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SIDEWINDER TEAM, OPERATIONS GROUP
NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER AND FORT IRWIN
FORT IRWIN, CA 92310-5107



Maneuver Support Trainers

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Welcome to the Sidewinder Family!

Congratulations on your selection to serve on the Sidewinder Team, Operations Group at the National Training Center and Fort Irwin. On behalf of LTC Robert A. Hilliard, SW 07 and CSM Willie S. Mitchell Jr, SW 40, we welcome you and look forward to your arrival. You will find your assignment extremely fulfilling, as you will be charged with helping to prepare our Army and developing yourself.

Our Sidewinder Team is very proud of the work we do. Service as an Observer Coach/Trainer (OC/T) will provide you the opportunity to make important and lasting contributions to our Army...we like to say that we make "Army Strong" a *reality* every day. It is also true that duty as an OC/T is a great learning/professional development experience—you learn something new every day!

We consider Family time and personal well-being as two important pillars that support each member of the Sidewinders, and want you to make your Family your first priority during your move. As you and your Family are acquainted with our team, we encourage you to "friend" our Facebook page "Sidewinder Spouses." Families are an important part of our Team!

Due to your success in your career thus far, you have been hand selected to serve at the NTC. Barstow is our closest town, which is about 37 miles away from Fort Irwin. We are located mid-way between Las Vegas and Los Angeles, and accessible via interstates 40 and 15, state highways 58 and 247.

If you have any questions concerning your assignment or your move, please contact the Sidewinder Battle Staff at (760) 380-7005 or email the Sidewinder S-1, CPT Aimee J. Valles at aimee.j.valles.mil@mail.mil and we will ensure you have a sponsor to help you and your Family transition.

Again, congratulations on being selected to join Operations Group and *The Sidewinders!* We look forward to meeting you and to working with you over the months and years ahead.

Strike Hard!

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