



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
19TH ENGINEER BATTALION
175 NORTH TORNADO DIVISION ROAD
FORT KNOX, KY 40121

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MEMORANDUM FOR INCOMING PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Welcome to the 19th Engineer Battalion and Fort Knox, Kentucky

1. Welcome to Fort Knox! On behalf of CSM Toussaint and myself, welcome to the 19th Engineer Battalion and the Seahorse Family. I am counting on your motivation, team spirit, technical and tactical competence to contribute to the battalion's mission accomplishment as we provide world class engineer support to unified land operations whether in CONUS or deployed overseas.
2. Allow me to share with you some of the valiant achievements of the Battalion. The 19th Engineer Battalion originated as the 3rd Battalion of the 36th Engineer Combat Regiment in 1942. During WWII, the battalion fought campaigns throughout Africa and Europe, and participated in five amphibious landings. The unit was designated as the 19th Engineer Combat Battalion in April 1947. During the Vietnam conflict, the 19th fought in several offensives including both Tet Counter-Offensives. More recently, the 19th contributed to Operation Desert Storm in 1991, OIF VI and OEF VI in 2007, OEF IX in 2009 and the most recent deployment in support of OEF from 2013-2014.
3. Currently, the 19th Engineer Battalion consists of a Headquarters and Headquarters Company and an organic Forward Support Company. Also assigned to the 19th at Fort Knox are the 15th Engineer Company (Horizontal), 76th Engineer Company (Vertical), 502nd Multi Role Bridge Company, 42nd Route Clearance Company, 541st Sapper Company and the 72nd Survey and Design Detachment.
4. Your arrival to the 19th Engineer Battalion makes you a member of the Seahorse Family and the Fort Knox community. Fort Knox is a great place to live and serve as it is located just outside the city of Radcliff and in close proximity to the cities of Elizabethtown and Louisville. Fort Knox is also home to the Human Resource Center of Excellence, the US Army Recruiting Command, the US Cadet Command, and many other tenant units. The United States Bullion Depository is just outside the Main Gate. Fort Knox also features a Post Exchange, Commissary, first-rate housing, excellent schools and many other amenities commonly associated with military life. Please visit <http://www.knox.army.mil> for more information.
5. You are presented with a unique opportunity by your assignment to the 19th Engineer Battalion to be on the cutting edge of military engineering, to learn and grow in the profession of arms, and enjoy the great things the 19th Engineer Battalion and Fort Knox have to offer you and your family. I encourage you to visit the 19th Engineer

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Battalion's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/19th-Engineer-Battalion/271171122169>, or follow us on Twitter to ask questions and see the great things happening in the Seahorse Battalion.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Handura', with a stylized flourish at the end.

JAMES J. HANDURA
LTC, EN
Commanding