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MEMORANDUM FOR New Soldiers and Family Members of the 71st Ordnance Group (EOD)

SUBJECT: Welcome to the Raptor Team and Family!

1. Welcome to the 71st EOD Group - RAPTORS! CSM Valk and I would like to welcome you to Fort Carson, Colorado's own "Mountain Post." Fort Carson is located just south of Colorado Springs at the base of the Rocky Mountains. Colorado Springs' unparalleled beauty and relatively mild climate make it a gateway to a variety of outdoor activities. Colorado is home to internationally renowned ski areas, scenic parks and some of the finest hunting and fishing in the nation. Averaging over 300 days of sunshine, you should have no problem finding activities that you and your family will enjoy. Fort Carson is the Army's number-one-requested post and the "Best Hometown in the Army."
2. The 71st ORD GRP (EOD) activated in October of 2005 in order to meet requirements abroad. We are a unique organization with plenty to do as we support the Nation's Homeland Defense mission and overseas contingency operations. Fort Carson is not only home to the Group headquarters, but also to the 242d Ordnance Battalion (EOD). I appreciate the hard work you do in your MOS; know that your experience and energy will be put to good use.
3. Our mission with your sponsorship is to welcome you and your Family, establish a positive command climate, and develop efficient systems and procedures that prepare the unit to accomplish its mission. Upon your arrival to the 71st EOD, you can expect to play an integral part in continuing the distinguished legacy of our great organization. Our leaders and Soldiers are professional, proactive, multi-skilled warriors of character who thrive in the contemporary operating environment, and live the Soldier's creed every day. We look forward to you and your Family becoming part of the Raptor Family.
4. It is the command's intent to provide all available resources necessary to assist you in your move. The website for Fort Carson is [www.carson.army.mil](http://www.carson.army.mil). You can request a Fort Carson welcome packet at this site or telephonically at (719) 526-1070. Upon your arrival, you will report to the Ft. Carson Welcome Center, BLDG. 1218 (719-526-9889 / 4454), where you will begin your in-processing.
5. If you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to assist you with your move, please contact our S-1 Section at (719) 524-5923.
6. Again, welcome to the 71st. I'm glad you will be part of our Team and Family.

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