



434th Field Artillery Brigade 2024 Adopt-A-Soldier Program

2024 Christmas Day Adopt-A-Soldier Information Paper

Summary: The 434th FA Brigade Chaplain coordinates a Sponsorship Program whereby AD, NG, Reserve, Retirees, and DA Civilian Families in the Fort Sill AO volunteer to host a “Battle Buddy Team” of 2 to 4 IET Soldiers on Christmas day. Trainees that do not travel home during Holiday Block Leave (HBL) are invited to be guests in the Sponsor’s home for approx. 3-6 hours to enjoy holiday fellowship and the atmosphere of genuine Family support on Christmas.

- Sponsors will be briefed and pick up Soldiers at the BLDG 6143 Barracks: **Building 6143, Edwards St. Fort Sill, OK at 1000 on 25 DEC 24.** Sponsors must return Soldiers NLT 2000hrs.
- The 434th FA BDE Commander may cancel the program on short notice (due to inclement weather, etc.) IOT protect the safety and well-being of the Soldiers and sponsoring Families.

Guidelines:

1. Sponsoring Family must be Active Duty / National Guard / Reserve, Government Civilian, Military Retiree and must provide all information requested on the sponsor application form.
2. 434th FA BDE, 428th FA BDE, 30th ADA BDE and the Ordnance Training Detachment OTD, (BCT/AIT) Cadre cannot sponsor Soldiers.
3. Sponsors may live on post or off post anywhere in the Lawton-Fort Sill or Elgin/Fletcher metro areas. The 434th Brigade Commander will approve any exceptions.
4. Trainees must be in Battle Buddy Teams of 2 to 4 Trainees, depending on gender mix.
5. Trainees will wear Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCPs) for the event.
6. Trainees are subject to all TRADOC Regulations for IET Soldiers, including the **prohibition of alcohol, tobacco, and driving of motorized and/or recreational vehicles.** Trainees will be thoroughly briefed on rules and appropriate conduct prior to departure with a Sponsor Family (see TRADOC Regulation 350-6 and Fort Sill Regulation 600-3).
7. Trainees are prohibited from accepting gifts in value over \$20.
8. Sponsors will be given an information brief by the 1-40th FA BN Stay Back Battery Chain of Command at the Barracks, **Building 6143, Edwards St. at 1000 on 25 DEC 24.**
9. By-name (and similar) requests will be accommodated when possible. Sponsorship of IET Soldiers is not guaranteed. Sponsorship will be based upon the number and availability of IET stay back Soldiers wishing to participate in the program.
10. For questions or for a SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION, please contact:

POC: CH (CPT) Timothy McMeans, 1-79th FA BN Chaplain
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2024 ADOPT-A-SOLDIER APPLICATION

Please review the **2024 Christmas Day Adopt-A-Soldier Info Paper** before applying. Thank you.

SPONSOR INFORMATION	
Last Name, First Name	
Current Employer	
Spouse's Name	
Spouse's Employer	
Home/Mailing Address	
Email	
Phone and Alt Phone	
Please Circle One	Active Duty, Military Retiree, Guard/Reserve, Govt Civilian, Other
Please read and sign	My signature in this block indicates that I have read the 2024 Christmas Day Adopt-A-Soldier Info Paper and agree to comply with all TRADOC Regulations for IET Soldiers and other requirements of the HBL Adopt-A-Soldier program. X _____

QUESTIONS FOR SPONSORS

1. Number of Soldiers you are able to host? _____
2. Please list the name, age, and gender of all people who will be present in your home during the sponsorship time? _____

3. What is your relationship to the Lawton/Fort Sill Community? _____

4. How long have you lived here? Did you retire from/at Sill? _____
5. What is the make, model, and plate number of the vehicle you will use to transport Soldiers? _____

Please return (email) this completed application NLT 29 NOVEMBER 2024 to:

CH (CPT) Tim S. McMeans

Email: timothy.s.mcmeans.mil@army.mil