

## 1SGs WELCOME LETTER

Dear Student:

Congratulations for your selection to attend the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course. You have demonstrated to your subordinates, peers, and superiors that you possess the qualities and attributes of a Squad Leader/Section Leader.

The Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course is divided into two phases. Phase I is Common Leader Training, which is the same for all MOS's. Phase II is the Technical Track for 11B's and 11C's, and each MOS has its own prerequisites and program of instruction. All courses are designed to teach skill level 2/3 tasks. It is your responsibility to have mastered skill level one Task before attending BNCOC.

You will find the course to be challenging and very rewarding. The curriculum is demanding and constantly updated with current doctrine and technical advances. Therefore, your ideas are highly encouraged.

In order for a learning process to be effective, there are times that the mind should be in a relaxed state. Therefore, we do not normally train on the weekends. In fact you should bring athletic equipment for weekend fun. The Fort Benning / Columbus area provide numerous opportunities for outdoor recreation year round.

Again I congratulate you on your selection to attend this prestigious academy. We understand the pressure that this course puts upon the students. I am committed to doing everything within my realm of control to ensure you successfully complete this course "***Maintain The Standard.***"

This memorandum, and the enclosures that accompany it, will provide you with the information required prior to arrival. Please read this memorandum and the enclosures carefully. Normally, the information included will sufficiently answer any questions. However, if after carefully reviewing these documents you have additional questions feel free to call the BNCOC Operations NCO at: DSN 835-1026 or Commercial (706) 545-1026.

Once again, let me take this opportunity to congratulate you on your selection. BNCOC is a demanding, challenging and extremely rewarding course. The Henry Caro Noncommissioned Officer Academy is renowned as one of the finest training facilities available Army wide. I am sure you will find the course everything you expect and more. I look forward to officially welcoming you upon your arrival. Godspeed and have a safe trip.

**"Maintain the Standards"**

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