



**WARRIOR TRAINING COURSE (WTC)
Reserve Components (ARNG/USAR)**

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SHARPEN YOUR ARMY MILITARY SKILL

Total length: 4 weeks & 4 days at Fort Sill, OK. To provide Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Army prior service personnel a reception and integration process into the Army. This course will be used in lieu-of the current ten weeks Basic Combat Training. This **HOOAH** course is an excellent way to get ready for OCS and will produce a well-disciplined, motivated, physically fit Soldier, who understands the Army Values, embedded with Warrior Ethos and is fully prepared for Officer Candidate School or Advanced Individual Training:

WTC NCO Course 1 week at Fort Sill, OK. This new additional course that is to provide Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps Coast Guard, and Army prior service NCOs (E5 and above). This seven day NCO course is added onto the five week WTC to provide additional training for E5 and above who will be serving in critical leadership roles in the Army.

Course dates go to [**Army Training Requirements and Resources System \(ATRRS\)**](#) webpage and key the below course #

Warrior Transition Course #: 750-AT. Course Scope:

Self-discipline, motivation, physical readiness, and proficiency in basic combat survivability, combat techniques, and individual weapons. Character and Army Leadership development based on the Army Values and Warrior Ethos.

This course provides a logical progression of transitioning civilians into soldiers by the presentation of individual skills and tasks selected to develop a well disciplined, motivated soldier proficient in common entry-level tasks. This course develops self-discipline, motivation, physical readiness, and proficiency in basic combat survivability, combat techniques, and individual weapons. The focus for character and Army Leadership development is based on the Army Values. The Training will enable the soldier to become a productive member of the United States Army, in any MOS.

Prior-service Soldiers with breaks of service more than three years make up about 60 percent of the Soldiers who attend the five-week course; Soldiers from sister services -- the Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard -- make up 40 percent of Soldiers who attend WTC. The WTC population is an older population. The average basic trainee is 20 years old, but the average WTC Soldier is 33. The average rank for WTC Soldiers is private first class, but 20 percent of the classes are noncommissioned officers, to include sergeants, staff sergeants and sometimes sergeants first class.

 **WTC Welcome Brochure**

434th FA Brigade, Fort Sill, OK is in command of BCT and WTC training Battalions

95th AG Battalion, Fort Sill, OK Reception Battalion

**Warrior Transition Course
Frequently Asked Questions**

Foxtrot Battery, 1-79 FA , Fort Sill, OK is in charge of WTC

Warrior Course Trains Veterans Army Way
By SPC. Alfredo Jimenez
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All SGT Tyrone Givens wanted was a chance to restart a career in the military. He got that chance Nov. 4 as he and 101 other former military men and women graduated from the second class of the Warrior Transition Course, which allows former Airmen, Sailors and Marines to bring their valued skills into the Army.

Givens served in the Navy for many years before deciding to separate and search for another job. He said everything was going according to his plan until the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and the nation beginning its war against terrorism.

Instinctively, Givens wanted back in the military to do his part and help others in the fight, so he said he was elated when the Army announced it was beginning the Warrior Transition Course.

"I chose to participate in the course and become a second-time volunteer because my country is at war," said the native of Brooklyn, NY. "I couldn't stand idly by and watch others share the burden."

While not exactly basic training, the course did offer up challenges aplenty to the Soldiers-in-training, said Pfc. Richard Batts, a classmate of Givens.

"I am a former Marine, therefore, I am already accustomed to the ways of military infantry," said the native of

Lafayette, La. "I do expect, however, to refresh my skills as an infantryman and adapt to the ways of the Army. Believe it or not, the two branches are completely different and it will be difficult to overcome some aspects of my old training."

For 28 days, the new Soldiers learned everything essential in the Army, from standing at parade rest when talking to a drill instructor to learning the different rank structure. They also spent long periods of time in the field firing heavy machine guns, learning urban warfare tactics, and pulling convoy and checkpoint security details, Givens said.

"In the Navy, I never had to sleep in the middle of the woods or meet a time requirement for assembling my weapon," he said. "The customs and courtesies are also different."

Warrior Transition Course officials intend to train 3,200 Soldiers with prior military service in the next year. The program is lauded by Army commanders because it gives them the opportunity to develop leaders who are already seasoned as veterans in their respective former branches of service, said Capt. Tom Oakley, commander of Company C, 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry Division, one of the units conducting the training.

"The folks we get here are just what the Army is looking for because they are second-time volunteers, and that says a lot about them," Oakley said. "These individuals are motivated, brave and very patriotic. They will serve the Army well by meshing right in with our younger troops."

The captain added that this is important because more than half of the Soldiers who come through the course will deploy to combat areas within 30 days of completing their advanced individual training.

But that thought does nothing to deter these new Soldiers with their determined and patriotic will to excel in the program and beyond, said Pfc. William Smith, a graduate of the second course.

"This course is preparing me for success and I hope to use this opportunity to get promoted quicker," said Smith, a native of Greenville, S.C. "I also want to go to Warrant Officer School before I am deployed overseas."

No matter what their motivations are for signing up in the Army after a hitch with a different service, all of the new Soldiers realize this is just the beginning of bigger and better things, Batts said.

"I honestly believe that all military training better prepares you for anything," he said. "The military isn't meant for everyone. It takes a special breed to do what we do. I came back because I love the military and everything it offers, and I want to protect and defend my country from all enemies no matter where they are."

(Editor's note: Spc. Jimenez writes for the Army and Air Force Hometown News Service.)

