



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
HEADQUARTERS, 43D SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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Welcome to the 43D Sustainment Brigade, Fort Carson and our community here in Colorado Springs, Colorado. As a new 43D SB Family member, CSM Varner and I would like to welcome you to our Rough Rider Family. You will find your assignment at Fort Carson enjoyable, exciting, and the highlight of your military experience. You are an important part of our Rough Rider Family, your reception and integration is very important to us. This welcome letter is designed to help you get to know the brigade and assist in your transition to the unit, especially in regards to Family Readiness.

The 43D SB is currently assigned directly to FORSCOM, but reports to the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division while in garrison. There are two battalions within the brigade, the 43D Special Troops Battalion (STB) and 68<sup>th</sup> Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB). The 43D STB consists of five companies. The 68<sup>th</sup> CSSB consists of six companies. You and your Soldier will be assigned to one of these units.

The Brigade's Family Readiness Group (FRG) program is led by a tremendous number of superb spouses and volunteers. They volunteer time, energy and resources to help educate our Rough Rider Family members on a wide range of topics to assist with upcoming deployments and help make families stronger. We encourage you to connect with your company FRG leader as there are lots of opportunities to get involved and become a 43D SB volunteer. The companies have launched a FRG website where you can get information about the unit and communicate with other company Family members. The companies' vFRG is the official site for our FRG and was used during our recent deployments to Afghanistan with great success. Once you register and subscribe to the vFRG, you will be able to access timely and accurate information about the unit, Fort Carson and the local community. During deployments, the vFRG will be our primary means of communicating with families. Eventually, the vFRG will provide two-way communication between Family members and Soldiers. The vFRG can be accessed at <http://www.armyfrg.org/skins/frg/home.aspx?AllowSSL=true>. The brigade maintains a website at <http://www.carson.army.mil/units/43rdSB/Index.html> to get contact information and important unit events. Also, find us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/the43rd>. For more information about the Units FRG, please contact the Brigade FRSA Kim Alexander at [Kimiko.c.alexander.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Kimiko.c.alexander.civ@mail.mil) or at 719-526-4664.

Again, welcome to the brigade. We are excited to have you and want to assist you in your transition and integration in any way possible as the support you provide to your Soldier is extremely important to the Rough Rider Family.

Rough Riders....Make It Happen!!

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