



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
MISSISSIPPI ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
1st ARMOR TRAINING BATTALION, 154th Regiment (RTI)
BLDG 3500 "C" Avenue
Camp Shelby, MS 39407-5500

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Soldiers Attending 19K 2,3 T

SUBJECT: 19K 2/3T Welcome Letter 154th RTI, 1st ATB Camp Shelby, MS

1. Congratulations, you have been selected to attend the following course at Camp Shelby, MS: 171-19K 2/3(T). Report date: 07 JAN 2026 (see below for reporting instructions). Students not capable of arriving prior to will contact the course manager for coordinating instructions.

2. The following information is provided to assist you in making the transition from your present position to that of a student at the 1st Armor Training Battalion.

What are your perceived requirements/expectations for this course?

Do you have any specific questions about any lessons?

Send questions to:

Course Manager: SFC Seth Thornton.

Cell: (601)520-9142

Email: seth.a.thornton.mil@army.mil

Course Title and Number: 171-19K2/3 (T) ARMORCREWMAN TRANSITION

Host School: 1st ARMOR TRAINING BATTALION (RTI - MS)

School Code: 998

Purpose: Train, qualify, and certify Sergeants and Staff Sergeants identified for transition to MOS 19K, Armor Crewmember

Phase Scope: Armor Crewmember (Transition) is a MOS producing Unphased transition course consisting of approximately 250 academic hours while in an Active Duty for Training (ADT) status using Small Group Instruction (SGI).

Course outcomes: Students will be trained/educated Armor Crewmember Sergeants and Staff Sergeants who are adaptive leaders, critical & creative thinkers, armed with the technical and tactical skills necessary to employ the M1A2 SEP variants at the platoon level and destroy enemy positions during large scale combat operations. Students will: operate tracked vehicles over various terrain, use communications equipment to receive and relay battle orders, read maps, compasses and battle plans, and engage enemy targets with the 120-mm main gun and supporting small arms (Gunner/Tank Commander) at the platoon level.



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Phase Prerequisites: Active Army (AA) and Reserve Component (RC) Sergeants and Staff Sergeants. RC Sergeants First Class (SFC) course attendance requires an approved USAARMS waiver. Soldier is or is slated to be assigned to a 19K duty position. See special Information for details.

Special Information: Active Army (AA) graduates of this course are strongly encouraged to attend 2E-F242/020-F29, Tank Commanders course. Reserve Component (RC) graduates of this course are strongly encouraged to attend 171-SI3J/ASIK4, M1A2 SEP Tank Commanders Certification course.

Successful completion of this course will award the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 19K.

Contraband: Do not bring personal firearms, fireworks, or illegal drugs to the course. Camp Shelby and U. S. Army regulation prohibit these items.

Transportation: Students using commercial transportation must coordinate with this unit for transportation to Camp Shelby 3 days prior to their travel date. Coordination can be made by calling SFC Thornton during normal duty hours Monday through Friday. Government transportation will be provided for students arriving by commercial transportation (air) at GULFPORT or HATTIESBURG / LAURAL AIRPORT by calling SFC Thornton (minimum 3 days) prior to travel. All students should ensure that round trip accommodations are scheduled before departing their duty station. Commercial lodging incurred during travel will be at the students own expense. Return flights should be scheduled after 1000 on the last day of the course.

Orders, Requirements, and other documents: Your state is responsible for providing you orders placing you on duty. A DA 4187 is required for AGR personnel attaching you to RTI for the duration of the course. Active-duty personnel require a 1610. **ALL STUDENTS MUST VERIFY THEIR .MIL EMAIL IN ATRRS IS A CURRENT AND WORKING .MIL EMAIL. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN 1ST ATB NOT BEING ABLE TO PRODUCE THE STUDENTS 1059!!!!!!**

Meals/Laundry Services/Post Exchange: Meals are provided throughout the course; the student will be responsible for the cost of meals on the report day and the last day (travel days) at a cost of approx.\$23 per day. A free Laundromat is located at RTI barracks for student use. Commercial laundry services are also available at student cost. A Post Exchange (0800-1800 M-F/ 0900-1700 SAT+SUN), AAFES barber shop, AAFES Clothing and Sales, and Patriot Tactical store are available on base. Students should bring a maximum of \$100 cash for any unforeseen expenses.

Lodging: Lodging is provided for students. Standard issue linen (Army white sheets, pillowcases, and green wool blanket) is available upon request or student can furnish their own linen (often preferred).



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Location: Camp Shelby is located ten (10) miles south of Hattiesburg, MS on Highway 49 South. The gate hours are: North Gate 0600-1800 Daily. South Gate and East Gate are open 24 hours daily.

Reporting In: Report to building 3701 38th Street Camp Shelby, MS 39407 NLT 1400 on 7 January 2026. Uniform is civilian attire. If you report earlier than the specified date and time, coordination with the course manager must be made prior to travel. Failure to establish prior communication will result in the student having to purchase out of pocket (non-reimbursed) lodging in Hattiesburg.

Google Maps Link: [1st Armor Training Battalion](#)

HIGH PHYSICAL DEMANDS TEST

Your first graduation requirement examination will be the High Physical Demands Test (HPDT). This test will be administered on the 2nd day after in-processing. The HPDT will consist of the following IAW HPDT testing SOP and Current ISAP:

1. Conduct a 12-mile foot march (time standard: 5 hours)
2. Drag a casualty to safety (150lb dummy on sked)
3. Engage a target with a hand grenade at 35 meters (2 attempts)
4. Lift a 69lb duffle bag
5. Lift and carry twelve 120mm dummy MPAT rounds
6. Lift and carry sixteen 35lb sandbags
7. Load five 120mm dummy MPAT rounds

Standards of Conduct: Students will conduct themselves in a manner that is expected of a Noncommissioned Officer. This includes demonstrating law abiding personal conduct and behavior on and off duty. The Regional Training Institution (RTI) may immediately remove students from the course for any misconduct or behavior that violates any local, state, or federal law and/or the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), or for any conduct that violates any DOD, Army, or local regulation/policy.

Weight Standards: Policy for height and weight screening standards and body fat standards are contained in AR 600-9 (The Army Weight Control Program). Students may be screened during the course. One re-screening is allowed which will be administered no earlier than seven days after the initial failure to meet body fat standards and the student's Brigade CSM or equivalent will be notified. IAW AR 600-9, students may be re-screened at any time during the course. Soldiers who fail to meet the body fat standards of AR 600-9 will be considered an academic course graduate, but item 11C of their DA Form 1059 will be marked "Marginally Achieved Course Standards," and item 14 will be marked "Failed to Meet Body Fat Composition Standard."



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Physical Fitness Standards (profiles): Soldiers with a permanent designator of "2" in the physical profile must include a copy of DA form 3349 (Physical Profile) as part of the course application. They will be eligible to attend appropriate courses and train within the limits of their profile provided they can meet the course graduation requirements. Soldiers with a permanent designator of "3" or "4" in their physical profile must include a copy of Da 3349 and the results of their Military Medical Review Board (MMRB) as part of the course application.

Soldiers with medical profiles (temporary or permanent) due to operational deployment will be permitted by their immediate commanders to attend 19K 2/3(T) within the guidelines of their profile. Soldiers must arrive at the institution with a copy of their current profile and a memorandum signed by their Commander stating the profile is a result of injuries sustained due to operational deployment.

Soldiers with temporary profiles that are not due to operational deployment will be denied entry into the course.

All soldiers must have a current PHA on file

Individuals 40 years of age or older must be medically cleared before they can be enrolled into the course.

Soldiers receiving temporary or permanent physical profiles after enrolling in resident training courses will be evaluated by school Commandants and Commanders for continued enrollment. Soldiers who have met, or will be able to meet graduation requirements, will continue to be trained within the limits of their profile. Soldiers who are unable to meet graduation requirements will return to their unit, and may, if eligible, be enrolled in a later course.

What to expect as far as daily operations: Each day will begin at the motor pool (BLDG 3071 and BLDG 3703). Throughout the day we will be in a classroom environment learning doctrinal tactics, techniques and procedures; on the M1A2 series tank learning hands on systems and weapon systems; in simulators manipulating controls onboard the M1A2 SEP tank in a simulated environment; in a field environment maneuvering and driving the tank (day and night); or on the live fire range, firing the M256 main gun, M240 COAX, or M240 loaders machine gun (day and night).

Testable Material

- High Physical Demands Test
- Vehicle ID Test
- Ammunition ID Test
- M1A2 SEP GST
- DIDEA Test
- Combat Reports
- Offense Test
- Defense Test
- Terrain Board Test
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SUBJECT: 19K 2/3T Welcome Letter 154th RTI, 1st ATB Camp Shelby, MS

Address/POC Names and Phone Numbers:

1st Armor Training Battalion
ATTN: (Your Rank and Name)
19K 2,3 (T)
BLDG. 3500 AVE "C"
CAMP SHELBY, MS 39407-5500

Course manager: SFC Seth Thornton (601)520-9142

Email: seth.a.thornton.mil@army.mil

Chief Instructor: MSG Eric Gibbs (901) - 413 – 5535

email eric.s.gibbs.mil@army.mil

Students need to know the following information about their unit for in processing and out processing to ensure that their paperwork is processed correctly:

UNIT NAME
UNIT UIC
UNIT ADDRESS
UNIT PHONE NUMBER
UNIT CITY
UNIT ZIP CODE

Upon receipt of this letter, please contact one of the above-mentioned names via e-mail or phone call.



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Required Clothing/Equipment List

A. Clothing

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| (1) Boots, combat suede | 2pr_____ |
| (2) Belt, tan w/buckle | 1ea_____ |
| (3) Socks, cushion sole | 6pr_____ |
| (4) OCP uniform complete w/patches & insignia | 4pr_____ |
| (5) Patrol Cap | 1ea_____ |
| (6) Undershirt / Underwear | 6ea_____ |
| (7) PFU w/running shoes (summer/winter) | 1ea_____ |
| (8) GORTEX Jacket (required all weather) | 1ea_____ |
| (9) Gloves, black (required all weather) | 1pr_____ |
| (10) Civilian clothing (off duty) | |

B. Personal Care Items

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|-----------------------------------|------|
| (1) Laundry bag (OD) | 1ea_ |
| (2) Towel & washcloth | 4ea_ |
| (3) Shower shoes | 1pr |
| (4) Personal hygiene kit | 1ea_ |
| (5) Brush (Boots) | 1ea_ |
| (6) Sewing kit (optional) | 1ea_ |
| (7) Clothes hangers (wire) | 9ea_ |
| (8) Pad lock (key or combination) | 2ea_ |

C. Classroom Materials

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| (1) Pencils (No. 2) | 2ea_____ |
| (2) Pen, black ink | 2ea_____ |
| (3) Notepad | 1ea_____ |
| (4) Highlighter (any color) | 1ea_____ |
| (5) Pocket calculator (optional) | 1ea_____ |

D. TA-50/Organization Equipment

1. Large or Medium frame Ruck
2. Body armor with plates (IOTV or Plate Carrier authorized)
3. Kevlar helmet with cover
4. FLC with canteen pouches x2, IFAK, and pouches able to hold a compass, flashlight, and smaller tools (chest rig authorized)
5. Fire resistant uniforms are required. Can be actual FR uniforms or FR coveralls
6. CVC helmet with bailout cord (RTI can provide if student does not have this item)
7. **Handheld flashlight as well as a headlamp**
8. Wet weather gear (top and bottom) with poncho
9. Boonie hats and combat shirts are authorized for field use
10. Cold weather gear (seasonal)



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E. Foot March Packing List:

BASIC UNIFORM	
Items	Weight (lbs)
ACUs	3.20
Boots	5.00
Rigger Belt	0.50
Patches	0.49
Patrol Cap	0.48
ID Tags	0.38
Undershirt	0.35
Eye Pro	0.25
Notebook	0.25
Drawers	0.20
Socks	0.20
Wrist Watch	0.19
Ear Plugs	0.13
Chapstick	0.01
ID Card	0.01
Total	11.64

TOTAL 12-MILE FOOT MARCH LOAD	
Basic Uniform	11.64 lbs
Weapon and Tactical Equipment	24.63 lbs
Rucksack	31.87 lbs
Total	68.14 lbs

WEAPON AND TACTICAL EQUIPMENT	
Items	Weight (lbs)
ACH With Cover	3.53
100oz Hydration System	7.1
FLC	5.87
Elbow/Knee Pads	0.79
M4 W/PEQ-15 & M68 CCO	7.34
Total	W/ WPN 24.63 W/O WPN 17.29

FOOT MARCH RUCKSACK PACKING LIST

Items	Weight (lbs)
MOLLE Ruck	8.5
Wet Weather Bag	0.3
Wet Weather top/bottom	3.4
Poncho	1.05
ACUs	3.2
T-shirt (1 ea)	0.35
Socks (1 pr)	0.2
Green Sleeping Bag	2.0
Bivy Cover	2.0
Poncho Liner	1.14
Air Mattress	1.05
Hygiene Kit	3.0
Weapon Cleaning Kit	1.6
Gloves	0.78
E-tool with carrier	3.3
Total	30.87