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2ND BN (MOD TRNG) 175TH REGIMENT (REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE)
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Welcome Letter to New Soldiers

1. Welcome to one of the Total Army's premier training platforms for combat arms noncommissioned officer professional military education (PME), combat medic (68W) skills sustainment training, and functional instructor courses: the mighty 2nd Battalion (MOD TNG) of the 175th RTI (2/175)! I am confident that you will be both challenged and strengthened by your experience in this historic and accomplished unit.

2. History. The 175th Regiment (RTI) proudly claims the motto "ANIMUS VALET (Courage Prevails)." The history of this unit is reflected in a distinctive unit insignia, originally approved in 1942 for the 175th Field Artillery Battalion that is still borne on the battalion's colors today. From a storied and decorated past, the 175th Regiment exists today as a training institute that continues the legacy of honor and sacrifice that represent the ideals of our fighting force: professionalism, expertise, and selfless service. In keeping with the tradition of relentless execution 2/175 claims the informal motto, "Burn the Boats."

3. Nationally Accredited. 2/175 (MOD TNG) instructs both Army Program of Individual Training (ARPRINT) and State-directed courses; 2/175 requires ARPRINT accreditation administered by the Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) every three years in accordance with Army Enterprise Accreditation Standards (AEAS). 2/175 is proud to be a past recipient of the coveted Institution of Excellence designation, last received in 2021.

4. Command Philosophy. As a training institution, we should all take pride in the fact that we are training the Army's current and future leaders. I believe in four principles to accomplish this: **Work Hard**. Put 100% effort into all assigned duties, whether administrative or instructional. **Be Safe**. As an Army, we spent years conducting operations in dangerous combat conditions. We should not have serious injuries in a training environment. Conduct risk management in every activity and use common sense in training. **Be Professional**. As an instructional institution we have a mission to train Soldiers from outside of the organization. Maintain your professionalism on and off duty. **Have Fun**. If you are not having fun doing your job, you are likely not providing value to the mission. Know the difference between hard work and having fun.

5. Coordinating Instructions. Be on the lookout for the training schedule and drill letter, disseminated approximately one week in advance of each scheduled drill period. Due to unit course schedules and associated instructor requirements, the entire unit conducts a non-standard quarterly drill schedule during the year that incorporates your annual training; if you need to request a Split Unit Training Assembly (SUTA) for your civilian schedule immediately inform your section leader. 2/175 full time support (FTS) staff can reserve on-post troop issue (i.e. non-maid service) rooms for your use during each IDT period and course of instruction at no cost to you; contact your section leader to confirm availability.

6. Point of contact is the 2/175 (MOD TNG) Readiness NCO at COMM (320) 616-2659.

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