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u. s. army training center,  
fort ord, california

Fort Ord was named after Major General Edward Cresap Ord, who served with Fremont's Army in the early California days as a lieutenant. Fort Ord covers more than 28,500 acres of rolling plains and rugged hills which make it ideal for its Infantry Training Center and Combat Support training missions. Located on the beautiful Monterey Peninsula, Fort Ord is 115 miles south of San Francisco and 340 miles north of Los Angeles.

Thousands of recruits, draftees, and reservists are trained at Fort Ord each year. The 3d Brigade conducts Basic Combat Training and the 4th Brigade conducts the following Combat Support Training courses: Basic Army Administration, Food Service, Basic Unit Supply, Automotive Mechanic's Helper, Field Communications, Light Wheel and Vehicle Driver.

Even before the recruit enters formal basic combat training, he begins to get the "feel" of becoming a soldier at his first stop — the Reception Station at Fort Ord. This is where the new recruit is assigned as a member of a platoon, under the command of a Drill Sergeant, an experienced noncommissioned officer who will lead, train and guide this platoon for the entire period of Basic Combat Training.

No one mistakes the identity of a drill sergeant because he is distinguished by his erect military bearing, his olive drab campaign hat, and his immaculate uniform which bears the crest and motto of Army Training Centers: "This We'll Defend." This motto, which is also inscribed on the Army Flag, depicts the determination, devotion and constant readiness of the American soldier.

During his time at the Reception Station, such terms as "Aptitude Test," "Classification Interview," "Language Qualification Test," "Clothing Issue," and "Preventive Medicine Orientations," become familiar words to the new soldier. Upon completion of this initial processing, he is assigned to a training company for Basic Combat Training.

There are five general categories of subjects presented during basic training. They are Administration, Command Information, General Military Subjects, Tactical Training, and Weapons Instruction.

In the first week the trainee finds that physical conditioning is one of the activities most stressed in basic training. Immediately he begins a series of (Continued inside back endsheet)
HOSPITAL
MUSEUM

The 7th Infantry Division Museum is located in the Fort Ord Welcome Center, and is open to the public from 1200 to 1700 hours, Monday through Friday. It contains memorabilia acquired by the Division in three wars. Such things as the American Flag that flew over General Joseph “Vinegar Joe” Stilwell’s headquarters, enemy weapons captured during the Korean War, pictures of Medal of Honor winners, plus many trophies and momentoes, are tastefully displayed in the Museum. The colors and guidons of the Division and its units are prominently displayed at the rear of the Museum. The Museum was dedicated on December 6, 1972.
TO THE NEW SOLDIER

This book is about you and your comrades in arms. It portrays your transition from civilian to soldier—a change which has been experienced by millions of other Americans before you. It marks your own successful entrance into the finest Army in the world and the continuation of an almost 200 year old American Army tradition.

Today, as in the past, our Army is only as good as its individual members. Your record thus far indicates that you are a worthy addition to the Army and that you will contribute to its proud traditions. As you progress with your Army career, apply and expand upon the knowledge and skills you have gained during these few weeks of Basic Combat Training.

This Pictorial Review Book should bring forth many memories in the years to come, both in military and civilian life.
RECEPTION STATION
COMPANY AREA
PHYSICAL TRAINING
FIRST AID
PUGIL STICK
BAYONET
BEACH RANGES
MACHINE GUN
I AM THE INFANTRY

I am the Infantry—Queen of Battle! For two centuries I have kept our Nation safe, purchasing freedom with my blood. To tyrants, I am the day of reckoning; to the suppressed, the hope for the future. Where the fighting is thick, there am I... I am the Infantry! FOLLOW ME!

I was there from the beginning, meeting the enemy face to face, will to will. My bleeding feet stained the snow at Valley Forge; my frozen hands pulled Washington across the Delaware. At Yorktown, the sunlight glinted from the sword and I, begrimed and battered... saw a Nation born.

Hardship... and glory I have known. At New Orleans, I fought beyond the hostile hour, showed the fury of my long rifle... and came of age, I am the Infantry!

Westward I pushed with wagon trains... moved and empire across the plains... extended freedom's borders and tamed the wild frontier, I am the Infantry! FOLLOW ME!

I was with Scott at Vera Cruz... hunted the guerrilla in the mountain passes... and scaled the high plateau. The fighting was done when I ended my march many miles from the old Alamo.

From Bull Run to Appomattox, I fought and bled. Both Blue and grey were my colors then. Two masters I served and united them strong... proved that this nation could right a wrong... and long endure. I am the Infantry! FOLLOW ME!

'I led the charge up San Juan Hill... scaled the walls of old Tientsin... and stalked the Moro in the steaming jungle still... always the vanguard. I am the Infantry!

At Chateau-Thierry, first over the top, then I stood like a rock on the Marne. It was I who cracked the Hindenburge Line... in the Argonne, I broke the Kaiser's spine... and didn't come back 'til it was "over, over there." I am the Infantry! FOLLOW ME!

A generation older at Bataan, I briefly bowed, but then I vowed to return. Assaulted the African shore... learned my lesson the hard way in the desert sands... pressed my buttons into the beach at Anzio... and bounced into Rome with determination and resolve. I am the Infantry!

The English channel, stout beach defenses and the hedgerows could not hold me... I broke out to St. Lo, unbent the Bulge... vaulted the Rhine... and swarmed the Heartland. Hitler's dream and the Third Reich were dead.

In the Pacific, from island to island I hopped... hit the beaches and chopped through swamp and jungle... I set the Rising Sun. I am the Infantry!

In Korea, I gathered my strength around Pusan... swept across the frozen Han... outflanked the Reds at Inchon... and marched to the Yalu. FOLLOW ME!

Around the world, I stand... ever forward. Over Lebanon's sands, my rifle steady aimed... and calm returned. At Berlin's gate, I scorned the Wall of Shame. I am the Infantry!

My bayonet... on the wings of power... keeps the peace worldwide. And despots, falsely garved in freedom's mantle, falter... hide. My ally in the paddies and the forest... I teach, I aid, I lead. FOLLOW ME!

Where brave men fight... there fight I. In freedom's cause... I die. From Concord Bridge to Heartbreak Ridge, from the Arctic to the Mekong... the Queen of Battle!

Always read... then, now and forever, I am the Infantry! FOLLOW ME!
INDIVIDUAL TACTICAL TRAINING
BASIC PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST
CONFIDENCE COURSE
GRENADES
BIVOUAC
LAND MINE WARFARE
The drill sergeant teaches the fundamentals of military life. He instills in the trainee a sense of loyalty to his fellow soldiers and to his country. By personal example he inspires respect for his profession.

The Army instructor imparts to the trainee the military knowledge and special skills that are essential to the men of today’s Army.

These professionals are the backbone of the Army.
COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE TEST
FOOD SERVICE SCHOOL
TV TRAINING AID
LAND NAVIGATION
GRADUATION
The American Spirit Honor Medal is a medallion provided under the auspices of the Citizens Committee for the Army, Navy and Air Force Incorporated. In December 1940, a group of patriotic civilians established the "Citizens Committee" for the purpose of providing men serving in the Armed Forces articles not otherwise available to them. First used in World War II, in what was then known as the Second Corps area, the American Spirit Honor Medal was an award for outstanding service. Early in 1950, the four military services requested that the Citizens Committee again furnish the medal as an award for the Outstanding Recruit upon completion of his basic training. Reinstated at Fort Ord early in 1967, the American Spirit Honor Medal is awarded weekly to the individual among all the graduating basic trainees at Fort Ord who displays in greatest measure those qualities of leadership best expressing the American spirit, honor, initiative, loyalty and high example to comrades in arms.
MAJOR GENERAL M. C. ROSS

Commanding General

US Army Training Center and Fort Ord
Fort Ord, California

Major General M.C. Ross was born in Moberly, Missouri, January 24, 1927. He began his military career as an enlisted man on May 4, 1944. In July 1945 he entered the United States Military Academy and graduated 3 June 1949 when he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. His first duty assignment was as commander of Company K, 360th Infantry Regiment, U.S. Forces, Austria.

In November 1953 as a First Lieutenant, he was assigned to Company E, Infantry School Detachment, Fort Benning, Georgia as executive officer and the next month as company commander. He was promoted to Captain in April of 1954. The following month he began the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, following which he attended Airborne Training School. He remained at Fort Benning as a Test Officer at the Infantry Board until 1957.

From August 1957 until June 1958 he attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, following which he was assigned as 5-3 of the 7th Brigade, 7th Infantry Division in Korea.

In June 1958 he was promoted to Major and in October of that year moved to Washington, D.C., where he was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Staff, and later to the Plans and Policy Directorate of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations.

He attended the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA. from January 1963 until July 1963 and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel upon completion of the course.

From July 1963 until July 1966, General Ross was assigned to the J-5 Directorate, Plans and Policy, U.S. Strike Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. In the summer of 1966 he attended the United States Army War College, and following graduation received an assignment to the 1st Cavalry Division (Armored) and the Republic of Vietnam. There he served as Battalion Commander of the 2d Battalion, 12th Cavalry, and as the Division J-3.

He returned to the United States in July 1968, and was Commanding Officer, 3d Regiment, U.S. Corps of Cadets, for two years. He was transferred to Fort Carson, Colorado in July 1970 where he served as Commanding Officer of the 3d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized).

On September 15, 1971, he became Commanding General of the 173d Airborne Brigade at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. In January 1972 he became Deputy Commanding General, Fort Campbell, and on April 1, 1972, became Assistant Division Commander (Operations), 101st Airborne Division (Mechanized). On February 1, 1973, he became Acting Director of Operations in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations and reverted to Deputy on 1 April. On 20 June, he became Director of Human Resources Development in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. He was assigned Commanding General, U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Ord on January 8, 1975.

BRIGADIER GENERAL EDWARD MURPHY MARKHAM, III

Deputy Commanding General

US Army Training Center and Fort Ord

Edward Murphy Markham, III graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York in 1951 as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. He attended the Officer’s Basic Course and the Basic Airborne Course and Jumpmaster Airborne Course at The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia.

General Markham served in Korea in 1952 as platoon leader, executive officer, company commander, and operations officer with the 17th Infantry Regiment. He subsequently served as Liaison Officer, G3 Planning, with the 7th Infantry Division.

In 1952 as First Lieutenant he was assigned to the 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. After obtaining his masters degree in Civil Engineering, General Markham was assigned to the United States Military Academy as an instructor and also later served as an Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanics.

After completing the Advance Course and Ranger School in 1959-59 at Fort Benning, Georgia, General Markham was assigned to Germany. Promoted to major he served as a company commander with the 520 Infantry, and as Staff Officer in both Operations and Logistics, 3d Armored Division.

Upon completing the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, General Markham was assigned as Operations Staff Officer, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C. As a Lieutenant Colonel he graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College in 1966 and then went to Vietnam as a Battalion Commander, 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division. In 1967 he was assigned as Plans Officer, G3, Headquarters, I Field Force, Vietnam.

After attending the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, General Markham was assigned as head of a force planning branch, US Army Element, Pacific Command, Hawaii.

General Markham was Commander of the 1st Brigade 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado, when selected for promotion to Brigadier General. He was transferred to the United States Training Center, Fort Ord, California, on 29 July 1973 to become the Deputy Commanding General.
COMPANY A
Commenced Training: 7 July 1975

COL James E. Crow
Brigade Commander

LTC Henry Boyer, Jr.
Battalion Commander

SECOND BATTALION
THIRD BRIGADE
Completed Training: 21 August 1975

CPT Kenneth E. Miller
Company Commander
ILT John Little
Executive Officer

1SG Lloyd E. Rath
First Sergeant

PSG Herbert S. Henson
Senior Drill Sergeant

PSG Kenneth Van Conett
Drill Sergeant

SSG John L. Brown
Drill Sergeant

SSG Marvin Harris
Drill Sergeant

SSG Robert Isenhour
Drill Sergeant

SSG Larry Johnson
Outstanding Drill Sergeant

SSG Ralph Kalma
Drill Sergeant

SSG David Lewis
Drill Sergeant

SSG Herman Newson
Drill Sergeant

SSG James Snowden
Drill Sergeant

SGT Victor G. Pagett
Training NCO

SP4 Gregory L. Walker
Company Clerk
SP4 R. C. Walker
Clerk & Armorer

PFC Alfredo Valdez
Armorer

SP6 Marinus Boutvens
Dining Facility Manager

SP4 Carlos Lujan
First Cook

Ray Gonzalez "The Best Shine"
Robert Buren
Jerry Burkett
John Burton
George Cahill
Willis Carlson

Victor Caro
Chris Carter
Dennis Casper
Richard Chandler
Ronald Charles

Won Choi
Byron Clary
Vinson Clary
David Cleveland
Anthony Codinha

Alian Como
Cary Cooper
Larry Copeland
Roger Covington
Robert Culpepper

Vance Daberkow
Kevin Darling
Douglas Davis
Brad Day
Gerard Denion
Eddie Gonzales
Ray Gonzalez
Stephen Greenberg
Daniel Green
David Green

Homer Gregg
David Grimstead
Steven Groves
Robby Hall
Daniel Hammond

James Hankinson
David Hardin
Larry Hardy
Robert Hass
William Hatley

Marc Hawley
Jeffrey Hayes
Michael Heiner
Michael Hibbard
Marlin Hillberry

Chester Hill
Donald Holden
Ronald Hood
Kenneth Hosley
Frank Howard
James Vandenbos
Hilario Vara
Ernest Victoria
Steven Walker
Kenneth Waller

Robert Wallis
Daniel Ward
Gary Ward
Ronnie Warner
Robert Waterson

Harold Waybright
Michael Webster
David White
Marcus Whitfield
David Williams

Michael Williams
Terry Williams
Donald Worrell
Mark Wyatt
Leslie Bishop

Mark Huerta
Victor Streeter
graduation

Honor Awardees With Outstanding Drill Sergeant SSG Larry Johnson
body-building exercises designed to develop strength, endurance, agility, and coordination. These conditioning exercises are gradually intensified as he becomes adapted to his new environment.

During this initial phase, the trainee's time is also devoted to drills and ceremonies, lessons in first aid, and military justice. Chaplains' orientation explains the interrelation of spiritual and patriotic values.

Hand-to-hand combat is introduced to teach the fundamentals of unarmed combat and to instill in each trainee confidence in his ability to protect himself from an armed or unarmed enemy without the use of weapons. Intensive training is given in basic rifle marksmanship, and during the training period the recruit virtually lives with his rifle. At the end of this phase of his training he fires his weapon for qualification.

During the latter part of his training he goes into the field for bivouac where he receives tactical training, familiarization with hand grenades, and participates in live firing training exercises under simulated combat conditions.

Finally the trainee must take a graded test on all aspects of Basic Combat Training. When he passes this exacting test, his period of basic training is over. On the last day the new soldier parades for his graduation ceremony knowing he has mastered the fundamentals of soldiering.

But Basic Combat Training is not the end of the learning process. Next comes Advanced Training.

Depending upon the type of training they have chosen, or have been assigned to, some will be sent to posts throughout the country that specialize in subjects such as Infantry, Armor and Artillery. Some will become skilled in one of the Combat Support fields, such as mechanics, cooking, administration, and communications. Altogether the Army provides courses in some 625 subjects.

After Advanced Training, he is ready to take his place alongside his fellow soldiers in a unit, confident and fit to shoulder his share of responsibility as a soldier.