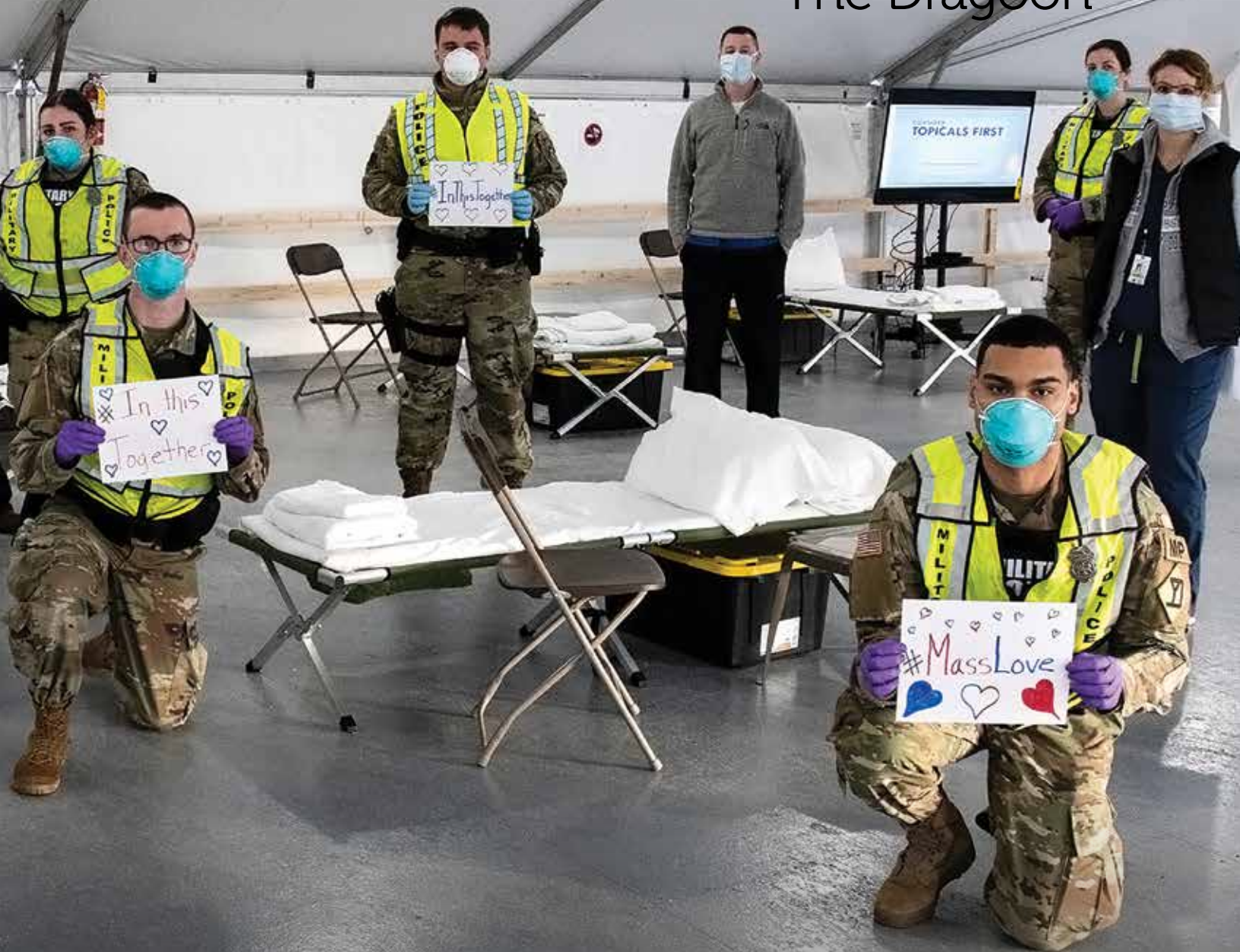




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Serve Military Police Leaders, Soldiers, and Families with dignity, respect, responsibility and stewardship of our resources with integrity, transparency and accountability.

A NOTE FROM THE

BUSINESS MANAGER

The MPRA Dragoon features information from the MPRA Community, news from the Home of the Regiment at Fort Leonard Wood, historical accounts, and stories from all components (Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve), as well as Retired Military Police from around the world. The overall goal of the Dragoon is to be current on the HOOAH events taking place within our ranks and, in turn, be a direct reflection of the Regiment as a whole. We encourage articles and photographs by and about Soldiers of all ranks, Military Spouses and Families, DA Civilians, and other Friends of the Regiment. Articles and photograph submissions should be Military Police-related and may include human interest, military operations and exercises, history, personal viewpoints and other areas of general interest. All articles accepted for publication are subject to editing. We welcome your ideas and suggestions for future publications and we look forward to hearing from you!



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From the Executive Director

On behalf of our members, families and friends, I would like to welcome you to this edition of the Dragoon. To say the past few months have been a challenge would be an understatement. Telework and Zoom are two words we have added to our everyday vocabulary.

Before I say anything else, I want each and every one of our Military Police family to know we are thinking of you and your families during these challenging times. However, we are looking forward to a great but different 2020. Later in this edition you will see a few updated photos of the Military Working Dog statue. A lot of work has already been completed on what will be a great addition to an already impressive Memorial Grove. The unveiling of this statue will be in September 2020. We will be sure to keep our members updated as we progress.

In case you missed some of the recent news, some of our Military Police leaders are changing positions soon. MG Donna Martin was selected to be the next Provost Marshal General and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command. MG Kevin Vereen was selected to be the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command. SGM Larry Orvis was selected as the Inspector General Sergeant Major, Headquarters, Department of the Army. CSM Brian Flom was selected as the Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army War College. Congratulations to all these great Americans and leaders in our Regiment.

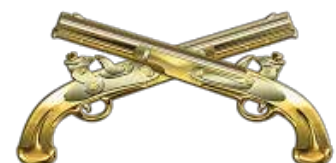
Our 2020 Scholarship window has closed. We will be awarding \$45,000 this year. As always we had a very competitive group of applicants. Please visit our website for the official announcement soon.



Rick Harne
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MPRA Executive Director

Our online gift shop remains open and available to fulfill orders and process awards. I would ask you visit our website www.mpraonline.org and our social media outlets for updates, news and, sometimes, just an inspirational story.

In closing, I want to say, "We need each other." Take the time to check on one another. Sometimes a call or text is all that someone needs to lift their spirits or change their outlook. Be safe in all you do. Although it can be frustrating, follow the guidelines put in place by our decision makers. We will come through this, but everyone must do their part.



From the **Commandant**



CHIEF, MILITARY POLICE CORPS REGIMENT

24 April 2020

Dear United States Army Military Police Corps,

On behalf of the Regimental Command team and the United States Army Military Police School, thank you for your sacrifice, service, and commitment to protecting the force, preserving readiness, and accomplishing the mission during this an unprecedented time in the history of our nation.

Everywhere COVID-19 threatens our Soldiers, Families, and Communities, the Military Police Corps is answering the call to assist, protect, and defend. From our National Guardsmen and Army Reservist serving in their local communities to Active Military Police units and Civilian Partners taking a immense steps to continue their missions, the Regiment's response to our nation in a time of need is truly humbling. Your presence on the front lines of the COVID-19 fight demonstrates the indelible meaning of our motto "Of the Troops, for the Troops."

The accomplishments of our Soldiers are only possible due to the unyielding support of their Families. So to the Families of the Military Police Corps, thank you for your service and sacrifice. We cannot complete the mission without you and we appreciate your bravery in the face of these challenging times.

The Military Police Corps represents the very best of our nation and our Army. This has never been more apparent than today because of your efforts. Thank you. Assist, Protect, Defend! Giddy Up!

"Of the Troops, For the Troops."



B.R.B.

Brian R. Bisacre
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant

From the Regimental Command Sergeant Major

Greetings from the Home of the Regiment. It is official that I have been in place now for one year. So much has happened during that time and even as I write this entry we are fighting a battle that does not seem to give up ground. Rest assured eventually we will gain the high ground and push this thing back, returning to a slightly altered version of normalcy as soon as possible.

Over the last year we have together accomplished some heavy lifting to improve the overall readiness of the Regiment inside the NCO cohort. Starting with the Enlisted Board of Directors (EBOD) that is comprised of the Provost Marshal SGM, CID/ACC CSM and the Regimental CSM. The team works together with our senior commanders and General Officers to ensure that we are getting the right MP SGM in the right job at the right time to ensure that all matters related to protection and policing are covered at each echelon. The EBOD also generated a document that is available to every MP SGM/CSM and student in the academy to provide the clearest picture possible on assignments and glide path options based on future vacancies. This has created a more competitive environment for the Sergeant Major population and given more clarity to a sometimes unpredictable process.

Significant work went into updating U.S. Army Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Guide 600-25. Critical leadership time was addressed specifically in the update for all NCOs in CMF 31. This update in the near future will require NCOs to first complete leadership time in a 31 series position before taking an immaterial position in support of Army operations. Due to a



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Military Police School Command
Sergeant Major

constantly changing environment we also worked to add critical positions for consideration for promotion in the 31D Special Agent and 31K Military Working Dog Handler career maps. This update will help to ensure that the Army is selecting the NCO with the proper knowledge, skills, and attributes for advancement to the next level in our regiment.

Although our work is not done within the NCO Academy, we have over the last six months, have refined the ability to send the Advanced Leader Course out for a Field Training Exercise. Without a doubt we have the right team of Course Chiefs and Small Group Leaders working to ensure that the NCOs that attend training here at Fort Leonard Wood return to units capable of effectively leading squads in complex environments. The three examples that I have shared are the result of some of the greatest NCO, Officer, and DA Civilians working together to improve the Regiment. To all the individuals that

work to accomplish these tasks, I want to thank you for your patience and hard work.

Lastly, all over the world right now Military Police Soldiers and Department of the Army Civilians are holding the line against immeasurable odds. Times like these are going to be extremely taxing on families and organizations. We have been in similar territory before. The days following 9/11 that are now captured in our children's history books are still fresh in many of our memories. Our lives were changed overnight. During the last two weeks I have spent many hours getting to know better, the Drill Sergeants and Leaders of the 14th MP BDE. They have some long days and nights ahead of them as they continue to "Forge the Regiment" to ensure the flow of trained and ready Soldiers arriving at camps, posts, and stations across the globe. While we can't accurately predict what the future will deliver we know that as a team we will get through this period of social distancing. Remain focused on the safety and security of your mission, Soldiers and families...!

ASSIST, PROTECT, DEFEND



From the Regimental Chief Warrant Officer

Greetings from the Home of the Regiment! As we said farewell to the year 2019 and welcomed in the year 2020, the Military Police Corps Regiment continued to face unique challenges. As you all know COVID-19 has consumed a lot of our time and energy, especially at the Home of the Regiment. Early on our Commandant refocused and prioritized our efforts to ensure that we first, followed the Center for Disease Control guidelines for social distancing, to include maximizing telework to its fullest extent possible, with the intent of providing a safe, healthy, and low risk work environment for the United States Army Military Police School (USAMPS) workforce. Second, continued to train and educate Students/Soldiers in our courses within the guidelines established by Health Protection Conditions and in compliance with the guidance provide by the Department of the Army, Training and Doctrine Command and the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence. Aggressively sought remote learning solutions, to include developing alternate Training and Education methods and modalities to minimize pandemic



➔ **CW5 Mark W. Arnold**
Regimental Chief Warrant Officer

spread while training our Soldiers and determining minimum acceptable training standards to meet course objectives and return Soldiers to Home Station when possible. Third, took care of all USAMPS personnel with the specific priority of ensuring all leaders are properly engaged and absolute accountability of our personnel.

Provide leadership support to any and all Hospitalized, Quarantined, and/or Isolated USAMPS Soldiers, Civilians, and family members. Fourth, continued all other USAMPS missions when feasible/acceptable/suitable without violating the first three priorities and lastly, set the conditions to re-establish full mission support operations / conditions as quickly, efficiently, and safely as possible. Like true professions, the USAMPS workforce responded admirably. Everyone pulled together and executed the Commandant's guidance and directives to the letter. It was truly a sight to see and I am extremely proud to be associated with such professionals. It still may take some time to recover from the effects of COVID-19, but I am confident we will quickly overcome and resume full mission support operations. I am blessed to be a part of this team and extremely honored to serve in this great Regiment!

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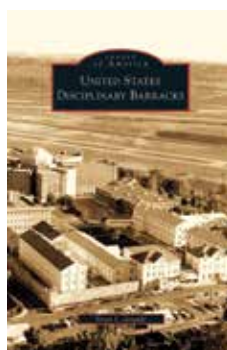
Military Police Regimental History



The Military Police Regimental History Book chronicles the history of our Regiment from WWII to present day. The book is richly illustrated with historic and contemporary photographs, stories, quotes, and over 1,000 personal biographies from Military Police Veterans. The 9"x12" book is available in a green leatherette cover with the Regimental crest

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United States Disciplinary Barracks



On May 21, 1874, Congress approved the establishment of the United States Disciplinary Barracks (USDB), formerly the United States Military Prison at Fort Leavenworth. The original prison was once a quartermaster depot, supplying all military posts, camps, and stations in the Indian Territory to the West. It has been the "center of correctional excellence" in the military for over 130 years, housing the most notorious service members in the armed forces, including maximum-custody inmates and those with death sentences. On October 5, 2002, retreat was played for the last time in front of the eight-story castle inside the old USDB, and another era started with the occupation of a new modern correctional facility.

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Neighborhood Support COVID-19 Response, Airmen and MP Soldiers on the Mission

BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. JULIE AVEY, 104TH FIGHTER WING/PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Security Forces Airmen from the 104th Fighter Wing, Barnes Air National Guard Base, Mass., and Soldiers with the 747th Military Police Company, Massachusetts Army National Guard, are providing security for testing sites and shelters for the homeless who may be positive COVID-19. The Airmen and Soldiers are working with the Springfield Police Department to ensure security and safety for the supplies, patients, and staff.

Massachusetts National Guard units were activated at the request of Governor Charlie Baker and are helping at the testing facilities as a joint-task force.

"It is nice Massachusetts is taking the initiative to help the homeless," said Staff Sgt. Michael Mazaik, 104FW SFS. "We are one big family, and I am glad to help out our city."

The Airmen and Soldiers are glad to be serving their community during these times.

"This is what we are here to help with when there is a national emergency or pandemic," said Tech. Sgt. Shomeret Chevalier, 104FW SFS. Chevalier was activated in support of COVID-19. She is normally busy with her studies, as a full-time student studying health and wellness at Bay Path College in Longmeadow, Mass. "That's what we signed up for to get to help local people —not just to deploy but actually help our people."

The security teams are working closely with Massachusetts Emergency Management interagency partners to provide this assistance. The Airmen and Soldiers will help direct incoming traffic to the COVID-19 screening stations and assist their partners on-site as part of a COVID-19 task force.

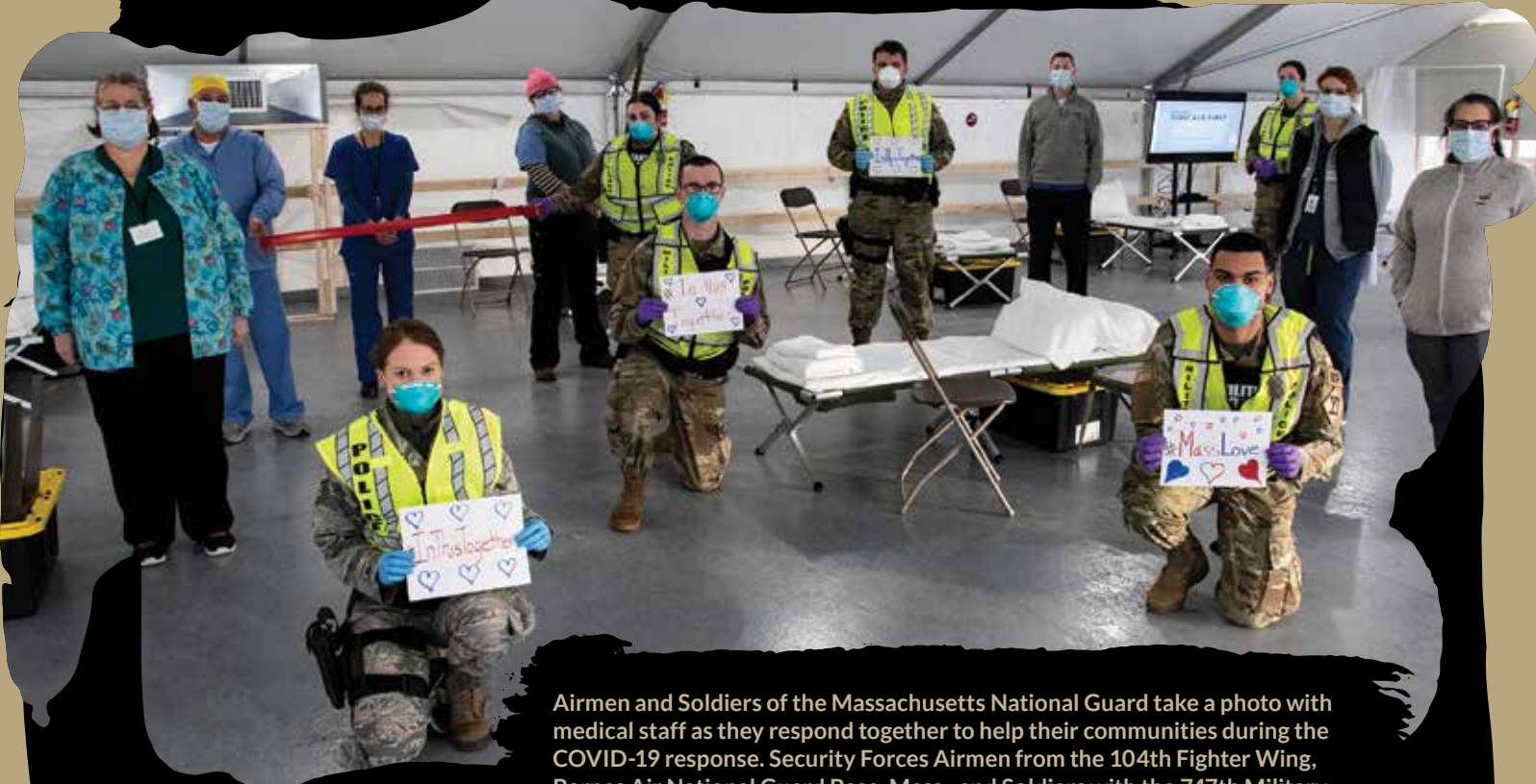
Spc. Alan Navarro of the 747MPC and native of Methuen, Mass., is glad to be helping out.

"It makes you feel good," said Navarro. "It is nice to be making a difference in people's lives."

"This mission is meaningful and rewarding," said Spc. Hayley Macdonald of the 747 MPC. In the civilian world, Macdonald works as a correctional officer cadet at a correctional facility in Chicopee. "Our communities are in this together to help and to keep everyone healthy."

Airmen and Soldiers of the Massachusetts National Guard take a photo as they respond together to help their communities during the COVID-19 response. (Left to Right: Airman Stephen Jeffers and Spc. Nicholas Navarro) (U.S. Air National Guard Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Julie Avey)





Airmen and Soldiers of the Massachusetts National Guard take a photo with medical staff as they respond together to help their communities during the COVID-19 response. Security Forces Airmen from the 104th Fighter Wing, Barnes Air National Guard Base, Mass., and Soldiers with the 747th Military Police Company, Massachusetts Army National Guard, are providing 24-hour security for testing sites and shelters for the homeless who may be positive COVID-19. (U.S. Air National Guard Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Julie Avey)



BMPD: FORGING

The Basic Military Police Training Division (BMPTD), aligned under the 14th Military Police Brigade, is an integral organization within the United States Army Military Police School (USAMPS) that trains and develops Military Police Soldiers. Instructors assigned to the BMPTD are responsible for executing 31B Advanced Individual Training (AIT). They are evaluated on their skills and operational experiences so that they can be assigned to the appropriate training committee where their expertise can best be utilized. The responsibility of the instructors is to prepare the Soldiers to be able to operate in both garrison and combat environments. Each training committee has a skill set that they instruct, leading to the Soldiers having subject matter experts teaching them how to be disciplined professionals in those respective skills.

Training is conducted at Stem Village, a dynamic training facility set up to represent a military installation. Multiple buildings within the village are designed as those that you would find on a military installation. The Soldiers have a mall, theater, gym, bar, housing units, a PMO, a confinement facility, and a detention facility (known as Camp Charlie) which they will respond to during their law enforcement training. There are facilities and locations away from Stem Village where Soldiers receive other training, such as an M9 range, active shooter facility, and courses for tactical vehicle training, emergency vehicle operators training, and security and mobility support training.

Training conducted at the BMPTD is based off of the Individual Critical Task List (ICTL) approved by the Commandant and is conducted by the following committees:

WEAPONS COMMITTEE

Soldiers are instructed on how to assemble, disassemble and shoot the M9 pistol, M240B machine gun and the M2 .50 Cal machine gun. The weapons committee has developed a program that increases the competency and confidence of the Soldiers by familiarizing them with the M240B and M2 and qualifying on the M9, their primary weapon system. Since the program began, the weapons committee has produced phenomenal results averaging above 95% first time qualifications on the United States Army Law Enforcement (USALE) qualification course.

VEHICLE DYNAMICS COMMITTEE

Vehicle Dynamics trains Soldiers in basic emergency driving tasks, skills, and driving operations. They receive blocks of instruction on driving techniques, vehicle capabilities, steering, accelerating, braking and backing. A more advanced class follows, which covers how to negotiate traffic in non-emergent and emergent scenarios, turns and curves, traffic circles, following distances, clearing intersections and emergency vehicle escorts. Soldiers then receive hands-on training with current patrol vehicles that they will encounter in the operational force. Completing a precision skill driving course demonstrates that they have retained knowledge and driving skills learned in the classroom.

ACTIVE SHOOTER COMMITTEE

Soldiers learn key fundamentals in responding to an active shooter incident to include responding to the location, clearing the building, stopping the threat and securing the scene. After the classroom portion, they learn to utilize their M4 carbine and M9 pistol while going through transition drills. Soldiers are then shown a demonstration of a scenario filled with all the fundamentals they should acquire throughout the day and then perform it themselves. They are then taken to an evaluation area where they are placed in a stressful situation filled with realistic role-players and training aids that enhance the learning environment in order for them to effectively handle an active shooter scenario.

DEFENSIVE TACTICS COMMITTEE

Defensive Tactics teaches Soldiers their escalation of force and how to use all their less than lethal tools while performing law enforcement duties. Throughout this training, the Soldiers are taught multiple ways to apprehend a compliant and non-compliant subject, how to search a subject and how to utilize strikes, control holds and takedowns on a subject. They also receive training on how to use OC spray, TASER and their expandable batons. After receiving blocks of instruction, they are partnered up with Soldiers to perform these tasks and gain confidence and comfortability going hands-on with another person.

LAW & ORDER COMMITTEE

Soldiers receive multiple blocks of instruction in all aspects of law enforcement that they will encounter. Soldiers learn the paperwork they will be using performing law enforcement duties and how to conduct and perform those law enforcement duties. They learn how to conduct interviews, collect and process evidence, conduct traffic stops and how to respond to multiple different situations. They are required to pass a hands-on evaluation and three written examinations. Soldiers also conduct a multi-day law enforcement exercise within Stem Village, designed to reinforce and observe all law enforcement skills taught during their training, as they respond to multiple scenarios handling different calls that they will be confronted by as Military Police Officers.

TACTICAL VEHICLE TRAINING (TVT) COMMITTEE

Soldiers train on the M1151A1 HMMWV during this training. They are taught the Technical Manual (TM), how to identify faults on a vehicle that would render the vehicle mission capable or non-mission capable and list the faults on the appropriate DA Form. Soldiers are required to operate vehicles in a confined space using a three point turn and proper ground guiding techniques, perform a slow and high speed slalom and conduct emergency stops. The last task the Soldiers must perform is convoy operations. They are given a convoy brief and then drive the designated route maintaining the proper speed and interval. A new training strategy is being designed to focus on the MATV, a new all-terrain vehicle commonly used in a combat environment, where the Soldiers will receive similar training to what is currently instructed for the HMMWV.

DETAINEE OPERATIONS

The mission of committee is to train Soldiers on critical tasks representing detainee operations. The Soldiers learn how to conduct a proper strip-search, escort and guard detainees within a detainment facility. Soldiers must be prepared to detain a wide array of individuals and properly control, maintain, protect and account for them in accordance with applicable U.S. laws, policies, and the law of war. Over two days, the

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BY SSG KYLE A. ASH, DEFENSIVE TACTICS INSTRUCTOR, BASIC MILITARY POLICE TRAINING DIVISION

Soldiers receive 16 hours of training which ends with a culminating event conducted at Camp Charlie where they are evaluated on the aforementioned tasks.

COMMON CORE COMMITTEE

Common Core trains Soldiers on advanced map reading and advanced communications. Soldiers receive four hours of instruction on the use of communication radios in both single channel and frequency hopping modes, verbiage used through tactical radio communication, as well as familiarization with the simple key loader so they can load the radio for operation. Soldiers also receive four hours of training on map reading, how to orientate a map, how to plot grids, how to use resection and intersection and navigate with the use of a military map.

SECURITY AND MOBILITY SUPPORT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Soldiers are trained how to apply military police combat power in support of the movement, maneuver, and protection warfighting functions in a combat environment. Soldiers receive classroom instruction on how to conduct a traffic control post (TCP), roadblocks, checkpoints and convoy security. They conduct training lanes where they get engaged by enemy fighters, performing in the roles of gunner, truck commander, and driver in order to understand each role's scope of responsibilities. Throughout the lanes, they also demonstrate and are evaluated on setting up and operating TCP's, checkpoints and roadblocks as a team.

BATTLEFIELD FORENSICS COMMITTEE

This committee trains Soldiers on the unique way of preserving and collecting forensic evidence of intelligence value in a tactical environment. Soldiers learn how to use biometric tools, identify and lift latent fingerprints, and how to document a crime scene, through photography and a sketch of the scene. Soldiers are evaluated on processing a scene, once as an individual and then once more as a battlefield forensics team. The sites have planted items, requiring the Soldiers to figure out what is of value and what is not needed.

It is the BMPTD instructors, along with the dedicated Drill Sergeants, who lay the foundation and develop the framework of the future force of the Military Police Regiment and the United States Army. These instructors and Drill Sergeants are a conduit, transferring skills, experience and knowledge from one generation of Military Police to the next. It is of utmost priority to instill these fundamentals into the Soldiers so they not only survive their situations, but to also mitigate the loss of life to the absolute minimum possible. The combined efforts of these two entities produces some of the finest Soldiers and Military Police to enter the force to assist, protect and defend all around the world.

NOTE FROM THE BMPTD CHIEF, RETIRED 1SG, MR. DAVID ROSS:

"We are always looking for highly motivated, professional NCO's to be instructors. There is nothing better than to be able to train Soldiers every day. So come on out to Fort Leonard Wood and join our team."

Top to bottom: SSG Hardenburgh analyzing evidence with the Soldiers in Battlefield Forensics. SSG Ash assists in prone handcuffing techniques during Defensive Tactics. SFC Polanco describes the patrol vehicle and course during Vehicle Dynamics. SSG Cooney briefs facility operations of Detainee Ops.



DOG HANDLERS

& MAN'S BEST FRIEND DEVELOP SPECIAL BOND

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CHUCK CANNON,
FORT POLK PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

For the 20 members of Fort Polk's 50th Military Working Dog Detachment, 519th Military Police Battalion, the moniker "Man's Best Friend" takes on a whole new meaning.

These Warriors spend nearly every day building relationships with the dogs placed into their care, forming teams that save the lives of Soldiers fighting the nation's wars in places such as Afghanistan and Iraq.

"I see it as, you're out there to make sure everyone is safe," said Spc. Joseph Carrasco. "Everybody is a team, but you're there to make sure they get from point A to point B safely, and they make it home safely. That's a satisfying part of the job — making sure everyone comes home."

While Carrasco has yet to deploy, he has worked stateside security missions. However, Sgt. Kristin Vanderzanden deployed to



Spc. Scott Kokjohn, 50th MWD, runs Astro through a training course that tests a dog's ability to overcome physical obstacles.

Afghanistan with her dog Frankie. The pair spent nine months with a 3rd Special Forces Group team.

"I got Frankie as a green dog, straight from Lackland (Air Force Base) doggie boot camp," Vanderzanden said. "I was also new. We were pushed through training very fast, and ended up deploying within a year to Afghanistan."

Supporting a Special Forces A Team fulfilled a dream of Vanderzanden's.

"That was a big reason I wanted to be a dog handler; that's why I joined the Army," she said. "When I joined, females couldn't go Special Forces so I hoped that by becoming a dog handler I might be able to do something that was challenging. We got through the deployment and Frankie and I had a great relationship with the SF Soldiers we were working with. We are a good team."

Vanderzanden said the textbook answer is "no" when asked if the dogs become part of a handler's family.

"You're not supposed to make the dog a part of your family, but I don't think that is realistic," she said. "Frankie's my partner, he's my baby. We've been together almost three years and made it through a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan."

"We've survived through some tough times. He's been the one consistent thing in my life the last three years."

Sgt. 1st Class James O'Grady, the 50th MWD kennel master, said he's worked as an MP or dog handler for 19 years. He said it's difficult when it's time to PCS or move up in rank and have to leave your "partner."

"I've been a handler for about 14 years, had eight dogs and three deployments with three different dogs," he said. "They were all



Once training is complete, it's time for a little play.

year-long deployments, so we spend a lot of time with these dogs. It's just you and your dog when you're on patrol, so you're in there just talking with your dog for a 12-hour shift. The dog is the only one you have to talk to. When we deploy, the dog stays with you in a room; we don't have nice kennels like this for them to stay in."

O'Grady said he tells his handlers not to get too emotionally attached to their dogs.

"But you're always going to have that attachment," he said. "That's tough sometimes for handlers, because in the Army, you eventually move."

It can also be tough if your partner succumbs to injury or sickness. Spc. Scott Kokjohn's partner, Dan, died during surgery while the pair was deployed to Afghanistan.

"It was a lot harder than I imagined," he said. "I had dogs growing up and some died of old age and it was just part of life. But it's different when you have a special bond with them. I had that special bond with Dan. We saved people; you can't get any closer than we were."

Kokjohn said that often while they were deployed it was just he and Dan for extended periods of time.

"We lived together, slept together, everything," he said. "But life happens and you have to move on. I was fortunate: As soon as I got back they gave me a new dog they had just gotten from Lackland. She's wild, full of energy and has no off switch. She's making slow progress but she'll get there."

Kokjohn said it is inevitable that he compares his new dog — Astro — with Dan.

"I've struggled a bit, comparing her to Dan; he was experienced and had been with different handlers," he said. "But she'll be fine; it will just take a little time, for both of us."

While Vanderzanden, Kokjohn and Carrasco work with bomb sniffing dogs, Spc. Mackenzie Velarde has a narcotics dog. Velarde said she's following a family tradition — sort of — with her military job.

"My mom was an MP, but I wanted to do something a little different," she said. "So even though I'm an MP, I'm also a dog handler, MOS 31K."

Once the pair is certified, Velarde said they will work the road on routine police patrol duty and assist commanders with health and welfare inspections and similar missions.



Spc. Scott Kokjohn, 50th Military Working Dog Detachment, 519th Military Police Battalion, works on obedience training with his canine partner, Astro, before a training session at the 50th MWD kennel on Fort Polk's Service Command Center Loop.

"She (Velarde) will get a lot of phone calls at 2 or 3 o'clock in morning," O'Grady said.

The dogs receive daily training at the kennel, located on Service Command Center Loop, and other locations on Fort Polk. They focus on detecting explosives or narcotics, depending on their specialty.

Of the unit's 14 dogs, four are currently deployed. Although everyone in the unit is a trained handler, only 18 are currently working with dogs.

Each of the Soldiers said one of the most important traits a handler can have is patience.

"Dogs are intuitive," Vanderzanden said. "If you get frustrated, they will know it. They have distinct personalities and like people,

they have good days and bad days. If he senses I'm upset, it will affect how he handles.

O'Grady agreed and said that makes the job difficult at times.

"A dog can't tell you if he's upset or hurting," he said. "That's why we do so much training so we can learn to read our dogs as accurately as possible."

While having to leave a dog for a new assignment or for a promotion is tough, O'Grady said there is no other job he'd rather have in the Army.

"I can't see myself doing anything else," he said. "We've proven in battle that we can protect Soldiers and get them home safely to their families. And at the end of the day, that makes what we do worthwhile."

FORT CARSON MP COMPANY CLAIMS TOP ARMY HONOR

By Fort Carson Public Affairs Office

When the 759th Military Police Battalion announced last November that two of its units had garnered U.S. Forces Command excellence awards for 2019, most assumed that if any unit inside the battalion was going to win an Army-level award it would be the 110th MP Company or the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 759th MP Bn.

However, the battalion's 59th MP Company was deployed at the time, supporting U.S. European Command units and, as it turned out, had also advanced to the Army's top level of excellence competition, the Maj. Gen. Harry H. Bandholtz Award, through U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR).

Last month, the Army announced after careful consideration, the 59th MP Company was the best company in the Army MP corps for 2019.

Maj. Gen. Kevin Vereen, provost marshal general, traveled to the Mountain Post to congratulate and recognize the Soldiers during a ceremony at the William "Bill" Reed Special Events Center Feb. 12, 2020. He brought along some hardware, too — an official framed Maj. Gen. Harry H. Bandholtz Award and an impressive gold trophy — which he awarded to Capt. James W. Walton, commander, 59th MP and 1st Sgt. Jason W. Craddock, senior enlisted leader, 59th MP Company.

"The 59th MPs deployed to Europe in support of Atlantic Resolve, but even as newcomers to the theater, they impressed brigade theater leadership to the point where

they were recognized over the brigade's organic units," Vereen said. "They competed for the Bandholtz award with their readiness in every single category. Their Soldier, training and equipment readiness was exemplary, as they earned a 95-percent or better (grade) in every single category."

Following the official delivery of the Bandholtz Award, Maj. Gen. Matthew W. McFarlane, commanding general, 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, provided U.S. Forces Command (FORSCOM) Eagle Awards and unit trophies to Capt. Alexis A. Marione, commander, and 1st Sgt. Ashley J. McDougale, senior enlisted leader, both with 110th MP Company; and Capt. John T. Horner, commander, and Sgt. 1st Class, Adam R. Norton, detachment sergeant, both with Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 759th MP Bn.

Last November, when the FORSCOM Eagle Awards were announced, Lt. Col. Ryan Cagle, commander, 759th MP Bn., said winning the FORSCOM Eagle Award is an outstanding symbol of the hard work and dedication by the amazing Soldiers across the "Lone Sentinel" Battalion. Competing in competitions such as the Eagle Award and Bandholtz Award helps make a better organization, while providing a great opportunity to represent the Griffin Brigade, Mountain Post and "Ivy" Division.

"This kind of thing doesn't happen often," Vereen said during his recognition speech Feb. 12. "We have two different units receiving FORSCOM Eagle Awards and a third earning the newly named Bandholtz Award, all in the same battalion at the same time. That is an

amazing feat. It speaks to the leadership of this organization, the commissioned officers, the NCOs and our Soldiers. It truly distinguishes the 59th MP Company for what it's done."

To be considered for both the Eagle and Bandholtz awards, military police units develop packages detailing their experiences and accomplishments throughout the year, then submit those packages to FORSCOM and the Army for review.

A board of officers and sergeants major then comb through packages and form a consensus about the best units. They compare the best and determine a winner. There is no award for second place.

Oddly enough, the 59th MP Company includes 159 Soldiers, a standard sized unit for an MP company. But Craddock explained that most of the Soldiers arrived in the unit a few months prior to its deployment to Europe.

"When Capt. Walton took command early last year, he and I set a goal for this company to be the best," Craddock said. "We resolved to create a climate and culture of developing Soldiers. Regardless of the trophy, we are proud of these Soldiers because they've proved ... they are the best."

FORT CARSON, Colo. — Maj. Gen. Kevin Vereen, left, provost marshal general, awards the Maj. Gen. Harry H. Bandholtz Award to Capt. James W. Walton, commander, 59th Military Police Company, 759th MP Battalion, while Sgt. Maj. Larry Orvis, right, provost marshal sergeant major, awards the accompanying trophy to 1st Sgt. Jason W. Craddock, senior enlisted leader, 59th MP, during a ceremony Feb. 12, 2020, at the William "Bill" Reed Special Events Center. (Photo by Scott Prater)



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MP VETERAN WHO SERVED OVERSEAS IN WWII WILL SOON TURN 100 YEARS OLD

BY JEREMY P. ÄMICK

As he approaches his 100th birthday celebration April 4, Fay Holt has a catalogue of fascinating experiences to reflect upon, ranging from growing up on a farm near Dixie in the 1920s to serving with an African American military police company in World War II. Some of these memories are pleasant, while others are defined by hardship; regardless, he moves forward with a humorous perspective on where life has carried him.

"I used to be 200 pounds, and I'm a long way from that now," he grinned. "You get to my age and you start drying up a little bit."

Holt said as a young boy, he received an eighth-grade education at a local Methodist church in the days of Jim Crow, when black children were not allowed to attend the local white school. He then began his career working on a local farm, clinging to aspirations of someday embarking upon his own agricultural endeavors.

However, the summer of 1942 brought with it major changes when he received a letter that led to his induction into the U.S. Army. Arriving at Jefferson Barracks in July 1942, Holt was sent to Camp Whitside — a military site once located on Fort Riley, Kansas.

"We took our basic training there and were part of an all-black outfit ... including our instructors," Holt recalled. "The walls of our barracks were wooden with canvas tops, and we learned self-defense and even how to shoot 12-gauge shotguns."

While at Camp Whitside, Holt and his fellow trainees were assigned to Company A, 743rd Military Police Battalion. Throughout the next several months, the soldiers of the company continued in their specialized training while learning to guard prisoner of war camps and performing police-related functions such as traffic control.

The application of their months of training arrived in early August 1943, when they boarded trains that carried them to the East Coast. From there, they boarded troop ships that soon sailed for Algeria.

"There were a lot of people that got sick on the boat going over, but not me!" he proudly



A 22-year-old Fay Holt is pictured while training as a military policeman at Camp Whitside on Fort Riley, Kansas, in 1942. Courtesy of Fay Holt.

exclaimed. "When we got to Algeria, it was hot, burning the devil out of us." He grinned in reflection.

Upon their arrival in North Africa, the battalion engaged in a number of security duties, later serving at a location in Tunisia. Shortly thereafter, the battalion departed on troop ships bound for Naples, Italy, where they received a less than friendly welcome.

"Once we got off the ship, we were running for cover and toting our shotguns," he said. "We scrambled to a nearby building because there were mortar rounds going off all around us."

The battle that unfolded upon their arrival soon settled down and they resumed activities similar to those conducted in North Africa — guard duty, security and traffic control for secure areas. Although there were occasions when Holt believed he might have to shoot an aggressive prisoner of war, it was the local children who left an enduring impression on him.

"I really felt for the kids over there in Italy," he solemnly explained. "A lot of them didn't have anything to eat, and several times I'd give them my food."

He softly added, "I hate to see somebody

go hungry, especially a child."

The war in Europe ended in May 1945, and the 743rd Military Police Battalion prepared to board ships bound for the war raging in the Pacific. Fortunately, the Japanese surrendered and the battalion was redirected back to the United States. After their arrival on the East Coast in late November 1945, Holt was sent to Jefferson Barracks and discharged a few days later.

In the years that followed, he married, built a home in Guthrie and went on to raise six children. However, Holt said, he was never able to pursue his desired career as a farmer.

"I tried farming at first, but I could never make enough money at it to support a family," he said.

Eventually, the veteran spent several years driving a truck and working as a police officer for the New Bloomfield Police Department. He later embarked upon a career as a guard at the former Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City, retiring after 26 years of employment.

His golden years have provided him time for many relaxing activities, but he most enjoys playing checkers at his retirement community in Eldon, proudly declaring he has earned the coveted distinction of "checkers champion" because of his achievements in the game.

Though on the cusp of his 100th birthday, Holt claims there is not a specific practice that has led to his longevity, but he affirms he enjoys drinking a can of beer every day. Additionally, he explained many of his fellow veterans may possess unwavering memories of their own service, but he has forgotten much of his own because of activities occurring after his discharge.

"I am proud of my military service and all that we did during the war," Holt said. "But looking back on all of it, I can't tell you much of what happened because it wasn't something that I sat around thinking about when it was over."

He further noted, "When I got home from the war, I had to go to work because I had a family to take care of and back then, let me tell you... that was some tough work. I didn't have time to sit around and think about the Army."

READY TO MOVE OUT

U.S. Army Reserve MPs train to expedite mobilization process

U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers assigned to the 138th Military Police Detachment tested their ability to rapidly mobilize during an emergency deployment rehearsal exercise at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, March 8, 2020.

Capt. Dylan Everett, an operations officer for the 138th Military Police Detachment, organized the unit to load equipment in various configurations and conduct a convoy simulating a rapid deployment. This training enhances the unit's ability to support critical missions and mobilize efficiently.

"I think it's a big deal and it should be done more," said Everett. "A unit like this is supposed to be able to move rapidly because it's smaller and we report directly to the Pentagon."

The 138th Military Police Detachment is the U.S. Army Reserve's only theater army detention center which reports detainee movement to the Pentagon.

"This training prevents us from being stagnant even though we're able to go to war anytime," said Everett. "It shows everyone, from leaders in the unit – to the lowest rank how this needs to be done."

During the exercise Soldiers

loaded a light medium tactical vehicle with necessary gear including clothing, computers, and weapon racks. Once this vehicle was loaded, Soldiers convoyed to locations they would visit prior to a mobilization.

"I've done deployment readiness exercises previously, but they've never been this elaborate," said Everett.

Spc. Stephanie Berrios, a unit supply specialist assigned to the 138th Military Police Detachment, tracked and arranged equipment onto the various platforms throughout the exercise.

"It's exciting because we've never done something like this before," said Berrios. "It feels good to have accountability as a supply Soldier and see what we're taking."

Berrios said this exercise provides immediate feedback for what supplies are needed to ensure the unit is mission capable.

"We never know when the balloon is going to pop," said Berrios. "If we were to go today, we have an account of the equipment we would need to make sure we're ready."

As Soldiers completed the various load-plans, 138th Military Police Detachment commander, Lt. Col. Philander Pinckney, provided feedback to Soldier's on the unit's mission readiness.

"I think it's a good requirement for everyone," said Pinckney. "It lets you see exactly how you are in terms of what you need to address in your unit."

Pinckney said the units specialized mission provides a higher standard for how the unit must address mobilization readiness.

"Because we are unique it adds fire," said Pinckney. "Yes, we are MPs, but we are the only unit in the Army Reserve with that mission."

Pinckney said this requirement is beneficial to individual Soldiers to assess how they may address future deployments.

"It makes me feel really great, the Soldiers are really engaged in the training and seeing where we are if we need to deploy," said Pinckney. "It gives them that chance to learn lessons and make sure the next time we do this exercise we progress."

BY SPC. NICHOLLE SALVATIERRA

Michigan National Guard members called to active duty to aid national COVID-19 response

BY MAJ. CHARLES CALIO, DOUGLAS HALLEAUX AND CAPT. ANDREW LAYTON, MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD

The Michigan National Guard's 46th Military Police Command, based in Lansing, has received a request to support the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as part of the national COVID-19 emergency.

The 46th MP Command is expected to support FEMA by providing medical, planning, communication, transportation and logistics support. They will not directly participate in civilian law enforcement activities.

The call up comes after the activation of all ten FEMA regions in response to COVID-19. The 46th MP Command will be aiding most of the middle 1/3 of the U.S., including FEMA regions five (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin), six (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas) and seven (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska).

The request will call approximately 160 men and women of the Michigan National Guard to active service for the national response to COVID-19. This is in addition to approximately 140 Michigan



National Guard personnel already supporting the State of Michigan's response. There is an additional strength of more than 8,500 Michigan National Guardsmen and women presently following stay-at-home guidance to ensure they are healthy and ready if called upon as the response to COVID-19 continues.

In addition to its traditional Michigan National Guard mission, the 46th MP Command has an enduring mission supporting United States Army North (ARNORTH). It was in this context that the unit was selected to support the national response to COVID-19. The 46th MP Command maintains longstanding partnerships with federal and state emergency managers to help ensure a rapid and unified national response.

"The 46th MP Command is a great organization," said Maj. Gen. Paul Rogers, adjutant general of the Michigan National Guard. "This is an opportunity for the men and women of the Michigan National Guard to show what Michigan brings to the table in times of homeland emergencies."



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Taps *for* MP Hall of Famer

COL (Ret.) Bill Hart interred at Arlington National Cemetery

BY MIKE GALLOUCIS

On October 29, 2019, an interment ceremony was held at Arlington National Cemetery in honor of Col. (Ret.) William (“Bill”) L. Hart. He was a career MP officer and member of the Military Police Corps Regiment Hall of Fame who passed away at 73 on May 12, 2019 in Hamilton, Montana. Attendees at the ceremony included Bill’s wife Carol, his four daughters Laurie, Amy, Kristen and Erica and son Robert and their families, other relatives, friends and business associates. Many MPs also attended, including Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Alfonso Lenhardt, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Gil Meyer, several members of the Retired Military Police Officers Association (RMPOA) and countless other current,

former and retired MP officers and NCOs. Maj. Gen. Kevin Vereen (Commanding General U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command) represented CIDC and the Office of the Provost Marshal General. He offered private remarks to Carol Hart and presented her with the folded American flag that was draped over the coffin and transported to the burial site in a horse-drawn caisson escorted by Soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard). Hart is buried in section 57, site 292.

Hart’s impressive Army career as an MP officer spanned more than 34 years and included wartime service in both Vietnam in 1972-73 and in Afghanistan in 2006-07. For both of his wartime deployments, Hart volunteered to serve in

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Bill Hart was a superstar and a very special friend of mine. He not only excelled in all facets of the Army and Military Police Corps, but also in the corporate arena. Bill served in Vietnam and volunteered to return to active duty long after he retired, to serve in Afghanistan – the epitome of selfless service,” said Maj. Gen. Gil Meyer, a member of the MP Corps Regiment Hall of Fame. “Bill left this world too early and too suddenly. I will miss him.

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combat and both times he was directly involved in establishing and/or providing leadership at large-scale detainee facilities. He is one of only a handful of U.S. Army Soldiers in any military specialty or rank to have served in both Vietnam and Afghanistan.

Hart graduated from Arizona State University, where he majored in history, was enrolled in Army ROTC and played varsity football. He later earned an MBA from Central Michigan University, graduated from the FBI Academy and completed a fellowship in business management at Stanford University. He commanded two MP companies in Vietnam and three MP companies in Korea; commanded the 95th MP Battalion in Mannheim, Germany from 1984-86; was commandant of the United States Disciplinary Barracks from 1992-94 and then served over two years as the Garrison Commander of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Hart was widely considered among the most well-known and influential MP officers of his generation and at different times in his Army career served as the MP Branch Chief and later as Chief of Colonels Division at U.S. Army Military Personnel Command (MILPERCEN) in Alexandria, Va. He was inducted into the MP Corps Regiment Hall of Fame with other members of the Class of 2018. Hart's successful private sector endeavors included establishing the Law Enforcement Professional (LEP) program that provided direct support to MP units and other warfighters in Iraq and Afghanistan; establishing separate security, book publishing and cookie companies; serving as Chief Operating Officer of a drug testing company and as a consultant to the Army and Air Force Exchange System (AAFES). He battled and overcame stage 4 cancer before returning to active duty to serve in Afghanistan in 2006.

As a no-time-in-grade captain, I served as the Assistant S3 in the 95th MP Battalion in 1984 when Lt. Col. Hart was commanding the "Superstar" battalion. At 6'7," with the broad



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Bill Hart was my battalion commander when I was a platoon leader in the 66th MP Company in Germany. He taught me how to take care of soldiers. Later in that tour, I relocated to Mannheim and was assigned to a new organization we called the Mobile Security Team. I was training one day on self-defense with my soldiers and lieutenant colonel Hart got in the boxing ring with me and the other soldiers and taught us how to box,” said Col. (Ret.) Brenda Bess. “Bill Hart was an amazing man and he will certainly be missed.”

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shoulders of a former offensive tackle and possessing a deep voice, he was literally and figuratively a larger-than-life character who deeply cared for every Soldier in the battalion. He remained loyal to everyone he served with throughout their military careers and was one of the MP Corps' most highly regarded and influential mentors for many years.

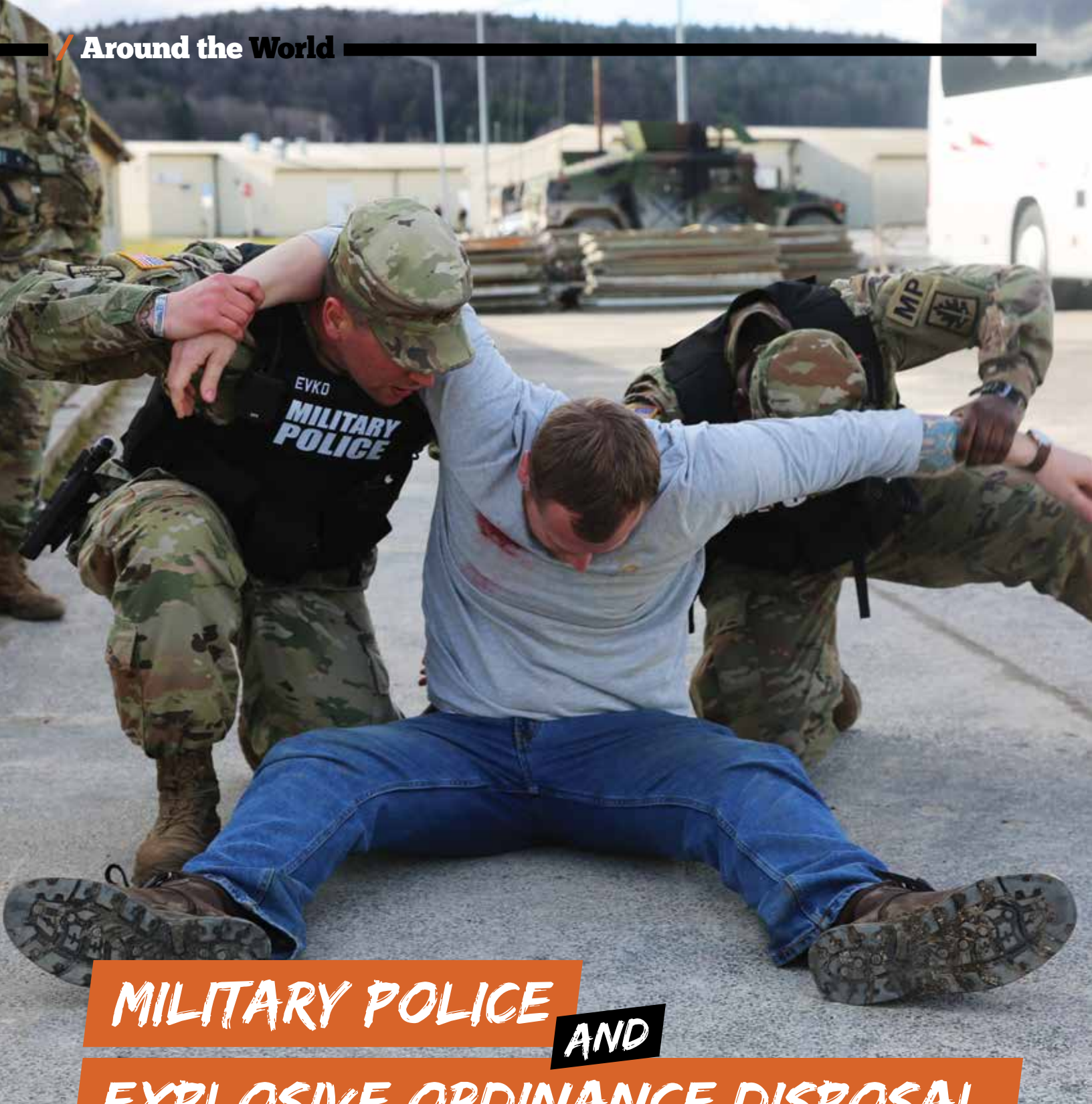
My fondest memory involving Bill Hart was seeing him outside the dining facility at Camp Arifjan in Kuwait in August 2006. I was commanding

the 89th MP Brigade at the time, and along with other Soldiers in our HQ was processing through Arifjan in route to Iraq for our OIF tour. As I walked and got closer to the chow hall that hot, humid evening, I thought I might be hallucinating. The large man in the distance resembled my former battalion commander – who I knew had retired from the Army many years ago – and he was wearing the Army Combat Uniform (ACU). After a few more steps, I saw Bill's smile and his large right hand extended offering a handshake. And in that same deep voice I heard so often as a young officer in Germany more than 20 years earlier, he said, “Hello Mike, how have you been? It's been a while.” Bill was in Kuwait on his way to Afghanistan after volunteering to return to active duty following a decade in the private sector. Although at 60 he was older than nearly every Army four-star general at the time, Bill was fit, motivated and eager to face the challenges he knew were awaiting him in Afghanistan. My last contact with Bill was calling him in the spring of 2018 to congratulate him on being selected for induction into the MP Corps Regiment Hall of Fame. He was deeply humbled and grateful for his selection, but quickly changed the topic and asked me how my family was doing. Anyone who knew Bill knows that is the type of person he was.

The MPs who served with or had contact with Col. Bill Hart, in peacetime or during wartime, will individually and collectively ensure his legacy of selfless service and commitment to the MP Corps Regiment will endure and be passed on to future generations of MPs.

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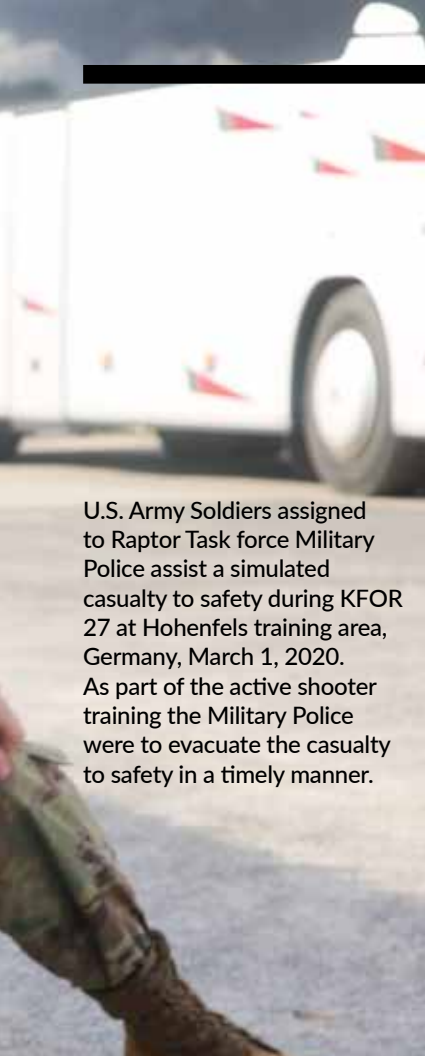
Mike Gallouc is a retired MP colonel who served 30 years on active duty. He has been a lifetime MPRA member since 2005.



MILITARY POLICE AND EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL

RESPOND TO ACTIVE SHOOTER SCENARIO ON HOHENFELS

BY PVT. JORDAN HUMPHRIES PHOTOS BY PFC. JORDAN HUMPHRIES
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U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to Raptor Task force Military Police assist a simulated casualty to safety during KFOR 27 at Hohenfels training area, Germany, March 1, 2020. As part of the active shooter training the Military Police were to evacuate the casualty to safety in a timely manner.

Members of the Raptors Observer Coach/Trainers team oversee an active shooter scenario during KFOR 27. Task Force Military Police and Task Force Explosive Ordinance Disposal participated in the training as it provides awareness, preparation, prevention and response methods.

“This training is important to the MP’s because active shooter incidents are reoccurring, so knowing how to react and how to save lives in case of an incident is really important,” said Sgt. 1st. Class Juan Salinas, an observer coach trainer with the Raptors team.

U.S. Army Capt. Toby Neal, an observer coach trainer, added “This is a great opportunity for law enforcement to get realistic training and a chance to see if they are on target with paintball rounds.”

During the training there were two active shooter role players, one armed with a detonator the other with an explosive vest. The role players were tasked with holding a building unknown to the Military Police and taking hostages. The Military Police had three initial tasks eliminating the threat, getting the hostages out of the building safely and finding the explosive.

The training did not come without its challenges, the building was an obstacle because the Military Police had no layout or pre-plans for it and there was only one exit and entrance.

“Soldiers in general are trained to go towards gunfire, but with MP’s the number one priority is to eliminate threats and preserve life — this means they have to overcome obstacles that may be in their way.” said Neal.

With the limitations stacking up they did not allow that to stop them from doing their jobs. After disarming the active shooter role players, the Military Police called in Task Force Explosive Ordinance Disposal to disarm the explosive.

“The MP’s did a great job getting enough personnel to eliminate the threat. Many Soldiers were in the building securing the safety of the hostages. Once cleared, the Explosive Ordinance Disposal was sent in to get rid of the explosive threat,” stated Salinas.

With the completion and mission success under their belts Task Force Military Police and Explosive Ordinance Disposal are ready for anything thrown their way during KFOR 27.

U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to Raptor Task force Military Police work together to eliminate the simulated active shooter threat during KFOR 27 at Hohenfels training area, Germany, March 1, 2020. Active shooter training provides preparation, prevention and response methods.



U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to Raptor Task Force Explosive Ordinance Disposal prepares to deal with the simulated explosive vest threat during KFOR 27 at Hohenfels training area, Germany, March 1, 2020. EOD’s job is to dispose of high explosive munitions.



KFOR RC EAST'S TASK FORCE MP REFLECTS ON ITS DEPLOYMENT

BY SGT. LYNNWOOD THOMAS, 40TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

Task Force Military Police spent their KFOR rotation enforcing laws on Camp Bondsteel, participating in training exercises and taking advantage of opportunities for personal growth from July 2019 to March 2020.

TF MP has worked to further the KFOR mission of contributing to a safe and secure environment and freedom of movement for the people of Kosovo. The military police task force oversaw a wide array of operations that significantly increased mission effectiveness on their deployment in KFOR Regional Command-East.

Task Force MP was comprised of a provost marshal from

the 44th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, New Jersey Army National Guard; an MP detachment from the 293rd MP Company, Fort Stewart, Ga.; and a military working dog team from 100th Military Working Dog Police Detachment, Kaiserslautern, Germany.

“We got a great opportunity to work with our multinational partners on military police operations,” said U.S. Army Maj. Matthew Zilinski, RC-E provost marshal. “The importance of multinational cooperation is that you see how many different countries and contributing nations work together for a safe and secure environment and freedom of movement for all who live in Kosovo.”



Regional Command-East Provost Marshal Matthew Zilinski greets Swiss Army Military Police Commanders during their visit to Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, August 7, 2019. Task Force MP and the International Military Police met monthly throughout the KFOR 26 rotation to plan training, conduct patrols and share best practices among the MP community. (U.S. Army Photo by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Young, Regional Command-East Task Force Public Affairs)



Regional Command-East Task Force Military Police meets with Swiss Army Military Police Commanders during their visit to Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, August 7, 2019. Task Force MP and the International Military Police met monthly throughout the KFOR 26 rotation to plan training, conduct patrols and share best practices among the MP community. (U.S. Army Photo by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Young, Regional Command-East Task Force Public Affairs)



Military Working Dog Diana, U.S. Sgt. Mathew Dobson and Spc. Evan Tortorigi with Regional Command-East's Task Force Military Police, perform an attack demonstration for Swiss Army MP Commanders on Camp Bondsteel August 7, 2019. Task Force MP and the International Military Police met monthly throughout the KFOR 26 rotation to plan training, conduct patrols and share best practices among the MP community. (U.S. Army Photo by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Young, Regional Command-East Task Force Public Affairs)



U.S. Army Sgt. James Bass, military working dog handler, Task Force Military Police, explains the purpose of training equipment during an installation tour with Cub Scout Pack 2008 March 1, 2020, on Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo. The scouts visited Task Forces Medical, Medivac, Military Police and Explosive Ordnance Disposal to speak with Soldiers, ask questions and participate in interactive demonstrations. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Lynnwood Thomas, 40th Public Affairs Detachment)

Zilinski said the relationship between TF MP and the International Military Police was a key point in the deployment.

"The first goal that we had was to meet the mission as a task force, and the mission is law enforcement," U.S. Army Lt. Sarah Baermann, officer in charge of TF MP said. "We have, in my opinion, met and exceeded what we needed to and improved the standards and processes here at the provost marshal's office."

Another goal of TF MP was to promote Soldier and professional development through military schools and college classes, Baermann said.

"All of us here are MPs by trade, and we've learned a lot of additional roles while we've been here," she said. "We've learned some new tasks and functions, and I think everyone's really put their best foot forward and accomplished what they needed to."

U.S. Army Sgt. James Bass, a military Working Dog Handler with TF MP, is one Soldier who was able to work toward his educational goals during the deployment.

"I've taken 30 credit hours and held a 4.0 GPA with Purdue University," he said. "My major is criminal justice and homeland security, and I graduate May 5."

Bass said some accomplishments of the rotation were helping to pass their annual veterinary inspection and working with other nations to provide support throughout Kosovo.

"My highlights of the rotation have been doing security details and providing overall protection with units from

other countries, he said."

Baermann said that one of her highlights was TF MP helping to reopen Range 7, the marksmanship training range on Camp Bondsteel. Baermann's team certified the range by conducting its inaugural training.

"We were the first ones to shoot on it and identify any things that needed to be corrected," she said. "It was probably one of the best ranges I've ever shot on."

She also said the support they received from the 44th IBCT command team was essential to TF MP's overall success.

"The brigade command staff has been very empowering of our ability to make decisions for our task force and Soldiers, and supporting the personnel actions and supply necessities that were needed to help the task force function," she said.

On the cusp of KFOR 26, Soldiers from TF MP said they have positive feelings about the work they have done on this deployment. Baermann offered recommendations for Soldiers of the incoming rotation.

"My advice to KFOR 27 is to look critically at processes and actually adapt them to the current situation," she said. "[Don't] just [rely on] how things were run in the past. I have learned a lot of things while I've been here, so I definitely appreciate the opportunity to come out here and work with everybody – my NCO team, the brigade and everyone who's been a part of KFOR 26."

FROM COMBAT TO COUCH

BY PFC. ANASTASIA RAKOWSKY, 27TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

Few 10-year-olds have traveled all over the world, served their country, or ever saved a life.

Janett is not like most 10-year-olds, though. Janett is a military working dog with the 8th Military Working Dog Detachment, 91st Military Police Battalion, who retired from service and was adopted by her former handler Michael Arnold Mar. 24, 2020 at Fort Drum, N.Y. The German shepherd served as a patrol explosive detection dog and deployed multiple times during her career.

While overseas, she detected multiple IEDs and weapon caches, saving countless lives and keeping Soldiers in the fight while working closely with her human companions.

Arnold said that Janett's presence helped boost the morale Soldiers while the two were deployed to Afghanistan from 2013 - 2014 with the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force.

"We were fighting, and we had had a pretty rough day," said Arnold. "We got back to the fire base, and the mood was pretty somber. The thing that cheered everyone up was her. She would go around the room, and everyone would pet her and love on her. She made bad days better. The mood in the room would just get lighter when she was around."

Canines were first employed by the U.S. Army during World War II and mostly served as sentries to alert the forces to enemy activity. Today, MWDs serve a vital role in the Army. Working dogs are now used to sniff out explosives, narcotics, and intimidate as well as apprehend suspects. The dogs and their handlers have to undergo certification every year to ensure they can perform their jobs safely, properly, and efficiently. To be certified, the MWD teams have to train in obedience, odor detection, and suspect apprehension.

Janett and Arnold's reunion was made possible by "Mission K9", an organization that assists in the rescue, reunion, and rehabilitation of MWDs.



Janett, a military working dog, and Michael Arnold, then a sergeant with the 8th Military Working Dog Detachment, 91st Military Police Battalion, relax during their deployment to Afghanistan in 2013. *Courtesy photo from Michael Arnold.*

Arnold said that Janett has a lot of couch time, treats, and toys in her future.

"She's probably gonna be a little spoiled and she's gonna get mighty comfortable," Arnold said. "It's gonna be a bit of a change for her, but I'm confident that she'll adapt to her new surroundings."



Janett is reunited with her former handler, retired Army Sgt. Michael Arnold, a former member of the 8th Military Working Dog Detachment, with whom she deployed to Afghanistan, March 24, 2020, at Fort Drum N.Y. Her career saw multiple deployments around the globe, saving countless lives. *Photo by Pfc. Anastasia Rakowsky. 27th Public Affairs Detachment.*

JOINT U.S. AND CANADIAN MP RANGE

BY STAFF SGT. CHRISTOPHER JELLE, 5TH MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT
PHOTOS BY PFC. MICHAEL YBARRA

U.S. Army Soldiers participated in a weapons training range run by Canadian Armed Forces stationed at Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania, Dec. 18, 2019. The Soldiers trained on using the M-4 rifle and M-9 pistol while simultaneously performing complex movements.

"The movements we are doing on this range are a little more dynamic than the ones we normally run. I've never had to do a 180-degree turn and fire before, so it's pretty fun getting to do that," said Pfc. George Nichols, military police, 382nd Military Police Detachment, U.S. Army Reserve based in San Diego, Calif.

The opportunity allowed the American participants to learn different techniques and understand different commands given during the range.

"I thought it would be interesting and fun to see how the Canadians operate and run a range," said Spc. James Courser, military police, 382nd MP Det. about being given the opportunity to participate in the foreign led training. "Being invited to be a part of this range means more cohesiveness between our fighting forces."

When asked about having the Americans joining in on the training, Cpt. Dusty Poyser, Canadian Air Task Force-Romania Force Protection Element said, "It ensures interoperability, not only between our militaries, but between our nations too. It helps build and maintain our relationships."



Members of the U.S. Army and Canadian Armed Forces military police practice facing and turning drills during a weapons training event in Mihail Kogalniceanu, Romania, Dec. 18, 2019. This training helps develop interoperability between allied forces and improves combat readiness.



Members of the U.S. Army and Canadian Armed Forces military police currently stationed in Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania, conduct weapons training Dec. 18, 2019.



Capt. Dusty Poyser, Air Task Force - Romanian Force Protection Element, Canadian Armed Forces, delivers a safety brief before conducting a weapons training event with U.S. Army Military Police in Mihail Kogalniceanu, Romania, Dec. 18, 2019.



First Sgt. Antonio Soto, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach, fires the new M18 Modular Handgun System at the Oberdachstetten Training Area Jan. 9.

USAG Ansbach Military Police Train and Qualify with the New Modular Handgun System

STORY AND PHOTOS BY AMY STORK, U.S. ARMY GARRISON ANSBACH

Soldiers and Civilians with the U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Ansbach Provost Marshal Office (PMO) practiced and qualified with the Army's new weapons system during a range at the Oberdachstetten Training Area Jan. 9-10.

Prior to being issued the M17 and M18 Modular Handgun System (MHS), the PMO used the M9 Beretta, a 1980s-era pistol. During the range, the reaction to handling and firing the new weapon was positive.

"It's a little different," said Sgt. Sebastiano Pica, PMO desk sergeant. "But, I feel like the M17s and M18s are easier as far as the sights."

They come with glow-in-the-dark

Tritium sights, with a green front sight and orange rear sight. Additionally, the slides have a removable plate that allows for the installation of red dot sights.

Another improvement is the ease and consistency of the trigger.

Soldiers do not have to worry about the heavy first-shot trigger pull followed by lighter pulls that can hinder law enforcement activity or range qualifications, Pica said. It's consistent with every pull.

The MHS kit consists of the weapon, ammunition and holster and is intended to provide a handgun system with several improvements that include a high degree of parts commonality and an improved ergonomic design.

The new weapons are a much needed upgrade, said Capt. Jason Worthington, Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander.

"The MHS helps our Soldiers achieve a wide range of missions with a higher degree of lethality and accuracy," he said. "They have an integrated rail system, self-illuminating sights and polymer grip module."

The MHS was provided to all U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR) and tenant units during a USAREUR-wide weapons fielding late last year.

The MHS, a 9 mm pistol, comes in either a full-sized version (M17) or a compact version (M18), which are replacements for the M9 and M11, respectively.



Chief of Police Michael Anderson, Directorate of Emergency Services, U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach, along with other Provost Marshal Office Soldiers, fire the new M18 Modular Handgun System at the Oberdachstetten Training Area Jan. 9.



First Sgt. Brian Vinci from the 529th Military Police Company explains how the uniforms have changed over time pointing out the helmet liner in the photo that the middle and high schoolers had just seen in a glass display in the history room of the company Jan. 29 on Clay Kaserne.

STUDENTS VISIT MP COMPANY FOR HISTORY LESSON

BY LENA STANGE, U.S. ARMY GARRISON WIESBADEN

Students from Wiesbaden Middle and High School visited the 529th Military Police Company Jan. 29 on Clay Kaserne.

“It is really an amazing event,” said 1st Sgt. Brian Vinci.

“It is an opportunity to talk to... the people that we support all the time.” Vinci explained about the history of the company, the Military Police Corps, and showed the kids historic artifacts in the company’s history room.

At the motor pool, the students learned about weapons and vehicles the military police use, and were also allowed to touch them and sit in the vehicles. Vinci also showed them how to use a cannon.

The highlight of the visit was an actual salute battery with a M101A1 Howitzer.



Sgt. Khalid Naji and Sgt. Mario Roman from the 529th Military Police Company show middle and high schoolers how to conduct a salute battery with a M101A1 Howitzer Jan. 29 on Clay Kaserne.



1st Sgt. Brian Vinci shows a M240B machine gun to some middle and high schoolers Jan. 29 on Clay Kaserne.



Middle and high schoolers listen to explanations about the weapons and vehicles the military police use Jan. 29 at the motor pool on Clay Kaserne. In the background is the M1117 Armored Security Vehicle or ASV (tan vehicle on the left side) and the M1151 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle or HMMWV (green one on the right).



Pvt. Romina Mitchell shows a student how to hold a M4A1 Jan. 29 on Clay Kaserne.



Arizona Guard Schools New MPs at Transition Course

BY STAFF SGT. CHRISTOPHER JELLE, 5TH MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT
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Citizen-Soldiers with the Arizona Army National Guard, 1st Battalion, 215th Regional Training Institute train new Military Policemen at Camp Navajo Military Base in Bellemont, Ariz., Nov. 2, 2019 during the 31B re-class course. The month-long course is one of nine throughout the country, and is coordinated and taught by traditional National Guardsmen.

"I like to incorporate my military and my civilian law enforcement experience in these courses. I would say that with this course you get a lot more real-world experience from the instructors," Staff Sgt. Shepard Vaughan, an instructor with the 1st BN 215th RTI and a City of Mesa, Ariz., police officer. "With this re-class course with the Guard, you have instructors who are border patrol agents, civilian police officers, and correctional officers so the students can pull a wealth of knowledge from all these different sources."

This Military Occupational Specialty Transition course brings Soldiers from all over the world to receive MP training from 11 Phoenix,

Ariz. based instructors. The class is comprised of 27 Active Duty, Reserve & National Guard students, some of whom traveled from as far as Korea to attend this training course.

"The level of training here is good, a lot of the instructors have civilian law enforcement knowledge and are well informed," said Sgt. Eric Holmes, a MOS re-class with the 1057th MP Company based out of Chadron, Nebraska.

The course is separated into two phases. The first phase covers the law and order aspect of Military Police duties. During the first phase, students are given scenario-based training in a classroom environment. This is followed up by a final exercise on the last day of the phase where the students are given the opportunity to put everything they have learned in the classroom to use in real-life scenarios.

"The students are at the end of phase one and are doing their law and order exercises. This is a culmination of what they



Top photo: Military Police Transition Course students navigate a driving course at Camp Navajo Military Base in Bellemont, Ariz., Nov. 2, 2019. The driving course is designed to teach the students how to navigate sharp turns through narrow streets and alleyways. This four-week course teaches Military Occupational Specialty re-classifying Soldiers how to effectively execute their duties as MP's with a combination of classroom and real-life scenario training.

have learned over the last two weeks. They are basically going through scenarios where they respond to domestic violence calls, roaming patrols, traffic stops, apprehending a drunk driver and being on the lookout for individuals who have been classified as BOLOs,” said Vaughan.

During the second phase of training, students will learn the tactical side of the MP duties. They will conduct convoy operations, operate road-blocks and checkpoints as well as qualify with the M9mm hand gun and familiarize with the M2 .50 Caliber Machine Gun.

“After the second phase is complete they will go back to their units and they will actually understand and be able to say, they know how to do this as an MP, they know what a MK 19 is, they know how to mount that truck and they know how to operate an M9 hand gun,” said Vaughan. “Now after this, they will understand and know the regiment and how to operate as an MP.”

Over the last six years this Arizona Army National Guard course has boosted the MP ranks by successfully training approximately 120 MOS qualified Military Policemen and women. The RTI currently conducts one of these re-class training courses per year, however the plan to increase the frequency to bi-annually starting next year.

“This course helps the overall readiness of the Army in that we will now have 27 more MOS qualified Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard MP’s who can perform their duties when they go back to their units and answer the call when the President needs them to deploy,” said Sgt. First Class John Winder, a guest instructor from the 850th MP Battalion.



Staff Sgt. Waterhouse, an Arizona Army National Guard Military Police Military Occupational Specialty Transition Course instructor based out of Phoenix, Ariz., gives an after action report to MP MOS-T students at Camp Navajo Military Base in Bellemont, Ariz., Nov. 2, 2019. The four-week course is designed to give the Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers who attend the knowledge and ability to return to their units able to perform their duties as Military Police officers.

A Military Police Military Occupation Specialty Transition Course student logs evidence during a scenario-based training exercise at Camp Navajo in Bellemont, Ariz., Nov. 2, 2019. The month-long course uses both classroom and real-life scenario training to ensure each student is MOS qualified and able to return to their respective units across the world with the knowledge and ability to perform their job duties.

385th Military Police Battalion UPGRADES FLEET WITH NEW VEHICLES

BY SGT. REVA CATHOLIC, 50TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT
PHOTOS BY SPC. JASON GREAVES

The 385th Military Police Battalion conducted training with Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All-Terrain Vehicles at Fort Stewart, Feb. 3-7.

The MATV training included two 40 hour courses, one for the unit master drivers and a separate course for the wheeled vehicle mechanics.

The 5-day course included vehicle preventive maintenance checks and services along with night and day vehicle operations for the master drivers.

"The training was beneficial because it shows that the Army is progressing towards providing safer vehicles," said Sgt. Jasmine Davis, a master driver assigned to the 293rd Military Police Company.

"We had Humvees before, but I feel more comfortable with the MATVs, because they are a combination of all the vehicle we have used," said Davis.

Davis said the vehicles have better driving capabilities through terrains such as ice, mud, sand and other extreme conditions.

The mechanics trained on maintenance procedures as well as diagnostics and troubleshooting.

"The first couple of days, we reviewed the vehicle operation in a classrooms setting," said Pfc. Alexander Utley, a mechanic assigned to the 293rd MP Co. "After that, we worked on the vehicle and learned about how heavy the plates on the vehicle were."

In the latter part of the course, the mechanics removed parts and learned the intricacies of a MATV.

"The MATVs are different from the other vehicles I've worked on because they are taller, heavier, and more complex when servicing them,"

said Utley.

The vehicles have been used before, but they are new to the 385th and are fully mission capable.

"The MATVs add to our capabilities as a unit," said Sgt. Reed Webb, a master driver assigned to the 546th Military Police Company. "All the armor that they have underneath the vehicle makes it better for our safety if an improvised explosive device hits us."

The implementation of the driver's vision enhancer system, which allows drivers to see at night, is among the improved safety features on the vehicles.

"The DVE system is absolutely beneficial because, as a master driver, we have to conduct nighttime driving when we're doing driver's training," said Webb. "It's a way better system and helps us become more combat capable at night."

Both mechanics and drivers took something away from the 5-day course

"As a mechanic, working on these vehicles was not only something new, but exciting," said Utley. It was a challenge taking the armored plates off of the vehicle, but it was an overall good experience."

The MATVs were selected as one of the Army's enduring requirement vehicles.

"I think the Army is doing a great thing by implementing these vehicles and the rest of the MATVs that have the improved capabilities on them," said Webb.

The battalion will be conducting an exercise with the vehicles to test the weapons systems beginning near the end of February through the beginning of March.



Soldiers assigned to the 385th Military Police Battalion inspect the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All-Terrain Vehicle during training at Fort Stewart, Ga., Feb. 5, 2020. The MATV training included two 40-hour courses, one for the unit master drivers and a separate course for the wheeled vehicle mechanics.



The mechanics assigned to the 385th Military Police Battalion inspect under the hood of the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All-Terrain Vehicle during training at Fort Stewart, Ga. Feb. 5, 2020. The mechanics trained on maintenance procedures as well as diagnostics and troubleshooting.



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Deployed MP Company Gets Creative, Conducts New Army Fitness Test

BY U.S. ARMY AFRICA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

When the U.S. Army announced that all active-duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers would be required to take a not-for-record Army Combat Fitness Test in October 2019, Charlie Company, commonly known as "Fox Company," 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment "White Currahee," 3rd Brigade Combat Team "Rakkasans" was deployed to Cameroon in support of U.S. Africa Command operations on the African continent.

While PT tests are not required in deployed locations and the Fox Company would be closing up the site shortly after, the members were committed to maintaining readiness by ensuring they kept pace with the rest of the Army

in reaching the ACFT's established deadlines and benchmarks, despite any limitations on resources and time and challenges the deployed climate might present.

"I didn't really know what to expect when we set out to accomplish running a full diagnostic ACFT without any designed resourcing, but I knew at the very least the attempt to 'get to yes' would be worth it," said Capt. Evan D. Bruccoleri, the 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment Fox Company commanding officer.

The company navigated the resourcing obstacle by patching together items from the mobile exercise equipment container that they forward deployed with them, building step up

platforms with local wood for the horizontal bars at their makeshift gym, and developing sleds by repurposing extra tow straps and cutting up spare human remains pouches.

Sgt. 1st Class Chad Enslin assumed the role as the company's ACFT noncommissioned officer in charge. He leveraged his experience in training hundreds of Soldiers as a drill sergeant in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to train and certify the ACFT graders and establish an efficient system for running the test under the given conditions.

"We literally put hundreds of brand new privates through this test every couple of months," Enslin said. "You learn to think on your feet to make things work, whether using body bags or fancy equipment. The doctrine gives us pretty clear left and right limits that we can fit almost any conditions into."

Each morning, a small team of Soldiers moved the weights, hex bars, medicine balls and makeshift sleds to the testing site just outside of the compound's barriers. Over the course of three weeks, Soldiers from the Fox Company, the 57th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, the 712th Military Intelligence Battalion, 546th Military Police Company, and 21st Engineer Battalion worked around guard schedules and duty shifts to conduct the diagnostic ACFT under grueling conditions.



Staff Sgt. Seth Scharenberg, second from right, a squad leader assigned to the Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), grades the hand release push up event of the Army Combat Fitness Test as Sgt 1st Class Enslin, right, also assigned to the Fox Company, keeps time Dec 13, 2019, in Cameroon. (U.S. Army photo by 1st Lt. Marcos Arroyo).





➤ 1st Lt. Marcos Arroyo, center, a platoon leader assigned to the Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and officer in charge for Task Force Currahee's Army Combat Fitness Test instructs Cameroonian air force personnel taking the test how to conduct the events with the help of an interpreter at the training and testing site in Cameroon Dec. 20, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Ian Brashear).

Additionally, 40 Airmen also assigned in Cameroon participated in the test to establish and maintain strong relationships. In addition to time and equipment limitations, the winter climate also presented training issues. In the months leading up to the testing weeks, Cameroon experienced consistently high temperatures without precipitation, causing dust clouds to form during the sprint, drag, carry and hand release pushup events, impeding Soldiers' performances.

The Fox Company's resourcing and time management ingenuity and willingness to increase the physical requirements necessary to conduct the events ensured the company was able to take the not-for-record ACFT in October along with the rest of the Army, and achieved a company average of 523 points. One member, 1st Lt. Marcos Arroyo, achieved the maximum score of 600 points.

➤ Cpl. Glen Haddock, assigned to the the Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), finished the drag portion of the Army Combat Fitness Test event with Fox Company's improvised sleds at their training and testing site outside their compound in Cameroon Dec. 20, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Ian Brashear).

Enslin hoped the Fox Company's success would inspire other deployed units that might be struggling to maintain their physical readiness.

"If they can do well on an ACFT here, they can do well anywhere," he said.

➤ Spc. Imani Goodrich, a human resource specialist assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) conducted ACFT training and diagnostic testing while deployed to Cameroon in support of U.S. Africa Command operations on the African continent. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Ian Brashear).



CIVIL WAR

PRISONERS OF WAR

BY RONNEY Z. MILLER, MPCR/USAMPS HISTORIAN

During the American Civil War, hundreds of thousands of soldiers from both opposing forces endured the deprivations and hardships of captivity. Of the approximately 3.8 million combatants, more than 400,000 were taken prisoner. Collectively, the death rate for Union soldiers imprisoned in twenty-eight Southern POW camps was

15.5% compared to 12% of Confederate soldiers that died in captivity while imprisoned in twenty-four Northern POW camps. Over 30,000 Union and almost 26,000 Confederate prisoners died – accounting for almost 10% of all Civil War

fatalities. Many of the Southern prisons were located in regions where disease was prevalent and these camps were routinely short of medicine, doctors, food and clothing. During a 14-month period at Camp Sumter, located near Andersonville, Georgia, 13,000 (28%) of the 45,000 Union soldiers confined there died. At Camp Douglas in Chicago, Illinois, 10% of its Confederate prisoners died during a single month and at Elmira Prison located in upstate New York, the death rate was 25% – nearly equal to that of Andersonville. Many Northerners believed that the Confederates were deliberately abusing and starving Union POWs and demanded that the US government practice a standard procedure of retaliatory neglect to include the harsh treatment of Confederate POWs.



resources and expertise for dealing with large numbers of captured troops, the Union and Confederate governments both relied on the traditional European system of parole and exchange of prisoners during the early stages of the war. This system was formalized on



22 July 1862 with the Dix-Hill Cartel, named for its principal negotiators – US Army Major General John A. Dix and Confederate Army Major General Daniel H. Hill. This agreement also allowed for the exchange of non-combatants such as civilian employees of the military. The terms of the cartel prohibited paroled prisoners from returning to the military in any capacity including “the performance of field, garrison, police or guard, or constabulary duty.” Despite the required oath of non-combat, many repatriated POWs rejoined their regiments to “fight another day.”

On 28 December 1862, Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton suspended the exchange of commissioned officers in response to President Jefferson Davis’ proclamation that labeled Major General Benjamin Butler, commander of the forces occupying New Orleans, “a felon deserving of capital punishment.” Butler had ordered the execution of William B. Mumford, a civilian resident of New Orleans who had reportedly pulled down the US flag that had been raised above the city’s former mint and had torn the banner to shreds. By the spring of 1863, Major General Henry W. Halleck, General-in-Chief of the Union Armies, halted all major prisoner of war exchanges. Nevertheless, sporadic exchanges did continue – particularly regarding those POWs who were in poor health and deemed unfit for military duty. In April 1864, Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant halted all exchanges



on the pretext that the Confederacy was enslaving African-American prisoners of war. In reality, he realized that the South was experiencing great difficulty in replenishing its manpower losses and that continued prisoner exchanges would actually prolong the war.

Thus, the prison population on both sides increased steadily and existing warehouses, coastal fortifications, local jails, and military training depots were hastily converted to prison camps. Many others were constructed completely from scratch; however, the pace of construction did not keep up with the influx of prisoners.



Overcrowding, the lack of sanitation, and the spread of disease turned these prisons into death camps.

From the outset, the South suffered shortages of basic commodities such as medicines, foodstuffs, and textiles due to the Union blockade that stretched from the major ports of the mid-Atlantic to the southeast coast of Texas. In the North, more plentiful food supplies, the availability of medical care, and the relative abundance of resources should have prevented the maltreatment of prisoners. In too many instances, administrative indifference, ineptitude, and corruption combined with a desire to mete out the same kind of treatment to Confederate prisoners that was rumored to exist in Southern prisons resulted in conditions that were scarcely better than the worst of the prisons in the South. The most notorious Civil War POW camp was located outside of Macon, Georgia, and was officially named Camp Sumter Military Prison (more commonly known as Andersonville). It was in operation from February of 1864 until the end of the war and became infamous for being a place of suffering and death. Captain Henry Wirz, the Swiss-born commander of the camp, was tried and found guilty of war crimes. The only person on either side to be executed for crimes against humanity, he was hanged on 10 November 1865 at the Old Capitol Prison in Washington, D.C. From 1861 until early 1864, most Union soldiers captured by Confederate forces were housed in Richmond in one of dozens of tobacco warehouses or on Belle Isle in the James River. Among these prisons, Libby Prison (comprised of a trio of four-story buildings) was the most notorious. In operation from 1861 to 1864, it gained an unenviable reputation for the harsh conditions under which officer prisoners from the Union Army were kept. Prisoners suffered from disease, malnutrition and a high mortality rate. Because of the high death toll, Libby Prison is regarded as only second to Andersonville in terms of prisoner abuse and inhumane treatment.



Confederate captives fared little better in Union camps. Camp Douglas, in Chicago, Illinois, was one of the largest and longest operating POW camps for Confederate soldiers taken

prisoner during the Civil War. It became a prisoner of war camp in early 1862 and served as a permanent prisoner of war camp from January 1863 to May 1865. Often referred to as “The Andersonville of the North,” it was notoriously overcrowded; the lack of sanitary conditions increased the spread of disease; and large numbers of POWs died in captivity. During the winter of 1862-1863, more than 200 prisoners were crowded into barracks measuring no more than 20 by 70 feet. These prisoners were required to stand in ranks in ankle-deep snow and ice. Temperatures dipped below zero and up to 1,700 died during that winter alone. Nevertheless, if any Union POW camp could be called the “Andersonville of the North,” it would be Elmira Prison, located near the banks of the Chemung River in upstate New York. Conditions at Elmira were deplorable from the beginning. The prison was actually below the level of the river and adequate drainage was next to impossible. Disease was widespread and the mortality rate was horrendous. Commonly referred to as “Hellmira,” a Union surgeon described the camp as a “festering mass of corruption.” In contrast, Fort Wood was constructed on Bedloe’s Island in New York Harbor before the War of 1812. It saw limited use until the Civil War, when it was used as a recruiting depot and prison site. Its captives were primarily wounded Confederates who were recuperating before being exchanged or transferred – a few of these prisoners did die in captivity. After the war, the star-shaped Fort Wood was filled in and became the base for the Statue of Liberty and Bedloe’s Island was renamed to Liberty Island.



Because our military’s primary focus is on defeating its enemies on the field of battle, supreme emphasis is placed on warfighting functions. Thus, it is not too surprising that there has been a chronic failure to record and learn from successful and unsuccessful EPW operations practiced in previous wars. Indeed, inadequate pre-conflict planning for handling massive numbers of prisoners has adversely impacted EPW operations – and by extension, active ground combat operations – from World War II to the Persian Gulf War. With the shift from counter-insurgency operations to large-scale combat operations, dealing with this important subject should be one of the standard components of our military education and training... because the treatment of prisoners is one of the measures by which history’s conquerors are judged.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

BY AMANDA WEBB

The Right Way to Donate Items to the US Army Military Police Corps Regimental Museum

Hey! I have a lot of cool stuff from my grandpa's time in the Army. I know you will want it!

Hi! Let's go over some basics. At the Military Police Corps Regimental Museum, our mission is to collect and preserve pieces of MP history. If your items fit the bill, then we're interested! If not, we are happy to put you in contact with the U.S. Army Museum which might better house your loved one's items. Further, our storage space is limited, so the things we would keep need to focus only on his military service.

Great, I'll get it in the mail right away!

Unfortunately, it doesn't work that way. It doesn't mean we don't want it, but because as a federal Museum, we have very strict

guidelines on how we work donations. We know it's not always easy on our donors, and we will work with you to make the process as simple as possible. But each time we have a donation offer, we must go before a committee and plead our case as to why we should bring the item(s) into our collection. Once done, we and the donor must complete paperwork that renders the items property of the United States Army. For this reason, we strongly discourage "doorstop" donations.

Well, okay. So what should I do, since he was an MP and I have his uniform?

The first step is contact us! We need details and if possible, photographs. We will evaluate the state of the item, the provenance, and how it would fit into our collection. While we would love to maintain everything MP, sometimes we have to turn down items because we already have several or they are things we don't currently collect. Once we've made decisions on which items we'd like to bring into the collection, we'll draft up a survey of the items and submit it to a collections committee who will vote. If they vote in agreement, we'll work with you to get the items to us, and help you fill out all the necessary paperwork.

Wait, what's that mean, "provenance?"

Army Museums collect artifacts based on two principles. The first is for study collections, for research. When we collect items for research, we typically try to gather two of each variant and organize them in a manner for study. The second principle for collecting is provenance. Simply put, provenance is the story behind the item. We

want to know who used the item, when, and why. Being able to tie an artifact back to a Soldier, a unit, an engagement, better helps tell the MP story.

I found my aunt's scrapbook of her time in the service along with some reports and manuals. Will you take them?

Oooh, a tricky one. So, it depends. The MP Museum focuses on three-dimensional items—clothing, insignia, vehicles, weapons, equipment. If your donation has these types of pieces we would maintain paper goods to support the provenance. However, if your donation consisted entirely of documents, we would turn it over to our Regimental Historian, Ron Miller, so that he could preserve the items in the MP Corps Archives (located in his office, which is separate from the museum).

I don't have anything to donate, but I'd like to research my father's service. Can you help with that?

Again, a tricky question! The museum staff is posed to offer some assistance when asking about material culture (i.e. uniforms and equipment), but when it comes to researching specifics, we tend to be limited in our ability to help. However, we can offer some guidance. The National Archives and Records Administration provides forms (both digital and print) that allows kin to request the available paperwork of a veteran. That information can be found at <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>. If you have specifics about your family member, our historian can sometimes find more general information about the unit(s) they served with or specific engagements they were involved in. However, the MP Archive is only maintained by the historian, who juggles teaching, answering requests for information, and writing histories. Patience is appreciated.



This cabinet within the MP Museum collections storage is dedicated to uniquely shaped pieces of historic MP headgear.



He teaches? So what do you do?

Ah, we're glad you asked. Contrary to what you see in the movies, we rarely get to spend all day gushing over old stuff (although once in a while you can catch us geeking out over an old patch or cool insignia). Our mission is to preserve the dimensional history of the MP Corps and support Soldier Training. This means that we provide classes to Soldiers; build and design exhibits; respond to requests for information from private citizens and Soldiers; maintain control of the artifact collection (over 5,000 items); and perform outreach. Each year the Mahaffey Museum Complex has over 500,000 visitors come through our doors. We stay pretty busy!



We encourage you to follow us on Facebook to find out more about us and learn more MP history: <https://www.facebook.com/usarmymilitarypolicemuseum>

Amanda Webb is an employee of 1Prospect Technologies, and works as a Museum Specialist at the Mahaffey Museum Complex at Ft. Leonard Wood.

Top: Part of the MP Museum insignia study collection is being prepped for storage, with catalog control numbers being semi-permanently applied to the reverse of each piece.

Left: Interim Museum Director Kathy West provides an instructional tour to MP Captain's Career Course students.

Right: Now labeled and organized by type, these artifacts are ready for study and research.



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Each year the MPRA offers scholarship opportunities to family members of our Standard Membership. On behalf of our members, the Board of Directors and our Senior Advisory Council, the MPRA would like to showcase the remaining 2019/2020 scholarship recipients. We look forward to announcing and publishing the 2020/2021 recipients in an upcoming edition of the Dagoon magazine. We wish them well as they continue pursuing their academic and professional goals.

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CID WELCOMES NEW DCO

BY JEFFREY CASTRO, CID PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Colonel Shannon-Mikal Lucas assumed responsibility as CID's Deputy Commanding Officer on Jan. 15. This is his second assignment within CID; from May 2011 to June 2013 he was the commander of the 19th MP Bn (CID).

In a message to the field released in December 2019, MG Kevin Vereen, the CID CG, announced that effective Jan. 15, COL Shannon-Mikal Lucas would relocate to CID headquarters and assume duties as the CID Deputy Commanding Officer. The message also stated that BG Duane Miller would assume duties as the Deputy Provost Marshal General/CID Deputy Commanding General and Commanding General for the Army Corrections Command.

MG Vereen called both individuals exceptional leaders and explained his thoughts on making the changes, "As the Army staff continues its intense focus on Reform, Modernization and People, ensuring our policing interests are included in all aspects of Army Campaign planning is critical, and we cannot fall behind as the Army moves ahead," said MG Vereen. "Simultaneously, we must continue to build and sustain our up and outward engagements across the interagency, with our Service partners and increasingly, with MP forces around the world ... This move will provide OPMG division chiefs expanded day to day general officer level accessibility for decisions and guidance while also increasing my ability focus up and out to improve long term strategic planning and engagements. This will also help us to better comply and achieve the goals of flattening the organization for faster decision making."

Lucas' experience at the 19th MP Bn (CID) helped shape his vision of CID.

"My experience as the 19th MP Bn (CID) battalion commander has been my most broadening and one of the most rewarding assignments to date," said Lucas. "My limited knowledge of CID was based on my lieutenant days working MPDO duties. During those times I can recall having to step in to sort out who was going to take the case CID or MPI based on the type of drug found, dollar amount thresholds, etc. Fast forward, my first time serving in CID was as a battalion commander and I was truly blessed to be surrounded by an outstanding group of professionals that I learned a tremendous amount from ... I was so fortunate to see

a whole other side of our MP regiment that I had not been previously exposed too. I had the opportunity to witness first-hand all the great work the team did at home-station and while deployed, as the 19th MP Bn supported both Afghanistan and Kuwait area of operations."

Lucas used only one word to describe his feelings on becoming the DCO - "humbling."

"I am very honored to be given this opportunity and looking forward to serving with some familiar faces, and continuing to learn from a bunch a great folks," said Lucas. "CID has a great reputation that is well earned. I am just blessed that I can be part of this team and contribute on a daily basis."

After a whirlwind of in-briefings, Lucas says he is looking forward to getting to know the people of CID and taking on some immediate challenges.

"From my initial observations, the most immediate challenge centers on fiscal constraints and budget uncertainty for the command, coupled with requirements to ensure we take care of our people and maintain high levels of readiness to be ready, relevant, and responsive to the Army at large," said Lucas.

Lucas hails from Akron, Ohio. A 1995 Distinguished Military Graduate from the Virginia Military Institute, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business and Economics. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as second lieutenant with assignment to the Military Police Corps.

Lucas' previous assignments include Platoon Leader and Executive Officer, 3/300th MP Company, Fort Riley, Kan.; Battalion S3, Law Enforcement Command, Fort Riley, Kan.; Company Commander, 511th MP Company, Fort Drum, N.Y.; USFK Plans/Operations Officer, Yongsan, Korea; Brigade S3, Military Police Brigade- Hawaii; Assistant Task Force S3 for Plans and Operations, Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan; Rear Detachment Battalion Commander, 759th MP Battalion (Provisional); DES/Installation Provost Marshal, Fort Carson, Colo.; Battalion S3, 759th MP Battalion, Fort Carson, Colo.; Battalion Executive Officer, Task Force Sentinel, 759th MP Battalion, Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan; Deputy Provost Marshal and Deputy Protection Chief, Contingency Command Post, USARPAC, Fort Shafter, Hawaii; Commander, 19th MP Battalion (CID), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Commander



Task Force Koa Maka'i [19th MP Bn (CID)], Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan; Chief, Strategic Initiatives Group, Office of the Provost Marshal General; Dual-hatted as the Director, Operational Protection Directorate/ASCC Provost Marshal, USARPAC, Fort Shafter, Hawaii; Commander, 8th MP Brigade and U.S. Army-Hawaii Director of Emergency Services, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region/Military District of Washington Provost Marshal / Protection Director; The U.S. Army Deputy Provost Marshal General, Pentagon.

Lucas has a Master of Science Degree in National Resource Strategy from the Eisenhower School, National Defense University; a Masters of Military Operational Arts and Science from the Air Command and Staff College; and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business/Economics from the Virginia Military Institute.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (6 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal (1 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (5 OLC), National Defense Service Medal (1 BS), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (1 BS), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Action Badge, Airborne Badge, and the German Armed Forces Efficiency Badge (Gold).

COL Shannon-Mikal Lucas is a recipient of the Order of the Marechaussee in the level of Bronze and a Lifetime Member of the MPRA.



MPRA Honors Military Working Dogs with New Grove Statue

BY ERIN YOUNKIN

Almost one year ago the Military Police Regimental Association Board of Directors contact James Hall of JH Creative about creating a sculpture for the Military Police Memorial Grove that would appropriately honor the critical work and contributions of military working dogs and their handlers. Hall was excited about the opportunity and was ready to get to work.

"I love working with the MPRA – they're a dream client. They come to me with an idea and a plan for implementation. They're always ready to take action and make the project happen," said Hall.

After completing a series of 4-6 sketches of a German Shepherd, Hall was put in contact with Sergeant Major Timothy Timmons, HQDA Military Working Dog Program Sergeant Major, Office of the Provost Marshal General, who heads up the military working dog program for the Department of Defense. SGM Timmons provided information on the military working dog program and explained why the Belgian Malinois is now the preferred breed.

Hall was able to make a visit to Fort Leonard Wood to see the military working dogs, specifically the Belgian Malinois breed, in person. Seeing the dogs and handlers in person was eye-opening for him.

"The behavior of the animals was impressive. You can tell that they are Soldiers and professionals... they're laser focused," said Hall.

Military Police MWD handlers loaned Hall a dog vest, which was very exciting for Hall. He took the vest back to his shop and will use the exact measurements to ensure the sculpture is created as authentically as possible. Though the statue will be much larger than most – the military working dog will measure about five feet tall – being able to touch and feel the vest material will ensure everything is scaled to size.

Hall has created other statues in Memorial Grove, including the most recent Marechaussee on Horseback, but this is the

JH Creative has been diligently working on a new military working dog statue that will be emplaced in Memorial Grove before Regimental Week this year.

first time Hall has created a statue for the MPRA after being able to see the subject in full uniform and in action.

Seeing the dogs and handlers in action gave Hall a vision for the project. He wanted to capture the military working dog in action and intends for the statue to represent the dedication and excitement the dogs have for their work.

"I hope that once the statue is finished, it will remind visitors of their super sharp focus on their handlers' commands and complete commitment to the mission," said Hall.

The statue is expected to be finished and emplaced in the grove during the first week of August. It will sit on a concrete pad about 60" wide and located to the left of the seating area in the grove on the path between the World War II MP Soldier and the Marechaussee on Horseback.

TOUGH AS NAILS MP

Meet the Army's 2019 Female Soldier-Athlete of the Year

BY CAPT. WILLIAM LEASURE, 5TH SECURITY FORCE ASSISTANCE BRIGADE

Southeastern Texas is home to an area known as the Golden Triangle made up of the cities of Beaumont, Orange and Port Arthur. While the oil riches from the early 1900s have faded, a former resident, Staff Sgt. Erica Myers, gave the region a renewed luster after being named the U.S. Army's 2019 Female Soldier-Athlete of the Year, April 9, 2020.

Many described Myers' determination on the rugby pitch as relentless. Myers can point to the exact moment when everything clicked.

"In the spring of 2019, I got invited to tryouts for the All-Army Basketball Team and I got cut on day one," Myers said. "The next day while the basketball team practiced, I was in the weight room getting ready for the rugby season, it really lit a fire within me."

Myers performance off the field is just as impressive.

"As an NCO, Staff Sgt. Myers knows what it takes to be a team player, a motivator and a captain on the pitch," All-Army Rugby Program Manager, Sarah Galon said. "However, it is her performance and dedication off the pitch that sets her apart from others."

Myers describes herself as incredibly driven, she volunteers routinely within the JBLM community and fills an infantryman's billet as a Military Police NCO in the Army's newest unit, the 5th Security Force Assistance Brigade.

At home, she's constructed a gym in her garage to maintain her fitness, there she trains constantly. This fitness made her a force on the rugby pitch.

Myers and her teammates on the All-Army Rugby team dominated the field at the inaugural Armed Forces Women's Rugby 7's Championship in Wilmington, North Carolina, June 5, 2019, shutting out the Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard teams enroute to winning first place honors.

Myers' coach, Capt. Kaitlyn Kelly says Myers is the type of player you build a team around and says Myers "loves the team, loves rugby and everything it stands for."

Myers' position as an Advisor with the 5th SFAB at Joint Base Lewis McChord requires a similar commitment to fitness. Her hard-nosed determination draws respect from her superiors like 2nd Battalion, 5th SFAB's Command Sgt. Maj. Scott Brinson.

"Staff Sgt. Myers is a mature, disciplined and open-minded NCO who knows how to win on the battlefield and on the playing field," Brinson said. "Her dedication as an Advisor and her performance as an All-Army Athlete epitomizes the Advisor Key Attributes."

These 11 attributes read like a personality profile for Myers, "Disciplined, Mature, Sound Judgment, Initiative, Cool Under Pressure, Tolerance for Ambiguity, Open-Minded, Empathetic, Situationally-Aware, Patient and Morally Straight."

This is where the Golden Triangle forged the Golden Girl.

Growing up outside Beaumont, Texas, Myers had eight brothers and two sisters. Her brothers treated Myers like one of the guys.

It was in these formative years when Myers watched the World Trade Center towers fall during the 9/11 attacks. Myers' path forward forever changed.



The All Army Women's Rugby Team led by U.S. Army Soldier Athlete of the Year, Staff Sgt. Erica Myers poses for a team photo following their championship run at the inaugural Armed Forces Women's Rugby 7's Championship, July 7, 2019 at Wilmington, North Carolina. Myers serves as an Operations Advisor with the 5th Security Force Assistance Brigade, Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington.

"It hurt me deep inside when I witnessed 9/11," Myers said. "I still remember exactly how I felt and exactly what I thought that day in 4th grade, I knew I had to get in that fight."

Myers career started at Fort Riley, Kansas where as a young Soldier she excelled and was eventually selected to be the battalion command sgt. maj.'s driver. It was at Fort Riley where she first got involved with rugby.

Myers fell in love with rugby from there and played for the Kansas State University team through a partnership with the U.S. Army.

Myers career took her to Ansbach, Germany where she had a chance opportunity to advise with the Romanian Army. After a stint with the 42nd Military Police Brigade at Joint Base Lewis McChord, Myers decided she wanted to become an SFAB Advisor.

"What really cinched my decision to join the SFAB was a speech by Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. (Robert) Craven," Myers said. "When he said, 'if we're not your cup of tea and you're not a fit for us, take what you learn here and go back and make your unit better.' That just spoke to me."

Craven's glad Myers made the decision to volunteer.

Myers admits the SFAB lifestyle is physically demanding but she enjoys the freedom she has to plan and prepare in a small team setting. As the 5th SFAB begins planning for tactical advising missions in the Indo-Pacific Command's Area of Responsibility, Myers is optimistic.

"I'm excited to go into the Pacific and train foreign partner forces to be better at their craft," Myers said. "I know this job will directly prepare me to serve as a platoon sergeant in the near future and possibly serve as a cultural support team member or a drill sergeant, eventually."

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Myers finds herself working from home, maintaining her personal and professional readiness through the virtual coaching of Sgt. 1st. Class Christina Ison. Ison offers Myers nutritional advice and various workout plans to keep Myers on track.

While COVID-19 has shuttered many opportunities for Army Athletes to shine in 2020, there's no doubt when asked to perform on the battlefield or the playing field, these Soldiers will be ready.

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