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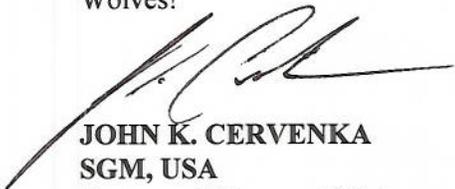


21 August 2013

MEMORANDUM FOR Newly Assigned to Brigade Troops Battalion, 1-25 SBCT Personnel

SUBJECT: Welcoming New Personnel to BTB, 1-25 SBCT

1. Congratulations on your assignment to Fort Wainwright. BTB is a large and diverse organization consisting of over 700 personnel, including many different occupational specialties ranging from infantryman to doctor to frequency spectrum manager. You and your Family will find a dynamic, arctic environment that is both professionally and personally rewarding. We look forward to your arrival and becoming a member of the Grey Wolf Family.
2. Fort Wainwright has a population of over 5,000 Soldiers. The post provides all the services you will find on any Army installation. Fairbanks, with a population of slightly over 30,000, is a unique destination located in one of the world's most spectacular settings- Alaska. We will do our best to ensure predictability and balance in all training to optimize each Soldier's quality time with Family members.
3. During your assignment you will hear the term "Arctic Tough". Alaska can be a challenging place to live, work and train. Every Soldier in Alaska will get to experience extreme temperatures and terrain. We train hard with three simple goals: deploy, fight, and win anywhere around the world. Rigorous and realistic training is what we do, and Alaska provides an outstanding training environment to do just that. The upcoming months will be busy as the unit resets from the last deployment. Please request a sponsor at www.usarak.army.mil and we will contact you to ensure your transition to Alaska is as smooth as possible.
4. If you plan on driving your car to Alaska you will want to make sure you are prepared for the trip, especially during the winter months. Vehicle winterization and proper cold-weather clothing is essential when driving vast distances through extremely remote areas without phone reception. It is also highly recommended to have a survival kit consisting of sleeping bags, food and some type of heater not reliant on the vehicle's power supply. Take time to look at the USARAK website and ask your sponsor any questions you may have.
5. If you encounter any issues communicating with your sponsor, please call 907-353-9811. If you need any additional information about our Battalion please go to http://www.wainwright.army.mil/1_25_SBCT/. Again, welcome to the Brigade Troops Battalion. Grey Wolves!


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