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Welcome to the Renegades! As Squadron Commander, let me be the first to welcome you and your family to the 1st Squadron, 409th Cavalry, the 4th Cavalry Brigade, and Fort Knox, Kentucky. The Squadron is one of four Training Support Battalions assigned to the 4th Cavalry Brigade with the overarching mission to support the training of mobilizing Reserve and National Guard units as they prepare to deploy. During your time in the Squadron, you will be assigned as a Trainer/Mentor (T/M), providing these deploying units with training oversight and evaluation as they conduct their post-mobilization training. Like the T/Ms at any of the Combat Training Centers, we focus on developing trainers that are thoroughly familiar in doctrine, and well-versed in the training and AAR process. The mission is challenging, but rewarding. Often, we are the last to touch a Citizen-Soldier that is deploying into theater.

Historically, the Squadron has focused on training Reserve Component Armor and Cavalry units in mounted maneuver and gunnery tasks. While we still maintain these skills, our current mission focus has shifted to preparing Provincial Reconstruction Teams for deployment to Afghanistan. Training PRTs has its own unique challenges, as we have a very short time to take a multi-component group of Warriors and develop them into a cohesive team, prepared to operate in a counterinsurgency environment.

The PRT mission has led us to shift much of our daily training focus to understanding COIN doctrine and the development of interagency teams. Due to the need to develop skills that can not normally be trained at Fort Knox, you can expect to be TDY to schools and training or TCS to a mobilization station for several months out of the year. You can also expect to conduct at least one short-term deployment into theater as an embedded trainer or LNO during your time here.

Your sponsor will be contacting you in the near future to identify any special needs you may have, and to provide you with an idea of how we operate in the Squadron and Brigade. In the meantime, please feel free to contact the Squadron S1 at (502) 626-2154 and DIVEAST004CAVBDE1-409WEBINFO@usar.army.mil for any assistance that you need. Enclosed with this letter, you should find some useful information on Fort Knox and the surrounding area.

MSG Wilson, the Renegades, and I look forward to your arrival, and will do whatever we can to assist in your PCS move. For additional information on your upcoming assignment, you can visit the Squadron website at <http://www.knox.army.mil/partners/4CAV1AE/1409BN.html> or the Squadron Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/1st-Squadron-409th-Cavalry/204333799578317#!/pages/1st-Squadron-409th-Cavalry/204333799578317?sk=wall>.

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