

The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry, is now 1<sup>st</sup> Combined Arms Battalion, 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry (CAB) to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Heavy Brigade Combat Team (2HBCT) of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division (IID). The 1<sup>st</sup> Combined Arms Battalion, 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry home duty station is located with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Heavy Brigade Combat Team of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas, in the area known as Custer Hill.

1<sup>st</sup> Combined Arms Battalion, 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry is composed of a Headquarters & Headquarters Company (HHC), two companies of Mechanized Infantry (Companies A & B), two companies of Armor (Companies C & D), an Engineer Support Company (Company E – currently not assigned to 1-18 CAB), and a Forward Support Company (Company F). It is commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel. The Combined Arms Battalion is a new formation in today's Army and is designed to be almost self-sustaining on the battlefield. The 1<sup>st</sup> Combined Arms Battalion, 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry is Authorized 46 Officers, 1 Warrant Officers, and 575 Enlisted personnel, with a total of 621 Soldiers.

Headquarters & Headquarters Company (HHC) contains the command element and its supporting personnel, and includes the Scout Platoon, Sniper section, the Medic Platoon and the Mortar Platoon (120MM). It is considered an Infantry Company and flies an Infantry 1-18 Guidon.

The Infantry Companies (Company A and Company B) contain both mechanized and dismounted infantry maneuver elements, with 5 Officers and 131 Enlisted men each. Each Company has 14 Bradley Fighting Vehicles, each with a four man crew. Each platoon has two nine-man Infantry Squads and one Machine Gun Squad. Each Mechanized Infantry company has approximately 130 Soldiers assigned and flies an Infantry Blue 1-18 Guidon.

The Armor Companies (Company C and Company D) contain the Armor maneuver element, with 5 Officers and 62 Enlisted authorized. Each company has 14 Abrams M1A1 AIM Battle Tanks, each with a four man crew. Each Armor company has approximately 75 Soldiers assigned and flies an Armor Gold 1-18 Guidon.

The Engineer Company (Company E) is currently not assigned to the 1-18<sup>th</sup> CAB, but if assigned it would contain 6 Officers and 110 Enlisted Combat Engineers. As an Engineer Company it would carry an Engineer Red Guidon.

The Forward Support Company (FSC) contains all the logistical assets. The FSC has the haul assets, fuelers, mechanics, and cooks. The FSC is authorized 5 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer and 210 enlisted personnel. Currently there are approximately 209 Soldiers assigned.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Heavy Brigade Combat Team is designed to be self-sustaining in the battlefield environment. It is commanded by a Colonel. It is composed of a Brigade Headquarters, two Combined Arms Battalions (1-18<sup>th</sup> Infantry and 1-63<sup>rd</sup> Armor), a Field Artillery Battalion (1-7 FA), a Cavalry Squadron (5-4 CAV), a Forward Support Battalion (299<sup>th</sup> BSB (Base Support Battalion)), and the Special Troops Battalion (2-1 STB).

Typically, STBs function in a support capacity by bringing a diverse array of war fighting enablers to the brigade. By combining signal, intelligence, engineer, chemical, military police and other specialized maneuver support units under one battalion the STB acts as a combat force multiplier for the brigade.

The 2HBCT is located with the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas. The Brigade is designed to contain approximately 3000 Soldiers. The 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division is the famous "Big Red One". Headquarters is located at Fort Riley, Kansas. It is commanded by a Major General. It consists of two Heavy Brigade Combat Teams, two Light Brigade Combat Teams, a Combat Aviation Brigade, and a Sustainment Brigade. The 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division contains approximately

Fort Riley is located on a large military reservation in a rural setting in the State of Kansas, with the city of Manhattan, Kansas adjacent to the post on the East side and Junction City adjacent to the post on the Southwest side. It is approximately 140 miles west of the Kansas City, Missouri Airport and adjacent to the north side of Interstate Highway 70.

To reach the 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry from I-70, take Exit 301 North. Proceed north on Henry Dr to Holbrook Ave, turn left onto Holbrook Ave and continue north to Huebner Rd. Turn left at Huebner Rd onto 1<sup>st</sup> Division Rd and continue north past the Custer Hill Golf Course until 1<sup>st</sup> Division Rd merges and becomes Apennine Dr. Curving left on Apennine Dr. until you reach Shanks Dr. (about 1/3 of the way around the horseshoe). Turn left onto Shanks Dr and proceed to the Battalion Area. The Battalion Headquarters is located in BLDG 7638 on the right side of the road.