MEMORANDUM FOR NEWCOMER, 2nd ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

SUBJECT: Commander’s Welcome Letter

1. Congratulations and welcome to the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division Big Red One Fort Riley, KS. I know that you have many questions about your new duties, interesting opportunities and the surrounding community; we will do our best to provide answers to all of your questions. I look forward to your arrival and wish you safe travels.

2. Among the Army’s most historic Units, the 2nd ABCT “Dagger Brigade” was constituted on 24 May 1917, and fought with the Big Red One during WWI & WWII as well as campaigns in the Republic of Vietnam. The 2nd ABCT, 1st ID continued through military modernization during the Bosnia-Herzegovina’s Operation Joint Endeavor, the Kosovo Campaign, Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Liberation of Kuwait, Operation Iraqi and Operation New Dawn. Return from Germany in 2006, the 2nd ABCT activated at Fort Riley, Kansas along with the U.S. Army new modular structure that was the Army’s first Brigade to regionally align with U.S. AFRICOM.

3. You are now a Big Red One Soldier and will be Brave, Responsible and On-point at all times. The “Dagger Brigade” consists of the 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1855; 1st Battalion 18th Infantry Regiment, 1861; 7th Field Artillery Regiment 1916; 2-1 Special Troops Battalion, 1917; the 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 1942; 1st Battalion, 2ABCT IIIIC; 1963 and the 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 1966. We look to you to carry on the professional legacy of the great generation of the Big Red One Soldiers who went before you. It is now up to you to live up to this legacy of honor and sacrifice.

4. If not already initiated, the DA Form 5434 Sponsorship Program Counseling and Information Sheet can be emailed to usarmy.riley.1-id.mbx.total-army-sponsorship-program@mail.mil; if unable to email and or have any questions, the primary point of contact for sponsorship will be the TASP coordinator at 785-239-9376; alternate will be the BDE S1 OIC at 785-239-9678 or BDE S1 NCOIC at 785-240-2301.

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