



**CEREMONIAL HONOR GUARD TRAINING
Consolidated Training Northwest
Ft. Lewis, Washington
15 – 23 August 2009**



WELCOME ABOARD LETTER

Welcome to Ceremonial Honor Guard Training at Consolidated Training Northwest at Ft. Lewis, Washington. Come prepared to have fun, work hard, make new friends, and learn what it takes to be one of America's Elite Ceremonial Honor Guards.

Plan on arriving no later than 1200 on Saturday 15 August 2009. Check in uniform is Dress Whites if arriving by Private Vehicle. If coming by public transportation please travel in civilian clothes and plan on changing into Dress Whites upon arriving at Ft. Lewis. Graduation will be on Sunday morning, 23 August 2009. Time to be announced later. Your family/driver will need picture ID drivers license, current vehicle registration and insurance to be granted access to Ft. Lewis. Please give us a list at check-in of the names and social security numbers of family/friends planning to attend graduation on the 23rd.

You will need your NSCC ID card current through 31 August 2009 and your Personnel Record with National Orders on check-in. There will be a Sea Bag inspection upon arrival so make sure you have all items listed on the Sea Bag List. There is a lot of drill in this training so make sure all of your shoes, boots, tennis shoes are well broken in and in good condition and fit well.

During your training at Ft. Lewis you will not only learn about the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, but you will also learn what it means to be one of the Army's Old Guard who guard the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Be prepared to sharpen your teamwork skills, learn the Manual of Arms to perfection, proper Color Guard and Flag etiquette. Plan to take away from your training increased self-confidence, poise, self-discipline and understand the perfection and dedication needed to be one of our nation's Elite Honor Guard teams. Return to your unit a resource and leader for your shipmates in improving your units Color Guard activities and maybe assist with the formation of a units Drill Team. You will also have the opportunity to experience the parts of a funeral honor guard presentation and practice Ceremonial folding of the American Flag.

You and your shipmates participating in Ceremonial Honor Guard Training will compete to see which of you is the best and will have the honor of being the Color Guard for Consolidated Training Northwest Graduation. You will also as

part of Graduation Ceremonies perform a Silent Drill Team routine for your family, friends and fellow cadets. You will have to work hard to achieve these goals in just 9 short days. Are you up to it???

Return to your units with increased pride in yourself, your uniform, your service, your country and our National Flag, "Old Glory". Being part of a Ceremonial Honor Guard is honoring the service, sacrifice, and memory of all who have served that we may live freely in the greatest country on earth. There can be no greater honor performing color guard and honor guard duty with precision, self-discipline and attention to detail.

Watch this website for continual updating of directions and graduation specifics. You are responsible for all items on your Sea Bag List, especially a Camel Back Hydration Pack.

Look forward to seeing you in August.

Sincerely,

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