



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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504TH BATTLEFIELD SURVEILLANCE BRIGADE  
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Office of the Commander

Dear Phantom Recon Trooper,

Congratulations on your assignment to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron 38<sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalry Regiment. We are a member of the 504<sup>th</sup> Battlefield Surveillance Brigade and are the III Corps Reconnaissance Squadron stationed at Fort Hood, Texas! We would like to extend our warmest welcome to you and your family and are glad you are joining our team.

The 2-38 Cavalry Squadron is known as the "Phantom Recon" and our motto is "Always in Front." The squadron's primary mission is to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance to answer supported higher unit priority intelligence requirements.

Like the State of Texas, Fort Hood is big and boasts of being the largest active duty armored post in the United States Armed Services. Fort Hood is nicknamed the **The Great Place** because of the quality of life the post and area offer Soldiers and their families. Fort Hood rests in the beautiful 'hill and lake' country of Central Texas between Killeen and Copperas Cove and is approximately 60 miles north of the capital city of Austin, 50 miles south of Waco, 160 miles south of Dallas and 150 miles north of San Antonio. I know you will enjoy your assignment with the Phantom Recon Squadron.

The 2-38 Cavalry Squadron works to ensure each incoming Soldier has ample information to plan appropriately, communicate effectively, and arrive safely. Our internet resources include our website (<http://www.hood.army.mil/504bfsb/2-38/>) and our Squadron Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/238cavfrg?ref=h1#!/238cavfrg>) which provides a wealth of information including important phone numbers, unit history, and biographies for our command group. In the next two weeks you will receive information about the unit you will be assigned to and information about your unit sponsor. Your unit sponsor will be your point of contact and will maintain an open line of communication as you travel to Fort Hood, throughout your in-processing, and during your time with 2-38 Cavalry Squadron.

We hope your time spent in 2-38 is rewarding and we look forward to meeting you and your family.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Lewis C. Bayles in black ink.

LEWIS C. BAYLES  
CSM, USA  
Command Sergeant Major

Handwritten signature of John P. Gogbill in black ink.

JOHN P. GOGBILL  
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