



Infantry News



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Preparation for Deployment

... your continuing checklist!



The First Sergeant has released the schedule for the 29-30 April drill. ID cards will be the main priority for the drill weekend. Active Duty ID cards are key items that family members need to get access for military benefits. It is extremely important that your family gets their ID cards.

JONES ARMORY PERSONNEL - By **FRIDAY, 21 APR** you must contact the Woodstock Armory (815-337-9210) if your family needs transportation. You must submit the names and social security numbers of all family members that will be travelling to SSG Lockinger so that they may be put on orders. If you do not have orders, you will NOT be able to travel on the bus.

ALL OTHER PERSONNEL - First formation will be at 0645 at the Woodstock Armory.

TIME	TASK
0700 - 0900	Single soldiers issued ID cards.
0900 - 1100	All soldiers with spouse and children issued ID cards.
1100 - 1400	All Jones Armory personnel travelling via military transportation issued ID cards.
1400 - 1700	All other soldiers with spouse only.
1700 - COMP	Single soldiers issued ID cards.

This is the only chance to get your family their ID cards through the Woodstock Armory. **Failure to get ID cards for your family is very similar to leaving them without money.** Should your family have a hardship of any kind while you are deployed, the ID card will be their proof of eligibility for benefits.

Soldiers from the Jones Armory are authorized to travel to Woodstock by POV at no additional expense to the Army.

\$\$\$ ELIGIBILITY FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS?

Do you have a lease or mortgage? Have you turned it in to the unit during the SRP process? If you have not, you are missing out on additional money through the military's Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH). This weekend is your last chance to turn in your lease or mortgage.

This is also the last chance to bring in any birth certificates or other documents listed in previous newsletters.



KUWAIT ADDRESS

While in Kuwait, soldiers will be able to receive regular mail. Sending mail to soldiers in Kuwait costs the same as sending a piece of mail across town. Mail sent to an APO or Army Post Office for overseas deployed units actually goes to an address in the United States. So the cost is the same as a package sent within the United States. Mail and packages

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Kuwait
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will be addressed as follows:

{Insert Soldiers Name and Rank Here}
COMPANY A
1ST BATTALION, 178 INFANTRY (AASLT)
APO, AE 09889

Sending mail to Kuwait has a few restrictions. You will need to complete a Customs form for any item you mail over 16 ounces. The forms are available at the Post Office. **DO NOT CLOSE** the package. The Post Office must inspect the package and then seal it as it verifies the Customs form. You will need observe the following:

POSTAL BULLETIN 22020 (3-23-00) RESTRICTIONS

Form 2976, Customs - CN 22 (Old C 1) and Sender's Declaration (green label)
 Form 2976-A, Customs Declaration and Dispatch Note

APO = Army/Air Force Post Office 09889

B. Form 2976-A is required for all mail weighing 16 ounces or more. In addition, mailers must properly complete required customs documentation when mailing any potentially dutiable mail addressed to an APO or FPO regardless of weight.

B1. Form 2976 or 2976-A is required. Articles are liable for customs duty and/or purchase tax unless they are bona fide gifts intended for use by military personnel or their dependents. When the contents of a parcel meet these requirements, the mailer must endorse the customs form, "Certified to be a bona fide gift, personal effects, or items for personal use of military personnel and dependents," under the heading, Description of Contents. **Exceptions:** All other exceptions listed in restriction B above are applicable to this restriction.

E2. Any matter containing religious materials contrary to Islamic faith or depicting nude or seminude persons, pornographic or sexual items, or nonauthorized political materials is prohibited.

F. Firearms of any type are prohibited in all classes of mail. See definitions of firearms in DMM C024.1.1C.

H1. Pork or pork by-products are prohibited.

R. All alcoholic beverages, including those mailable under DMM C021, are prohibited.

R1. Materials used in the production of alcoholic beverages (i.e., distilling material, hops, malts, yeast, etc.) are prohibited.

Z1. The Anti-Pilferage Seal (Item No O818-A) is



Drill Dates

DATE

11-12 MAR
 25-26 MAR
 8-9 ARR
 29-30 APR
 6-7MAY
 13MAY
 10-11 JUN
 7 JUL
 8-23 JUL
 12-13 AUG
 16-17 SEP

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Soldier Readiness Planning (SRP)
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 Soldier Readiness Planning (SRP)
 Final Preparation Before Deployment
 Report for Deployment
 RESCHEDULED DUE TO DEPLOYMENT

required on
 all pouches and sacks.

Your local post office will assist you with any questions related to mailing items.



HOW TO COPE WITH DEPLOYMENT?

The Chaplain is offering an audio cassette tape to interested families on dealing with the hardship of deployment. The tape entitled "Military Wives: When Daddy Is Away" is available free to families. To ensure there are enough available, please contact the Chaplain to reserve your copy. Chaplain Kent Svendsen can be reached at the Church phone (815) 453-2513, the Parsonage phone (815) 453-7780 or by e-mail at godrilla@accessus.net

ATTENTION KEY PERSONNEL!
UNIT ATA FRIDAY, 28 APR

All Platoon Leaders, Platoon Sergeants and Unit Full Time personnel will report on FRIDAY 28 APR at 1900HRS at the Woodstock Armory for a pre training meeting.



UNIT WEBSITE UPDATES

Check out the unit web site for additional information for families etc. Find the newsletters, links to additional information on Kuwait, and photos on the deployment.

You will find the site at either:

<http://doim-il.ngb.army.mil/a-1-178/>

<http://www.il-arng.ngb.army.mil/a-1-178/>

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