

## **HEADQUARTERS COMMAND BATTALION**

Headquarters Command Battalion is the premier headquarters command unit in the U.S. Army and its motto is “Leadership and Service.” It is the Army’s largest battalion with more than 6,500 Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers serving throughout the National Capital Region and conducting worldwide operations. The battalion was activated as a provisional headquarters on June 1, 1992, at Fort Myer, Va., with four companies and more than 1,000 Soldiers. In October 1993, the battalion was activated as a permanent unit and aligned with Military District of Washington. Under General Order No. 16, all forces in the National Capital Region are aligned under the command responsibility of the Commanding General, MDW. Since 1993, the battalion has continually transformed and grown into its present day configuration.

The battalion’s primary mission is to: “Ensure the accountability, discipline and individual readiness of more than 6,500 assigned and attached Soldiers serving in 52 Agencies within the National Capital Region in accordance with the provisions of Department of the Army Memo 600-8.” The battalion supports Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, which was designated on October 1, 2009, with the addition of the United States Marine Corps Henderson Hall.

The battalion’s Soldiers and families live and work in a large geographic area, which includes Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. For Reserve and National Guard Soldiers on temporary orders, their families are spread throughout the 50 states and numerous territories. This is a unique challenge and as the NCR transforms, the battalion provides a critical link in Soldier and family readiness as we partner with Army, Joint and civilian service providers. As the single most efficient integrator of services and information, the battalion is an invaluable asset to the Army. The battalion plays a critical role in one-stop inprocessing of all Soldiers, readiness tracking, Soldier and family support services, and family advocacy and substance abuse programs within the NCR. The battalion assists the agencies as the sole vested Uniform Code of Military Justice chain-of-command authority for Soldier issues for the Commanding General, MDW. The battalion provides pre-deployment training, deployment and post-deployment support, mandatory Army Warrior Training, Army physical fitness tests, weapons qualification, and other training opportunities. The battalion runs all Non-Commissioned Officer school order of merit lists and required counseling, operates a robust NCO mentorship program, and facilitates promotion boards, Soldier and NCO of Quarter Boards, and NCO professional development.

The current battalion consists of two companies – Headquarters Company, U.S. Army (HQ USA) and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison – Fort Myer (HHC USAG). The battalion is unique in that it has two distinct support channels – MDW and the U.S. Army’s Installation Management Command. All Soldiers assigned official billets to the battalion wear the IMCOM insignia and uphold the motto of “Support and Defend.”

The Headquarters Command Battalion is tasked with a very challenging mission. The battalion takes pride in leading and serving the tens of thousands of Soldiers and family members in the NCR. The Soldiers and civilians in the battalion fully understand that to accomplish the Army’s mission, they have two tasks – to assist in training Soldiers for any contingency operation, and to take care of the Soldiers and their families. Everything the battalion does supports one of those two critical tasks.