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1ST STRYKER BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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ATTENTION OF:

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Future Raider Soldier:

Congratulations on your assignment to the 1st Stryker Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division and welcome you to the Raider family. This Brigade is a high performing unit with a culture of excellence that has proven itself repeatedly during recent combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Brigade you are joining will turn 100 years old soon and has a tremendous lineage dating back to the trench warfare of the First World War. Soldiers of this Brigade led the first landing assault at Utah Beach on D-Day and fought in some of the biggest battles of the Vietnam War. On 13 December 2003, the soldiers of the Raider Brigade launched Operation Red Dawn in Iraq resulting in the capture the Saddam Hussein - one of the most ruthless dictators in the world. As a member of the Brigade, you are now a part of this lineage and a contributor to its continuing story.

Our Brigade is one of only a few Stryker Infantry units with a worldwide-deployable mission so, in today's uncertain world, we must continuously prepare to fight tonight, anywhere in the world, with what we have. This is our focus in the Raider Brigade. We take this mission very seriously and will train you hard so that we are ready to do our duty when the nation calls.

We expect leaders of every rank to invest in their subordinates and train them to fight and win in this increasingly complex world. Part of that investment includes making sure your family has a safe and enjoyable experience here a Fort Carson. The Carson "Mountain Post" is consistently rated as one of the top assignment locations in the Army. In fact, Colorado Springs was just rated as one of the top 5 cities in America to live. If you take the time to get out and enjoy the community, you and your family will love it here.

The Fort Carson website can be accessed at <http://www.carson.army.mil> and provides links to newcomer information. To get a sense of everything going on across the Raider Brigade, I encourage you to start following our Facebook site at <http://www.facebook.com/RaiderBrigade>. You should be assigned a sponsor by now but if you have not, I would ask you to immediately contact our Brigade Sponsorship NCOIC, SSG Proctor atiputaya.m.proctor.mil@mail.mil and we will assign one to you.

If you have any other questions please don't hesitate to contact our Brigade Staff Duty at (719) 524-4720 or Brigade Family Readiness Liaison at (719) 503-2090.

We are extremely proud to be your Commander and Command Sergeant Major and we look forward to integrating you and your Family into the Raider team.

FIRST TO FIGHT! RAIDERS!


RICHARD L. AYALA, JR.
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Command Sergeant Major


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