

**United States Army
Field Artillery Training Center
Fort Sill, Oklahoma**



**Alpha Battery
1st Battalion
40th Field Artillery**

**Graduation Ceremony
14 July 2005**

CLASS 13-05
GRADUATION CEREMONY

14 June 2005

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

*National Anthem

*Invocation – Chaplain's Assistant

Soldier's Creed

Battery Commander's Remarks

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Guest Speaker

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Drill Sergeant of the Cycle Award

Oath of Enlistment

*Army Song

* Please Stand

**THE CHAIN OF COMMAND
U.S. ARMY FIELD ARTILLERY CENTER AND FORT SILL**

Commanding General
MG David P. Valcourt

Command Sergeant Major
CSM William E. High

Assistant Commandant
BG Mark A. Graham

CSM, U.S. Army Field Artillery School
CSM Armando Ramirez

U.S. ARMY FIELD ARTILLERY TRAINING CENTER

Commander
COL Christopher T. Fulton

Command Sergeant Major
CSM Gary M. Newsome

1ST BATTALION, 40TH FIELD ARTILLERY

Commander
LTC David H. Dodson

Command Sergeant Major
CSM Joseph Sandel

ALPHA BATTERY
Commander
CPT Curtis J. Kellogg

Executive Officer
2LT Hector Barajas

First Sergeant
1SG Antonio Amaro

Training NCO
Sergeant/Armorer
SSG Douglas W. Singleton
Anastacio J. Arredondo

Supply
SGT Gilbert Johnson
Shane Robinson

GUEST SPEAKER

**SGM JOHN A. TIDWELL
SERGEANT MAJOR
B BATTERY, 2ND BATTALLION, 2ND
FIELD ARTILLERY**

Sergeant Major John A. Tidwell entered the U.S. Army from Harrisburg, PA in April of 1984 and attended OSUT (13B) at Fort Sill, OK. In April of 1986, He attended AIT (13F) at Fort Sill OK.

Sergeant Major Tidwell has served in a variety of Noncommissioned Officer Leadership positions including Forward Observer, Fire Support Sergeant, Drill Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Targeting NCO (BCD Korea), Operations Sergeant, First Sergeant, Senior Enlisted Advisor (West Point) and Operations Sergeant Major for 30th Regiment.

Sergeant Major Tidwell, graduated PLDC, BNCOC at Fort Carson, CO, attended ANCOG, (Master War fighter) Drill Sergeant School (Honor Grad / **Drill Sergeant of the Year 94**), NBC School, Master Fitness Leadership School, Field Sanitation Course, Combat Lifesaver Course (Honor Grad), AFATDS course (ASI F9) at Fort Sill, OK, French Commando Course at Point Saint Vincent, France, Air-Assault School, Airborne School, Pre-Ranger Course at Ft. Campbell KY, Joint Targeting School at Dam Neck, Va, First Sergeant Course (Honor Grad), Sergeant Major Academy Class #54 at Ft. Bliss Tx. He has over 600 hours in correspondence courses, and Bachelor of Science Degree in Liberal Arts from Excelsior College.

Sergeant Major Tidwell overseas assignments include two tours in Germany (five months in Saudi Arabia) and one tour in South Korea. His stateside tours include Fort Carson, CO, two tours at Fort Sill, OK, two tours at Fort



Campbell KY, West Point NY, and Fort Bliss TX.

Sergeant Major Tidwell awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (6 OLC), Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd award), Southwest Asia Medal (3 bronze stars), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (4), Army service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon (3), Liberation of Kuwait Medal (Saudi Arabia/Kuwait) Valorous Unit Award, French Forces Commando Badge, Drivers Badge (W/T), Drill Sergeant Badge Air-Assault and Airborne Badge.

Sergeant Major Tidwell resides in Lawton OK with his wife Angelia and their daughter Janelle.

AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED HONOR GRADUATE

PVT Gerald Valentin #

The most outstanding Soldier of the cycle is selected for his knowledge of military subjects, his physical fitness, his dedication, the leadership potential he offers to the Army, and his demonstrated professionalism and overall excellence which places him above his peers.

HONOR GRADUATES

PFC Travis Ueke

PVT Sean Martin #

PFC Aaron Moore #

PVT Christopher Carrington

PVT Evert Lee

These Soldiers' performance, desire to excel, and cooperation in training mark them as soldiers with great potential for success in the Army.

HIGH PHYSICAL FITNESS TRAINING (PT): PVT Christopher Carrington

This award is presented to the Soldier who scored the highest on the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) administered near the end of the cycle. This Soldier scored 287 points out of a maximum 300 points.

HIGH BASIC RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP AWARD: PVT Ringo Baso

This award is presented to the Soldier who scored the highest out of a possible 40 target hits in qualification with their M16A2 rifle. This Soldier scored 36 out of 40 target hits.

13B FAST TRACKER ENHANCEMENT TRAINING

The Fast Tracker Enhancement Training Program is for the 13B soldiers who demonstrate outstanding leadership, initiative, and desire to excel during the cycle. A # next to their names indicates that they are Fast Trackers.

13D TRAINING AWARD: PFC Travis A. Ueke

HIGHEST GRADE POINT AVERAGE: PVT Charles Holmes

13F TRAINING AWARD: PVT Martin W. Zastrow

HIGHEST GRADE POINT AVERAGE: PVT Martin W. Zastrow

13F MASTER BLASTER: PVT Martin W. Zastrow

DRILL SERGEANT OF THE CYCLE

Drill Sergeant Daniel L. Hutchison

This award is presented to the Drill Sergeant in the battery whose performance has been truly outstanding throughout the cycle. This award is based on his ability to lead, teach, and motivate his Soldiers throughout the training cycle.



THE DRILL SERGEANT CREED

I am a Drill Sergeant.

I will assist each individual in their efforts to become a highly motivated, well disciplined, physically and mentally fit Soldier, capable of defeating any enemy on today's modern battlefield.

I will instill pride in all I train. Pride in self, in the Army, and in Country.

I will insist that each Soldier meets and maintains the Army standards of military bearing and courtesy, consistent with the highest traditions of the United States Army.

I will lead by example, never requiring a Soldier to attempt any task I would not do myself.

But first, last, and always, I am an American Soldier. Sworn to defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, both foreign and domestic.

I am a Drill Sergeant.

1st PLATOON "Rough Riders"



Platoon Sergeant Senior Drill Sergeant Harding Assistant Platoon Sergeant

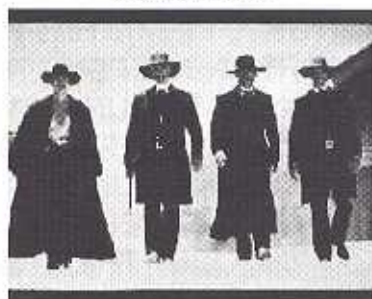
Drill Sergeant Carter Drill Sergeant Baldoza
Drill Sergeant Mckean Drill Sergeant Napier
Drill Sergeant Torres-Garza

PVT KWASSI M. AKOGO	PV2 JEFFERS T. NILSSON	PVT RINGO BASO ^#
PVT DAVID M. ANDERSON	PFC CHUN M. PAN	PVT MICHAEL K. BOYER
PVT EREK N. FONTENOT	PVT CHARLES T. REM	PVT CHARLES A. BUSTAMANTE
PV2 JOHN W. GARCIA	PV2 DANIEL R. ROSALES	PVT CHRISTOPHE CARRINGTON
PVT DANIEL J. GEBHARDT	PVT LIONEL J. RUIZ	PV2 CUNHARÓBE R. FERRAZ
PFC ANDREW K. KEEFE	PFC EUGENE C. SPEER	PVT DANIEL FLORES
PVT EVERT J. LEE	PVT BRENDON S. SPRINKLE	PV2 MERCEDES B. FRANK
PV2 JAMES E. LUNEKE	PVT RYAN M. STULL	PV2 SAMUEL K. HANAWAHINE
PFC ANTHONY C. MCMULLEN	PVT SIAVALUA J. TAUMALOTO #	PVT ADAM B. HARRIS
PVT BRYAN M. MCVEIGH #	PV2 ROCKY D. TROUT	PVT CHARLES B. HOLMES
PV2 BRANDON K. MIDEL	PVT JAY L. TURNER	PFC JEFFERY R. HOWARD
PFC AARON K. MOORE #	PVT GERALD A. VALENTIN #	PV2 DANIEL L. HOWES

Private (PVT), Private 2 (PV2), Private First Class (PFC), Specialist (SPC)

* Scored 300 on APFT, ^ Scored 'Expert' with M16A2 Rifle, # Fast Tracker

2nd PLATOON "Outlaws"



Platoon Sergeant

Senior Drill Sergeant Clayton

Assistant Platoon Sergeant

Drill Sergeant Fisher Drill Sergeant Hutchinson
Drill Sergeant Kemper Drill Sergeant Perkins
Drill Sergeant Wallace

PVT WALTER P. IRVIN

PVT JOSEPH KURZENDOERFER

PVT CHRISTOPHE N. LOPER

PVT SEAN A. MARTIN #

PV2 ANDREW L. MARTINEZ

PV2 GARY L. MATHENY

PVT KENNETH W. MCGRIFF

SGT TIMOTHY E. MCKEE

PFC THOMAS R. PERNELL

PVT TIMOTHY P. RAMIREZ

PVT SAMUEL E. REYES

SSG SHAWN M. RILEY

SGT MARC D. RUNGE

SGT THOMAS S. SEELBINDER

PVT BRANDON P. SHORTER

PV2 JUAN M. SILVA

PVT STEPHEN W. TATAR

PV2 MIGUEL A. TORRES

PFC TRAVIS A. UEKE

PV2 JOSHUA L. WAGGONER

PV2 JONATHAN M. WALKER

SGT RICHARD G. WHITE

SPC MATTHEW R. WILBURN

PVT MARTIN W. ZASTROW

Private (PVT), Private 2 (PV2), Private First Class (PFC), Specialist (SPC)

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OATH OF ENLISTMENT

I, _____, DO SOLEMNLY
SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) THAT I WILL
SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES
AGAINST ALL ENEMIES FOREIGN AND
DOMESTIC; THAT I WILL BEAR TRUE
FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE SAME;
AND THAT I WILL OBEY THE ORDERS OF
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
AND THE ORDERS OF THE OFFICERS
APPOINTED OVER ME, ACCORDING TO
REGULATIONS AND THE UNIFORM CODE
OF MILITARY JUSTICE, SO HELP ME GOD.

Soldier's Creed

I am an American Soldier.

I am a Warrior and a member of a team. I serve the people of the United States and live the Army Values.

I will always place the mission first.

I will never accept defeat.

I will never quit.

I will never leave a fallen comrade.

I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills. I always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself.

I am an expert and I am a professional.

I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy the enemies of the United States of America in close combat.

I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.

I am an American Soldier.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- I I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.
- II I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command I will never surrender the members of my command while they still have the means to resist.
- III If I am captured, I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.
- IV If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information or take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.
- V When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give name, rank, service number, and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.
- VI I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America.

THE SEVEN ARMY VALUES

Loyalty

Bear true faith and allegiance to the United States Constitution, the Army, your unit, and other soldiers.

Duty

Fulfill your obligations.

Respect

Treat people as they should be treated.

Selfless Service

Put the welfare of the Nation, the Army, and your subordinates before your own.

Honor

Live up to all the Army Values.

Integrity

Do what's right, legally and morally.

Personal Courage

Face fear, danger, or adversity (physical and moral).

THE ARMY SONG

VERSE

First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

CHORUS

Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!
The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong
For where e'er we go,
You will always know
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.