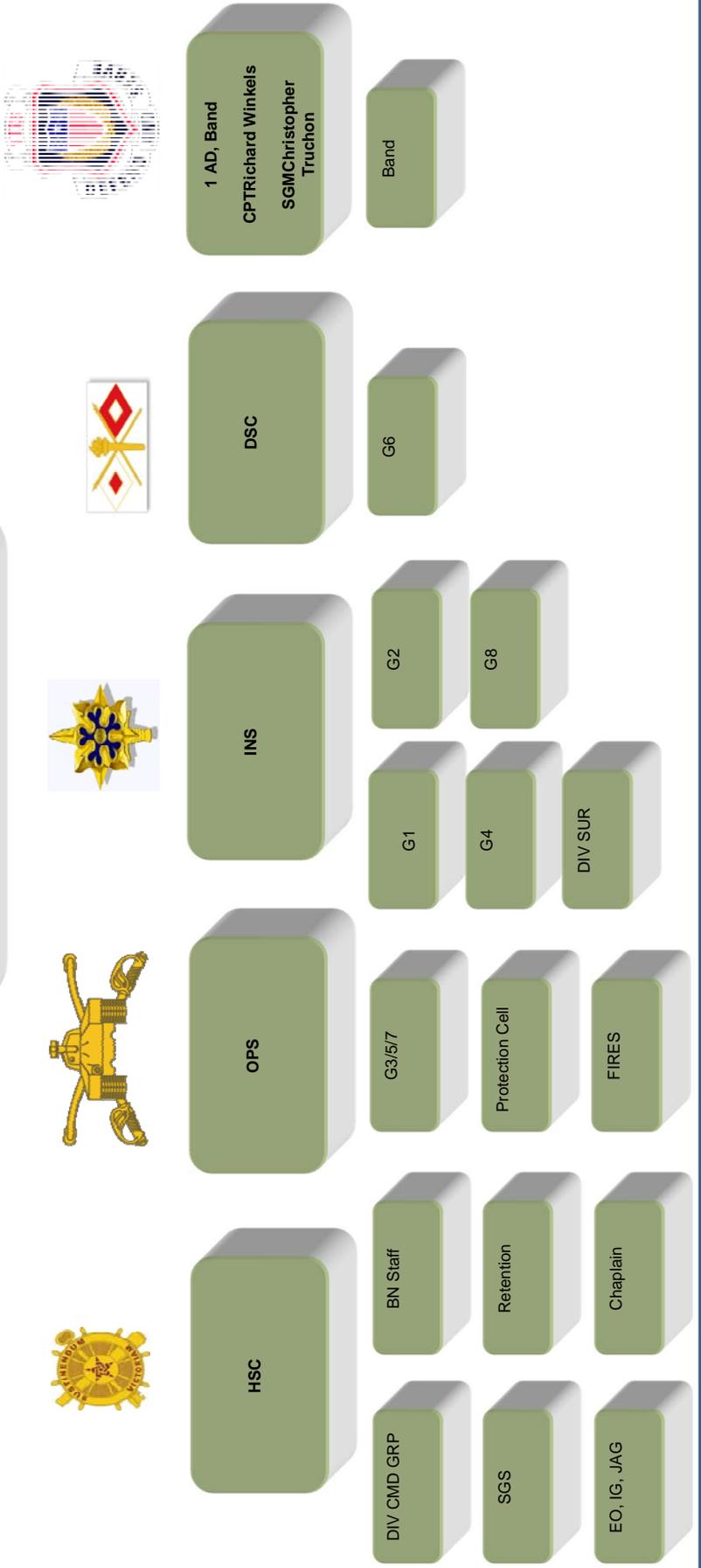
- Professional Development OPDs, NCODPs, LDPs
- Skills Acquisition and the Army Education System
- Invest in today's Soldiers for dividends in tomorrow's Leaders

### **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 James M. Hardaway  
 CSM Eric J. Vidal





# HHBN, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of HHBN, Building 21100, Quartermaster Ave on East Fort Bliss, TX. You should plan to arrive between the hours of 0900-1630, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**Contact Sponsorship Manager (915) 741-4436**



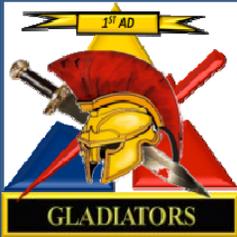
## 1<sup>st</sup> AD HHBN Family Readiness



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 (915) 741-2722



## 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

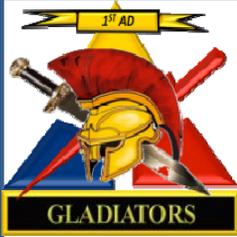
To access East Bliss from US 54, personnel traveling North can exit Fred Wilson and turn right at the light onto Fred Wilson. Upon making the right hand turn, this road becomes the 601 Spur or Liberty Expressway. Personnel may follow this expressway to one of three exits access East Bliss. The exits 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



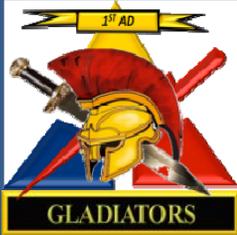
## Points of Interest

### 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

### Events Calendar:

- **Visit** <http://visitelpaso.com/>, El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau website Destination El Paso for a comprehensive calendar of local events



## 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>

**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. The BAH rates, as of 12 Dec 2012, 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

**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](http://www.blissmwr.com/fap).

**Fort Bliss Bugle:** <http://fortblissbugle.com/>

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

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

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