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MEMORANDUM FOR United States Army Drill Sergeant School (USADSS) and Advanced Individual Training Platoon Sergeant (AITPSG) Candidates

SUBJECT: Welcome Letter

1. Congratulations on your selection and welcome to the United States Army Drill Sergeant Academy (USADSA) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Your selection to serve as a Drill Sergeant (DS) or as an Advanced Individual Training Platoon Sergeant (AITPSG) indicates the Army's trust and confidence in your leadership abilities.
2. Our mission and goal while you are assigned to the USADSA is to provide you with a challenging institutional based environment. We will provide education, training, and mentorship for you to assume your role as a DS or AITPSG within the Initial Military Training (IMT) environment. You must consistently demonstrate strict adherence to Army Standards and be able and willing to maintain a positive attitude. Ensure you take time and prepare in advance for your travel to the Academy. There will be an Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) administered upon course initiation and you will want to be well rested prior to the APFT.
3. The DS and the AITPSG Courses are very demanding. Whichever course you will be attending, will require you to be fully prepared mentally and physically. You will accomplish this through a seamless, full spectrum approach to learning, as you synchronize individual and collective learning experiences in a persistent learning environment.
4. All candidates are highly encouraged to look at the Fort Jackson link (<http://jackson.armylive.dodlive.mil/about/armyschools/usadss>) and the Army Training Network link (https://atn.army.mil/dsp_template.aspx?dpID=127) for Drill and Ceremony and Physical Readiness Training videos. Check these links for updates or changes prior to your arrival at the USADSA.
5. We look forward to you confidently accepting this challenge as part of your continued professional development. Upon completion of the course, you will be recognized as an innovative, competent and confident Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) capable of transforming today's volunteers into Soldiers who can and will contribute to their first unit of assignment. This We'll Defend!
6. I can be contacted at the following numbers; office (803) 751-6672, BB: (803) 553-2241.


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