



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**MINNESOTA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD**  
2nd Battalion (Modular Training), 175th Regiment (Regional Training Institute)  
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Welcome Letter to New Soldiers

1. Welcome to one of the Total Army's premier training platforms for combat arms noncommissioned officer professional military education (PME), combat medic (68W) skills sustainment training, and functional instructor courses: the mighty 2nd Battalion (MOD TNG) of the 175th RTI (2/175)! I am confident that you will be both challenged and strengthened by your experience in this historic and accomplished unit.
2. History. The 175th Regiment (RTI) proudly claims the motto "ANIMUS VALET (Courage Prevails)." The history of this unit is reflected in a distinctive unit insignia, originally approved in 1942 for the 175th Field Artillery Battalion that is still borne on the battalion's colors today. From a storied and decorated past, the 175th Regiment exists today as a training institute that continues the legacy of honor and sacrifice that represent the ideals of our fighting force: professionalism, expertise, and selfless service. In keeping with the tradition of relentless execution 2/175 claims the informal motto, "Burn the Boats."
3. Nationally Accredited. 2/175 (MOD TNG) instructs both Army Program of Individual Training (ARPRINT) and State-directed courses; 2/175 requires ARPRINT accreditation administered by the Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) every three years in accordance with Army Enterprise Accreditation Standards (AEAS). 2/175 is proud to be a past recipient of the coveted Institution of Excellence designation, last received in 2015. 2/175 most recently scored above 90 percent on the unit's AEAS evaluation completed in 2018.
4. Essential Information. As a result of the One Army School System (OASS) transition, and fully in effect for Training Year 2019 (TY19), 2/175 expands combat arms Noncommissioned Officer Education System (NCOES) courses (i.e. 11B30 ALC and M-SLC) and divests from previously-offered military occupational specialty transition (MOS-T) courses. Specifically, 2/175 replaced the 68W MOS-T course with Comprehensive Medical Training (CMT) to assist MNARNG combat medics sustain their skills.
5. Coordinating Instructions. Be on the lookout for the 2/175 Newsletter, usually with the Training Schedule, disseminated approximately one week in advance of each scheduled drill period. Due to unit course schedules and associated instructor requirements, the entire unit conducts a non-standard quarterly drill schedule during the year that incorporates your annual training; if you need to request a Split Unit Training Assembly (SUTA) for your civilian schedule immediately inform your section leader. 2/175 full time support (FTS) staff can reserve on-post troop issue (i.e. non-maid service) rooms for your use during each IDT period and course of instruction at no cost to you; contact your section leader to confirm availability. My expectation is that every 2/175 Soldier accesses your military email account at least weekly; if you are issued a government laptop computer you are required to login at least weekly to allow software updates to run. You are required to securely store your OCIE in the basement of Building 2-1 in one of the provided lockers, see S4 for a lock and key. All newly assigned Soldiers are hailed at the Regiment's annual holiday party (typically in December) and your family is invited to attend also.
6. Point of contact is the 2/175 (MOD TNG) Readiness NCO at COMM (320) 616-3030.

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