



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 3RD ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM
4TH INFANTRY DIVISION
FORT CARSON, CO 80913

Iron Brigade Soldier,

Welcome and congratulations on your assignment to the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division—the Iron Brigade. You will find your assignment to our brigade both challenging and rewarding. The Iron Brigade is comprised of expert and resilient Soldiers, led by intelligent and innovative Leaders who train Soldiers to think proactively, act responsibly, and care for one another. The Soldiers of the Iron Brigade understand their success is a direct result of a positive attitude, being a contributing member of a team, and the honest and forthright effort they put forth.

The Iron Brigade has a long and distinguished history that includes five deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and Operation Atlantic Resolve. You will become part of this great legacy of trained and motivated Soldiers, professional Officers, and an NCO Corps that cares for Soldiers and their Families. Our Soldiers and Leaders are tactical and technical experts in their assigned duties and we are committed to providing the best possible quality of life for our Soldiers and Families.

Our charge as a professional Army is to be ready to Fight and Win in armed conflict against any enemy of the United States when called upon. America's citizens expect the Iron Brigade and the rest of the Army to be "Ready Now". This is about an organizational mindset taking root throughout the formation to truly get down to the business of routinely building readiness each and every day *in the absence of orders*. This is about each and every Soldier in the organization understanding that they play a critical part in the overall readiness of the entire Brigade. This is about creating a team that is so unbreakable – it's as if it were forged out of Iron.

Fort Carson is located just south of Colorado Springs at the base of the Rocky Mountains. Colorado Springs beauty and climate make it a gateway to a wide variety of outdoor activities. Fort Carson Families also have easy access to the many cultural attractions of "The Springs" and the bright lights of Denver. Take time to enjoy the surrounding area you now live in; it is one of the best the Army has to offer.

If you have questions about your assignment, contact the 3ABCT S1 at 719-503-1165 or the Staff Duty at 719-526-6779. For more information about the Brigade, Fort Carson, and the surrounding communities, you can access the Fort Carson homepage at <http://www.carson.army.mil> under the "Newcomers" tab.

I truly believe that serving in the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team is an honor and privilege. The brigade has a reputation for clear mission orientation, excellent performance, and great Soldiers. It is an honor to serve with you.

Again, welcome to the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division. We look forward to serving with you and having you as part of our Iron Team! You can check out and "Like" our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/3BCT4ID.

Iron Strong!!

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