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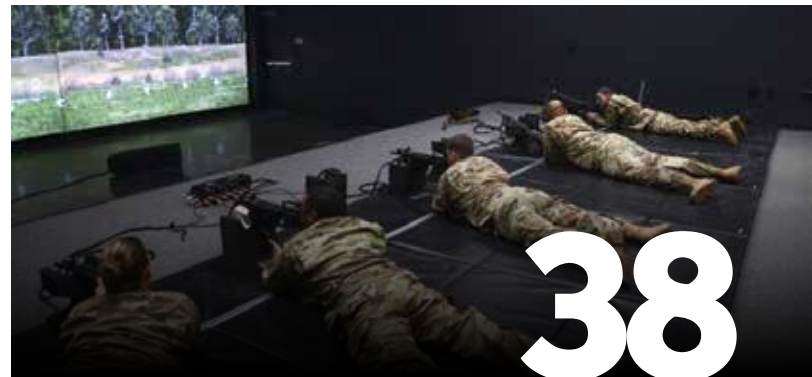


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The MPRA Dragoon features information from the MPRA Community, news from the Home of the Regiment at Fort Leonard Wood, historical accounts, and stories from all components (Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve), as well as Retired Military Police from around the world. The overall goal of the



Draagoon 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! The MPRA Dragoon would like to thank those who have contributed to the success of this publication. We are unable to do this without your assistance, contributions, and continued support.

Respectfully,

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# From the Executive Director

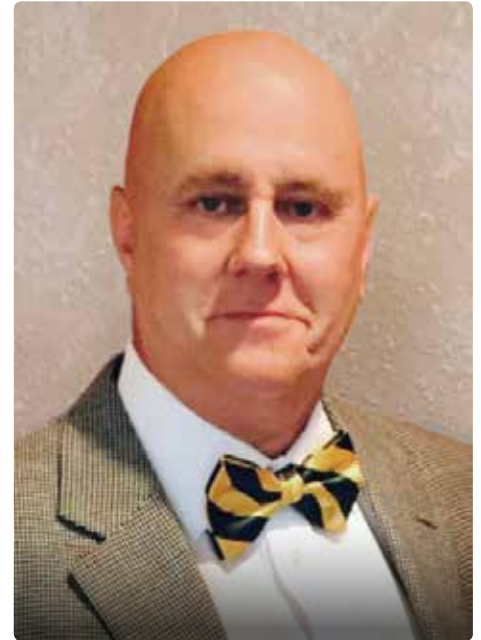
Welcome to the Spring issue of the **The Dragoon** magazine

**O**n behalf of our National Board of Directors and our nearly 7,000 members, I welcome you to our Spring 2019 edition of the Dragoon. In addition to our quarterly magazine we invite you to follow us on social media and our website where you can find many up to date blog posts. A weekly electronic newsletter, The MPRA Dispatch, which highlights many key happenings in the Military Police Corps Regiment can also be found there.

Our Association would like to welcome three new members to our National Board of Directors. COL Kenneth J. Tauke who is currently serving as the Senior Army Advisor, Army National Guard Kansas, LTC(R) Barbara R. Crawford who had a great career in a wide array of Military Police duty assignments and SGM Larry H. Orvis who is currently serving as the Provost Marshal General Sergeant Major. We welcome these three leaders and the vast knowledge and expertise they bring to our board and our members.

We sadly bid farewell to two longtime members of our board. CW3(R) Ron Mullihan who brought a wealth of law enforcement and policing knowledge, insight, and expertise to our board. CSM(R) Roger Macon has dedicated years of service to the organization and was one of the original members who ensured the Memorial Grove and Regimental Walkway was the pinnacle of professionalism. Both of these leaders and their visions will be missed. We wish them the best of luck in all their future endeavors.

In January we conducted a very successful Strategic Planning Session with our Senior Advisory Council and the Military Police School leadership. We were able to review



**Rick Harne**  
First Sergeant (Retired)  
MPRA Executive Director

policies and legal documents as well as discuss future plans, our lines of effort, and engage in discussions that will benefit our members. A special thanks to all for assisting us in making a difference.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff for the tireless work they do each day. They are the epitome of a team and work tirelessly everyday to ensure our members and customers are served. Their efforts are unparalleled and their results are unmatched.

Please assist us in keeping you informed. Remember to update your mailing address, ensure we have your correct email address and visit our website often.

# From the Commandant

**M**ilitary Police Colleagues: March is always a dynamic and exciting time for the Regiment as winter gives way to spring, days get longer and allow for more training, and the warmer weather and “Spring Break/Spring fever” gives our LE professionals plenty of additional work as our Soldiers, Civilians and Families begin BBQs, outdoor sports, and recreational rides. Last month, I introduced you to my annual guidance, including the USAMPS vision and enduring priorities. This month, I want to deep dive into Enduring Priority #1 — Leader Development. Here is what is happening at Fort Leonard Wood and across the Regiment:

## Large Scale Ground Combat Operations Focus in Professional Military Education:

Both the Basic Officer Leader Course (BOLC) and the Captain’s Career Course (CCC) have undergone a redesign over the past 12 months shifting from limited contingency operations to Large Scale Ground Combat Operations (LSGCOs). BOLC transformation has included a refocus on Tactical Exercises Without Troops (TEWTs) where students produce and deliver five written and oral OPORDs through the course of a demanding week. The week-long Squad Tactical Exercise (STX) focuses on common core as well as MP-specific fieldcraft ranging from quartering party operations to MEDEVAC procedures. The Field Training Exercise (FTX) emphasis has shifted from FOB-based contingency operations to living and operating in austere conditions, conducting continuous operations and establishing a mobile command post with ever-changing platoon missions and scenarios based on threat actors and friendly courses of action.

The Captain’s Career Course (CCC) has evolved to include 80 hours of company training through brigade level LSGCOs-focused training including company-level TEWTs where students produce 3 written and oral OPORDs, a brigade Combined Arms Rehearsal (CAR) and a day of MP-specific battle analysis. Early in FY20, the MP CCC will



**➔ BG Brian R. Bisacre**

50th Commandant  
and Chief of the Military Police  
Corps Regiment

incorporate a week-long, battalion-level STAFFEX into the course to hone students skills in MPDMP and TOC/staff operations.

USAMPS is leaning forward on the new Army Combat Fitness Test in both BOLC and CCC courses. Our students learn how to create ACFT-specific training plans and are oriented to the conduct of each of the events. The full ACFT (diagnostic) has been placed into each course in preparation for the FY20 start date.

The MP Pre-Command Course (MP PCC) has also been revamped to include a LSGCOs, scenario-based focus where future battalion and brigade commanders and CSMs develop initial commander’s planning guidance to their staff and subordinate commanders prior to executing offensive and defensive missions in support of a brigade combat team. It also includes senior MP Commander briefings highlighting their leadership challenges and lessons learned relating to Combat Support and significant LE and Natural Disaster response. The May 2019 PCC course will also include the first-ever, 3-day USAMPS Protection Course focused on current and future Division and higher Provost Marshals and Protection Chiefs. The purpose will be

to better prepare them for their roles and responsibilities.

**Tools and References:** Several other leader development related initiatives include the Military Police Platoon Leader’s Handbook designed as a tool for company grade officers to use in a tactical environment. It includes all necessary mission planning tools and quick references a PL needs to succeed in combat. Each BOLC student receives a laminated, hard copy their first week in the course. Leaders in the field have been provided this reference on digits.

Another initiative is the Military Police Graphic Training Aid developed in support of brigade combat teams. We have published the first new GTA in a series which is now available through the Center for Army Lessons Learned (CALL), Division and BCT Commander’s Guide to Employing MP Companies and will be followed follow shortly with GTAs on Detention Operations, CID and Policing. These tools will serve as a critical conversation starter with senior commanders and provide key takeaways on our MP Corps capabilities in support of maneuver.

**Talent Management:** An important part of leader development will be leveraging all information on AIM2 and other systems of record to make sure that all of our leaders are on the right career path to match their Knowledge, Skills, Behaviors and Preferences. Commanders will soon be solicited for information to best assign our leaders.

Thank you for all you are doing to develop the best possible leaders to meet the demand of today’s MP Corps as well as supporting the future Warfight. I continue to be enormously proud of everything you are accomplishing at your posts, camps and stations and in your communities. Thanks to our dedicated Soldiers, Service members, Civilians, and Family members for all you do. I ask you to keep in mind all our forces who are deployed globally and in support of the homeland.

**PRESERVE THE FORCE! GIDDY UP!**



# From the Regimental Command Sergeant Major

**F**amilies, Soldiers, Noncommissioned Officers, Department of the Army Civilians, Warrant Officers, and Officers of the Military Police Corp, I am honored to be given the opportunity to serve as the 14th Command Sergeant Major of the Military Police School. In a very short time the United States Army Military Police School (USAMPS), Maneuver Support Center Leadership, and all the supporting agencies have demonstrated why Team Bennett call the Army our family. We are extremely excited to return to Fort Leonard Wood to give back to an organization that has given so much to our family.

The last 60 days has been fast and furious with transition activities out of Fort Knox leading up to our return to Fort Leonard Wood in March. In that short amount of time I had the opportunity to be a part of multiple briefs where the future of the MP



➤ **CSM Michael P. Bennett**

Military Police School Command  
Sergeant Major

Corps formations is being addressed. The work and effort that has gone into analyzing and shaping the force is truly amazing. As the Military Police Corps adapts to the fight in the future, it is awesome to be a part of all the remarkable work being done to provide the Maneuver Commander the capability to protect the force in multi-domain operations, while at the same time providing protection at home station.

Structured Self-Development (SSD) has begun to be phased out with the introduction of the Distributed Leader Course (DLC) I. This change immediately impacts our Soldiers actively enrolled in SSD. Soldiers currently enrolled in SSD I must be completed with the entire course no later than 30 September 2019 or they will be au-

tomatically disenrolled. Once disenrolled they will only be enrolled to DLC I if they meet all the prerequisites for the course. This action could impact future generations of our NCO Corps. NCO education deserves your specific focus to ensure that we do not create gaps in our formations. All remaining levels of DLC are on track to be fully online by 1 October 2019. Leaders at all levels need to make time to become familiar with the new requirements and action dates as each level is released.

To properly thank all the people who had a part in my career that has led up to being selected would take up the entire magazine. All the CMFs within our Regiment had a part in shaping this outcome. This has been an extremely humbling process so far and no doubt it will continue to be one of the greatest experiences of my career. Thank your families — and thank you — for all for your continued service across all camps, posts, and stations to our nation and to our Corps!

**ASSIST, PROTECT, DEFEND**



*CSM Bennett and BG Bisacre in formation prior to the assumption of responsibility as the new Regimental Command Sergeant Major. Photo courtesy of CSM Mark Haliburton.*

# From the Regimental Chief Warrant Officer

**T**he future of our Regiment is being developed right now. As we decipher the vision of our senior leaders we must understand that changes at the Army level are dictating changes within our Branch. We've struggled with this, mostly internally, for many years, but the time has come for us to put aside opposition and work collectively toward meeting the requirements of the future. A lot of hard work has been done over the last six to nine months toward this end. Concepts of how the Military Police, in all disciplines, fit into the revised Army operating concept have been developed and are being refined. The final result of this process may not be accepted by all. There will be some that disagree with how Military Police forces are aligned and organized. Whether we agree or not, we must come to the realization that change is inevitable and that in the end we must accept, embrace, and execute the outcome, whatever that may be.

One thing that has struck me about the vision of the future is the reality that it looks very similar to the past. The concept of large scale ground combat operations (LSGCO) will be very familiar to those who remember the cold war, or those who have studied World War II (WWII). The challenges Military Police faced in WWII are comparable to what is expected to be faced in future warfare. The concepts in development now must be viewed against the lessons learned from previous conflicts... WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, and on through combat operations of the past 20 years. Military Police have historically been called upon to provide security and mobility support, area and critical site security, detainee and prisoner of war operations, law and order, criminal investigations, and forensic support. We would do well to learn from past successes, and mistakes. An examination of historical records in parallel with a critical look at current design may provide us insight toward future concept development that would otherwise be overlooked.

One such example is the necessity to provide proactive crime prevention for sustainment operations (logistical support to maneuver



➔ **CW5 Joel E. Fitz**  
Regimental Chief Warrant Officer

forces). In WWII, Korea and Viet Nam, US Forces experienced severe losses of critical logistical support through property diversion, theft and black marketing. Losses of fuel, food, repair parts and other critical items often resulted in delaying or severely hampering the ability of combat forces to move or retain gains. Criminal investigative units were frequently undermanned, undertrained, and ill-equipped to deal with crimes within the logistical supply chain. Forensic support was often non-existent and laboratory assistance was only available at locations well removed from the battlefield. There were frequent disputes about command and control of investigative units, which resulted in unnecessary delays due to the inability to surge resources or provide timely support to maneuver commanders desperate for assistance.

These very same challenges face us today as we develop concepts that will ensure we have properly organized, trained and equipped Military Police formations; capable of providing maneuver commanders with access to all our disciplines. If we review these historical records, understand what went wrong and why, and apply the lessons learned to future capability development, we can potentially prevent a repeat of the past.

In addition to historical records, we need to be mindful of after action reports and lessons learned from previous engagements. Often these documents provide useful insight to challenges we might face in the future. Much of our past training and exercise was focused on preparing to face a large uniformed enemy in ground combat. I think we can learn a lot from the past, especially as we seek to develop DOTMLPF-P solutions for the future. Dusting off old Field Manuals, locating, reading and applying lesson learned from the past is certainly worth the time and effort.

A lot of work has certainly been done to put us on a path toward a relevant and successful future; however, a lot of hard work is yet to be done as we refine these concepts and redesign the Military Police Regiment. We must recognize the need for a unified effort, focused on providing both general and direct support to maneuver forces who are directly engaged with the enemy. The position that one discipline or the other can operate independently is antiquated and must be refined. In order for the Military Police force of the future to realize success it must be unified in purpose and organized in such a manner as to provide full spectrum capability when and where required.

As we take concept development to the next level of force redesign, it may be good to look back at the past. We must understand where we came from and what brought us to where we are today. It's essential that we research our history, review our old doctrine, and develop the future force not only from a modern perspective but one that includes the experiences of the past. Many of us engaged in this process will not be around to see full implementation of what's being designed. I think we owe it to the next generation to do the absolute best we can, incorporating historical lessons learned with modern technology, to ensure the Regiment of the future is relevant, equipped, and fully prepared.

**DO WHAT HAS TO BE DONE  
ASSIST, PROTECT, DEFEND**





# CSM Bennett First 31E to Serve as Senior NCO of MP Regiment

**T**he U.S. Army Military Police Corps welcomed its 14th Regimental Command Sergeant Major during an assumption of responsibility ceremony Friday at Nutter Field House.

**Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Bennett is the first individual within the 31E, Internment/Resettlement Specialist, military occupational specialty to hold this position and is no stranger to Fort Leonard Wood.**

"This is a bit of a historical moment," said Brig. Gen. Brian Bisacre, USAMP School commandant. "(He) is the first Echo, and that should and always will be a point of pride and history for our regiment."

Bisacre explained that being selected as the command sergeant major of the regiment is the highest recognition of excellence in an enlisted Soldier's profession.

He said Bennett was selected for his consistent excellence as a Soldier and leader combined with his humility and connection with Soldiers, families and civilians.

"Simply put, (Bennett) is here because he is a great leader and the right leader for the regiment," Bis-

acre said. "For the past 24 years, our Army has been truly blessed to have such a Soldier, NCO, leader and sergeant major in Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Mike Bennett. He is the type of leader who has lived his career in the relentless pursuit of excellence, selfless service, professionalism and commitment."

Bennett said he is glad to be back, adding that Fort Leonard Wood is a special place for him and his family.

"I am deeply honored to be back at the home of the Military Police Corps," Bennett said. "Over the past few years I have had the pleasure of working alongside not only active-duty formations, but many National Guard and Reserve units from across the nation. I look forward to building on those relationships as we work to protect the force during large-scale ground combat operations and shaping the force for future fights."

Bennett assumes responsibility as MP regimental command sergeant major, replacing Command Sgt. Maj. James Breckinridge following his selection as the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood command sergeant major in December.

**Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Bennett receives the regimental colors from Brig. Gen. Brian Bisacre, USAMPS commandant, during a ceremony held Friday in Nutter Field House.**

*by Dawn Arden*

BY G. ANTHONIE RIIS

# THE BEST 2 YEARS RUNNING →

34th, 905th MPs earn TRADOC best law enforcement trophy

**F**ORT KNOX, KENTUCKY — Fort Knox's 34th Military Police Detachment and 905th Working Dog Detachment were awarded the Brigadier General David H. Stem Award for the second time in as many years in a ceremony at Fort Knox's Sadowski Center Jan. 31.

Major Gen. John Evans Jr., commander of U.S. Army Cadet

Command and Fort Knox, said getting the trophy is a big deal.

"It is important that we recognize this group of fantastic individuals," Evans said. "We have 13 installations across [U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command], and this is the second year in a row that this team has won for how they [conduct] law enforcement here and what they do as combat MPs.

"This is a very big deal."

Evans said what's most impressive is that the unit has excelled while wearing multiple hats.

"The thing that is most impressive about these men and women is that they do their day-to-day tasks to keep us all safe in the garrison environment, and yet they

still maintain proficiency on those things they may have to do in combat," Evans said. "They do that while protecting our roadways, our work areas and at our gates. They are outstanding from start to finish."

The Stem Award judges evaluated 10 competing units' nomination packets last year on 13 different law enforcement skill sets for the honor of being the best MP unit — company size or smaller — in the Army. The Fort Knox units again stood out.

"The Soldiers, NCOs and officers standing before you are just that — the best," said Capt. Mark Swisher, 34th Military Police Detachment commander. "This award is a direct reflection of their hard work and effort [in areas] that include 24/7 law enforcement and access control support... coupled with Army warrior tasks and deployments.

"We've only captured their outstanding achievements and submitted the nomination — they're the ones who've earned it."



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SOLDIERS FROM THE 34TH MP DET. AND THE 905TH MWD DET. HOLD ALOFT THE TROPHY AT A CEREMONY AT FORT KNOX'S SADOWSKI CENTER, JAN. 31.





COL. WILLIAM BENNER, TRADOC PROVOST MARSHAL PRAISED THE 34TH MP DET. AND THE 905TH MWD DET. FOR WINNING THE STEM AWARD IN A CEREMONY AT FORT KNOX'S SADOWSKI CENTER, JAN 31. THE AWARD RECOGNIZES THE MOST OUTSTANDING MILITARY POLICE UNIT COMPANY SIZE OR SMALLER IN THE ARMY, AND BENNER POINTED OUT THAT THE UNITS DID THIS WITHOUT THE DAILY OVERSIGHT OF A MP BATTALION OR BRIGADE.



MAJ. GEN. JOHN EVANS JR., COMMANDER OF U.S. ARMY CADET COMMAND AND FORT KNOX CONGRATULATES SOLDIERS.



FORT KNOX GARRISON COMMAND SGT. MAJ. GARRICK GRIFFIN, CONGRATULATES MEMBERS OF THE 34TH MP DET. AND THE 905TH MWD DET.



# BRANCH NIGHT

WEST POINT CADETS GATHER IN EISENHOWER HALL FOR ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING AND MEMORABLE EVENTS OF THEIR MILITARY CAREERS

BY ERIN KABERLINE

**This year, 18 First Lieutenants were branched into the Military Police Corps Regiment, including Cadet Bailey McCardell.**

McCardell chose West Point because she wanted a school that would allow her to serve others and live beyond herself. She also recognized the strong benefits of being connected to other West Point graduates throughout all stages of her life, especially in a professional capacity.

McCardell was not part of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps in high school but grew up in an Army family. Before beginning her first year or plebe year at West Point, she joined the rest of her class for West Point's version of college orientation, which included typical activities like picking classes, but also involved extensive physical training.

"During your first academic year, you don't have a lot of freedom, but I remember attending branch week. The Military Police display was so interesting. I enjoyed speaking with them and I was very intrigued by the variety of the military police mission," said McCardell.

The summer following a cadet's sophomore or junior years can be spent in Cadet Troop Leader Training. This program allows a cadet to spend time in a military unit and really get a good feel for the branch mission and the day-to-day operations. McCardell took advantage of this opportunity before her junior year.

McCardell shadowed a platoon leader in a unit out of Fort Riley as part of this program. She was able to take part in a ridealong, learn more about the unit's garrison mission, and

she had the chance to sit in on unit meetings. While she was there, she also attended a Hail and Farewell, participated in the division run, did physical training with the commanding general, learned how to create training plans, and observed organizational maintenance in the motor pool.

"I enjoyed getting to see the daily life of an MP lieutenant and getting the chance to interact with the battalion and company commander, as well as the Soldiers in the unit. It solidified the branch as my number one choice and something I could see myself doing," said McCardell.

When McCardell began her senior year, she, along with her fellow fourth year classmates, turned in their branch requests. Then the weeks of waiting began. As the holiday season approached, McCardell and her classmates could hardly wait to find out what was in store for them as they prepare to begin their Army careers.

In the days leading up to Branch Night, cadets were visited by each branch's leadership and McCardell remembers that Military Police Corps Regiment Commandant Brig. Gen. Bisacre, Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Breckinridge, and Assistant Commandant Col. Guilmartin spent time with West Point cadets. On branch night, each company was seated alphabetically and the Tactical Officer and NCO for each company distributed an envelope to each cadet.

"Several of my classmates also wanted to branch MP, but only 18 of us ended up with it as



Cadet Bailey McCardell

our branch," said McCardell.

This year, there were seven female and eleven males who were selected to become part of the Military Police Corps. McCardell specifically remembers that Lt. Col. Meredith was in attendance on branch night, which was especially significant for her as Meredith was the battalion commander during the time McCardell spent job shadowing at Fort Riley.

All West Point cadets found out on February 6, 2019, what unit they will head to after completing their four-month long Basic Officer Leadership Course. McCardell found out that she'll be headed to the 18th Military Police Brigade in Germany later this year.

Though she'll be soaking up every last day of her West Point experience from now through May, she's excited to get to her unit and begin gaining experience as an MP.

*Photos provided by Cadet Bailey McCardell.*







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# Staying Focused



Soldiers from the 218th Military Police Company, 716th Military Police Battalion train on decontamination operations for the upcoming Defense CBRN Response Force mission. This mission requires the unit to train and use new equipment outside of their normal MTOE and be ready to deploy on short notice to incidents in the United States. A key component to maintaining readiness for such a mission is a strong Command Supply Discipline Program.

By 1LT Emily Pascale, 218th Military Police Company Executive Officer



**F**ORT CAMPBELL, KY — The 218th Military Police Company “Legion” has worked tirelessly to improve their systems, processes and Command Supply Discipline Program (CSDP). In 2017, the Company underwent an Organizational Readiness Assessment (ORA), their first in four years. This assessment highlighted many issues within the Company’s existing CSDP. By using GCSS-Army to improve the systems and processes for documentation, conducting large scale inventories as a Company, and with unit leadership visibly encouraging and owning the CSDP program, 218th Military Police Company addressed previous issues and earned recognition with the FORSCOM Supply Excellence Award for Fiscal Year 2018.

With the focus on combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan over the past 18 years, Command Supply Discipline took a backseat to

training and combat readiness. The ORA leadership explained that combat readiness and property accountability should go one in the same. After receiving that feedback from the inspection, SSG Latoya McQuay, the 218th MP Company’s Supply NCOIC immediately began improving the Company’s CSDP operating procedures.

The 218th MP CO’s supply section began to concentrate on standardizing supply discipline throughout the unit. The first step was to identify the organic faults that could be addressed within the Company and fix them. The largest issue discovered was the improper documentation of shortages. This error in documentation is extremely detrimental to combat readiness, leaving equipment without the necessary components and Soldiers ultimately without the tools they need in combat. The supply section began to emphasize when a Soldier

assumes accountability for property the records are maintained to show the location of the property and the persons responsible for its care and safekeeping.

“Implementing a solid command supply discipline program was a team effort”, said Captain Amy Sanchez, in regards to her efforts as the 218th MP Company Executive Officer from 2017 to early 2018. “It was a deliberate process that involved mastering the details, and documenting absolutely everything.”

Documentation became top priority in the unit starting with each Soldier in the Supply section receiving training on GCSS-Army. The clerks became proficient in operating GCSS-Army which enhanced the Company’s ability to access bill of materials and component listings. GCSS-Army also allows the clerks to digitally annotate property



## 218th Military Police Company is Declared the Best Supply Section in the U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM)

shortages and offers the ability to put consumable items on automatic reorder once they are consumed. Although analog documentation remains an important part of accountability down to the end user, digital systems streamline processes and ultimately enhance unit readiness.

The many benefits of GCSS-Army were shown during the Battalion's "Clean Sweep". This was a structured inventory of each container in the Battalion, intended to systematically identify and fill shortages across the Battalion. The Company met the Division's intent by digitally tracking shortages, filling any parts that were on backorder and cancelling those that were filled, freeing up funds and resources to meet other needs.

Leadership throughout the Company created standard operating procedures for a change in designated property holder. For example, the Company Executive Officer played a major part in improving the CSDP through taking ownership of problems, developing solutions and making accountability a unit priority. The revised protocol included an initial counseling with the Commander to ensure the Soldier understands the obligations of supervisory, direct, personal and custodial responsibility; along with a thorough property inventory, to be conducted with the outgoing Soldier, incoming Soldier and supply representative.

From the initial ORA in 2017 to the present, the 218th has taken ownership of CSDP and created an exemplary program. In October of 2018, approximately one year after their

initial ORA, the 218th MP CO was honored with to be selected as the winner of the U.S. Army FORSCOM Fiscal Year 2018 Supply Excellence Award (SEA).

The FORSCOM level award recognizes the hard work and dedication of the supply section, consisting of SSG Latoya McQuay, PFC Yoshinobu Kaneko and PFC Marco Manning. Over the course of the inspection these Soldiers demonstrated the ability to perform essential tasks as well as articulate the how and why behind each of them.

***"I am grateful to be able to represent the Quartermaster and Military Police Corps all at once," said SSG McQuay, who played a crucial role in the Company's victory. "It is an honor for our hard work to be recognized after coming such a long way from where we began."***

The 218th MP Company proudly represented the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), The Military Police Corp and US Army FORSCOM. The Legion intends to take lessons-learned from this experience, and improve their section even further by refining their systems and processes, in support of its newly reinvigorated Command Supply Discipline Program.

enhanced readiness

**"We are proud to represent Fort Campbell and the Division at the FORSCOM level. It is rare and exciting for a Military Police unit to be recognized for excelling in functions outside of Law Enforcement", Captain Joseph Smith, 218th MP Company Commander, expresses his pride in their achievements. "Our enhanced readiness from ensuring the proficiency of our supply section, increases our readiness to preserve the fighting force."**



Staff Sgt Latoya McQuay teaches Pfc Yoshinobu Kaneko and Pfc Marco Manning about tracking property, and how the supply staff directly influence the Command Supply Discipline Program. A standard Military Police Company with about 135 Soldiers is responsible for accounting for over \$37 million worth of property at any given time.

# MP USES SOCCER AS AN OUTLET

By Laytoya T. Gaddy, CID Public Affairs Office



A Fort Hood military policeman, assigned to CID, has one constant theme in life ... soccer. But finding a way to continue to play soccer while balancing life as a Soldier and spending time with his family has come down to constantly communicating with those within his inner circle. Through communication he has found the perfect balance between the three.

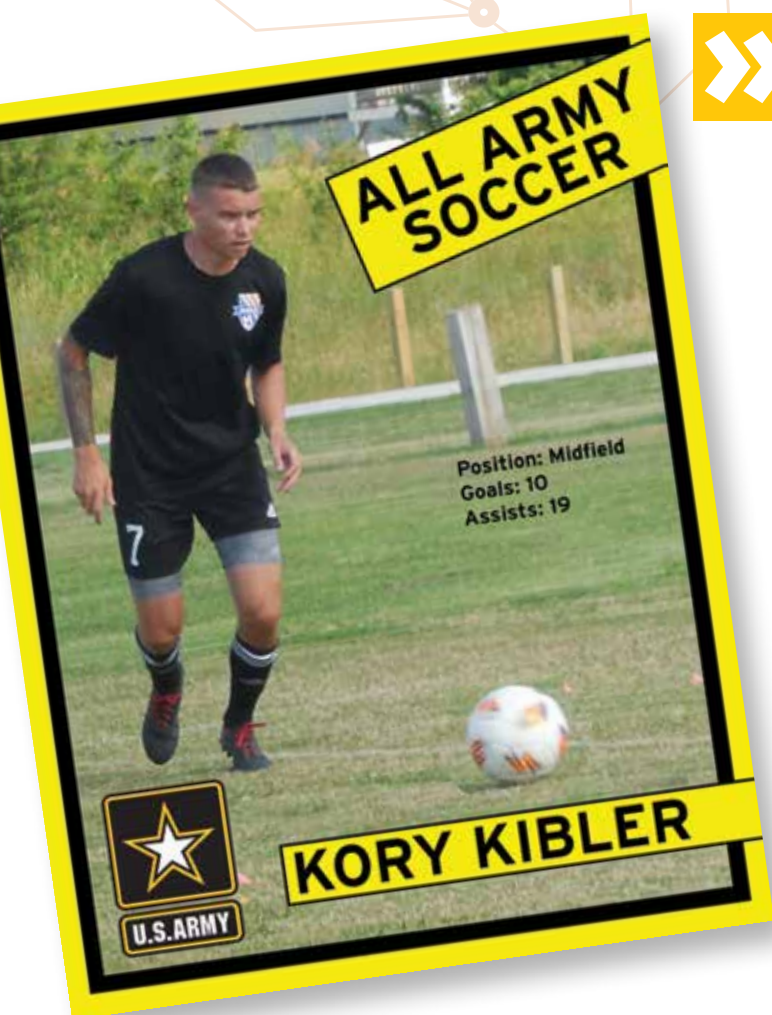
"Soccer has taught me structure, showing up on time, preparing the night before, making sure your uniform is together," Kibler said. "Soccer gave me something to look forward to at the end of the day. I would be excited for the next game or practice. Soccer would kind of keep my mind off of any of the bad stuff going on."

In September 2015, after enlisting in the Army as an MP, SPC Kory Kibler was assigned to the 43rd Military Police Detachment (CID), Fort Hood, Texas, and is currently working with the Special Victims Unit as an investigator. Before joining the SVU, Kibler started out with the Drug Suppression Team at Hood.

For as long as Kibler could remember, his upbringing was surrounded by soccer, and the sport has always been a major part of his life. The Chicopee, Massachusetts, native uses soccer as an outlet to relieve stress, stay fit and to have fun. So naturally, when he moved to Killeen, Texas, Kibler searched for soccer organizations that would raise his level of competitiveness and maintain his fitness levels.

According to Kibler, the Army has similarities with soccer and just as he is driven to becoming a professional soccer player, he is also driven to being a good Soldier. When not on the soccer field, he's working on a case or focusing on his warrior skills. Now that he is eligible for promotion, Kibler has plans to become a CID special agent because he enjoys what he is currently doing with the SVU.

"Since I was four, my dad was into soccer and was my coach until I was about 18 years old," Kibler said. "So when I first got to Fort Hood I wanted to find a way to continue to play soccer and advance that passion while being an MP, so I started playing for the post's soccer team to kind of get my name out there."





Kibler says he continually communicates his personal and professional goals with his unit. He added that his command supported and endorsed his past applications to the All Army Men's Soccer team each time he applied. Kibler believes that being open with his leadership team helps him balance military life with his soccer career. By keeping the unit updated on his soccer schedule and games, his communication helps his leadership with scheduling or to attend a game or two when they have the time. Then on the other hand, communicating with his command also helps Kibler with informing his soccer coach and teammates in advance, whenever possible, that he has military obligations and won't be present for practice or a game.

Each year that Kibler applied for the All Army Soccer team but did not make the cut, he did not give up and continued to hone his skills while playing for the Fort Hood team and playing indoor soccer several times a week to stay competitive for whenever he got the opportunity to play on the All Army Soccer team.

"I played there (on the post's team) for about two years, which ultimately helped me get to the All Army Soccer Team after my third time applying," Kibler said. But before being accepted to All Army Soccer tryout camp, Kibler started to search for more competitive teams and found a semi-professional team in Round Rock, Texas - 40 minutes away from Fort Hood. The Round Rock Soccer Club held open tryouts and Kibler decided to try out and was selected on the spot.

"I even signed my contract the same day too," Kibler said excitedly. "I have been with the team for three seasons, which is roughly one and a half years."

While playing in the semi-pro league, the competitiveness, work ethic, and practices have all helped Kibler's game. Playing on a variety



» SPC Kory Kibler (#7), center, goes up for a header during a corner kick.

of teams over the years from local teams to premier teams to a semi-pro team, aided Kibler with what he needed while at the 2018 All Army Men's Soccer team.

Even though Kibler was selected for All Army camp last year, he will have to apply again for the 2019 soccer trials because there are no guarantees for a place on the team.

"You have to earn it. They will select up to 40 people then they will cut down that number to 18 teammates over a 30-day period," Kibler said. "Individuals who make the cut will play against the other services' teams. Last season, I was the last person to get cut ... I lasted about 22 days out of the 30 days. I applied for 2019 Army team and I will find out if I was selected in February."

Kibler's most recent soccer accomplishment is his selection as the captain of the Round Rock Soccer Club. He said that this captain position has also helped with his confidence.

Kibler and his teammates practice in the evenings when he's not on duty. Kibler says that the team and coach are very supportive. He always communicates with them by sitting down with the team and telling them a little bit about his military duties.

"The team respects me and they understand my military priorities," Kibler said. "But when I'm on the field they can also see that I am dedicated to the team."

In addition to playing with his team, Kibler and his wife, Kaitlyn, who he met when they were 13 years old and use to scrimmage all the time against each other, joined adult leagues together and played co-ed together on a local team in Killeen, Texas. Kibler says that his wife is the most supportive of both, his military career and soccer career.

"When not at work or playing soccer, we are outdoors with our two dogs," Kibler said. "We enjoy going on hikes ...spending time outdoors. I can't wait until our newborn gets bigger because I know Kaitlyn and I will be able to teach him everything we know about soccer."

When asked about Kibler's soccer drive, his wife, who once played Division I college soccer, said that "he has been playing for as long as he could walk. Even when he had an injury he was still out practicing every single day, still leading his team as captain."

She added that her husband is always looking for ways to improve himself and the team by seeking

advice from his coaches and team members. Kaitlyn also said that when he wasn't able to be a part of the team because of work or the birth of their son, he found ways to cheer them on and support the team.

"His unit is actually really supportive of his goals to get closer to the pros. His commander and co-workers attend his games," Kaitlyn said. "They are very supportive and that helps maintain the balance between work life, soccer and family. We make it work considering we have no family in the area. He does a very good job maintaining both; good communication goes a long way."



SPC Kory Kibler and his wife, Kaitlyn and their son, Emmitt.





BY SGT. 1ST CLASS CARLOS LAZO

# ON GUARD AGAINST TERRORISM

Tenacious master sergeant leads MP command to Army-wide antiterrorism award

The Army's greatest asset is its people, and one organization in particular just won the Army's top award for keeping Soldiers ready against terrorism.

The 200th Military Police Command earned first place in the "Best Large Unit" category in the U.S. Army's Antiterrorism program.

The award demands constant vigilance, allowing no room for complacency. The awards program recognizes Soldiers and organizations working day-in and day-out to achieve antiterrorism excellence by protecting people, information, property and facilities.

"The threat is dynamic and the solution has to be dynamic — it's a constant risk mitigation dance," said Master Sgt. Dennis Hatch.

Hatch, a 22-year veteran, serves as the operations noncommissioned officer for the 200th Military Police Command, and his responsibilities include protection and antiterrorism efforts.

Hatch's efforts led to the 200th MP Command's recognition by the Office of the Provost Marshal General (OPMG), Antiterrorism

Division. That means that as a U.S. Army Reserve organization, it beat out all brigades, divisions and commands across the entire Army to win first place.

Receiving the award was no easy task.

"Other organizations have people that are strictly dedicated to risk assessment," said Hatch.

Some of the Antiterrorism Officers Hatch oversees in the 200th are "Troop Program Unit" Soldiers, who conduct military training — known as battle assemblies (BA) — once a month with their units. The part-time or limited training does not mean the ATOs' efforts are constrained to once a month. They have to stay watchful year-round.

"They may do a risk assessment on their battle assemblies," said Hatch, "but if one of their companies does movement to another location, it requires an antiterrorism risk assessment."

These assessments are in constant need, due to the ever-changing level of threat posed by terrorism.

"Anytime the threat changes you have to reassess the risk, and then address it through mitigation measures," Hatch added.

Getting a reserve force that's not on the clock all the time to address risk all the time takes a lot of hard work. Senior leaders at the 200th MP Command recognize that determined mindset in Hatch.

"He's tenacious," said Sgt. Major Jeffrey Thomsen, the command's operations sergeant major. "When he gets a hold of a unit, he doesn't let go until they are in compliance."

Antiterrorism requires constant effort for an Army entering its 19th year at war, meaning Soldiers can never rest against the threat.

"He, as an [Active Guard Reserve] Soldier, beat out other Soldiers throughout the whole United States, which is incredible," said Command Sgt. Major Craig Owens, command sergeant major of the 200th MP Command. "It shows his hard work and dedication, and all the effort he put in, in winning this and making our command as good as it is."



Master Sgt. Dennis Hatch, the antiterrorism program manager for the 200th Military Police Command, poses with the U.S. Army Antiterrorism Program "Best Large Unit" Award during a portrait session, Feb. 28, 2019, at the command's headquarters at Fort Meade, Maryland. Hatch's efforts led to the 200th MP Command's recognition by the Office of the Provost Marshal General (OPMG), Antiterrorism Division. That means that as a U.S. Army Reserve unit, the 200th beat out all brigades, divisions and commands across the entire Army to win first place. The awards program recognizes Soldiers and organizations working day-in and day-out to achieve antiterrorism excellence by protecting people, information, property and facilities. (U.S. Army Reserve photo by Master Sgt. Michel Sauret)

Col. Warren Bacote (right), operations chief for the 200th Military Police Command, receives a trophy for "Best Large Unit Antiterrorism Program" on behalf of the MP command from Maj. Gen. David Glaser, the outgoing U.S. Army provost marshal general and commander of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command during an awards ceremony in Orlando, Florida, Feb. 12, 2019. The Army antiterrorism awards program is designed to recognize personnel and organizations that have achieved antiterrorism excellence, while deterring terrorism through aggressive defensive measures and Army strategic plans. The antiterrorism program manager for the 200th MP CMD is Master Sgt. Dennis Hatch. (Courtesy photo by U.S. Army)

According to the OPMG, units deter terrorism by simultaneously promoting aggressive defensive measures and by embracing Army Antiterrorism strategic plans. Best laid plans are hard to keep for reserve units due to changing requirements and missions.

In its selection process for winners of the Antiterrorism awards program, OPMG reviews not only the plans prepared by units for antiterrorism efforts but the actual execution of those plans, and results from security assessments.

"They are seeing all the hard work, actual work that went into it," said Hatch. "What we planned on doing, and what we actually executed."

What the 200th MP Command executed was not only comparable to their active duty counterparts but went above and beyond.

"We projected the best full-time protection capability with a part-time force," said Hatch. "That in itself is significant across not just the Army but the Department of Defense."

Col. Warren Bacote, the command's operations chief, received the award on behalf the command during a ceremony at the 2019 Army Antiterrorism Training Seminar in Orlando, Florida, held in February.

Master Sgt. Dennis Hatch



**ANTITERRORISM REQUIRES CONSTANT EFFORT FOR AN ARMY ENTERING ITS 19TH YEAR AT WAR. MEANING SOLDIERS CAN NEVER REST AGAINST THE THREAT.**



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## TESTIMONIAL

*by SFC Desiree M. Hunt*

In April of 2018, after having come home from a two-week field exercise I came home to my husband, son, and my mother (she lives with us). Upon looking at my mother I noticed that she was very jaundice, I asked her if she was feeling ok and then immediately started dialing my sister-in-law who is an RN. She advised us to take my mother to the hospital immediately. Within 72 hours of her being admitted my mother was diagnosed with Liver failure. Upon returning to Fort Leonard Wood, MO in

October 2018, we found that medical coverage was nothing like that in Colorado which put us at a crossroads. Without solicitation, the MPRA Benevolent Fund was there to assist my family. I am my mother's only living family member and fully support her. The funds in which were donated allows us to purchase a plethora of medications that she is required to take daily without having to get loans or hinder our family's way of life. The amount of support that we have received from MPRA will never be forgotten and shows true character to those that are involved as well as those that contribute to the association. Having to stress how to pay for things in one state when a previous state paid for everything was hard, we were stressed,

and even started to come up with a list of things that we could absolutely sell in order to get my mother the medication and care she needs during her transplant process. Although we have a long road ahead of us, the MPRA Benevolent Funds assisted with not only putting our minds at ease but allowed us to have some of the financial burden relief we had been hoping for. As a leader I have seen this association help so many and now my family and I are one of those many. If there was ever an organization that one is curious about joining or even donating to MPRA would be it. My family and I cannot thank the Association enough for caring enough about my family.

# MWD RETIRES AFTER 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

*Story and Photos by Anna Morelock, U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden*

**W**IESBADEN, Germany — The U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden military police community wished one of their own good luck and farewell during a retirement ceremony Feb. 22 at the Taunus Theater.

Eleven-year-old Beny, a military working dog with the 525th Military Working Dog Detachment, lay on stage at the feet of his soon-to-be owner as his career achievements were highlighted for the

crowd — 3,000 hours of random anti-terrorism measures; 150 health and welfare searches; and more than 100 customs patrols.

Since his graduation from dog training school at Lackland Air Force Base in 2009, Beny served the Baumholder and Wiesbaden military communities and traveled across the U.S. Army Europe footprint in his role as a drug-detection dog. He taught 10 different handlers, and his last, Sgt. Ryan Borjas, said he definitely learned from the 90-pound German shepherd.

It was great to be partners with Beny for almost two years, Borjas said, and he said he is happy to see him heading to a good home where he'll receive plenty of attention in retirement.

Beny was retired due to a degenerative medical condition and will become the only dog in the house of another MWD handler, Sgt. Mathew Dobson, and his wife.

While Beny carried the rank of staff sergeant — one higher than that of his handler — Dobson said in the dog world, Beny is definitely a command sergeant major.

"He's a really sweet boy," Dobson said, "and he needs a good home, so we decided to adopt him so he can have his last few happy years."



Beny, an 11-year-old German shepherd, lays at the feet of Sgt. Mathew Dobson, a military working dog handler, who is adopting Beny in his retirement. Dobson and other members of the Wiesbaden military police community gathered Feb. 22 to honor Beny as he retired after 10 years of service.

Beny looks back at his handler, Sgt. Ryan Borjas, as Sgt. Mathew Dobson accepts an award on Beny's behalf from Capt. Jennifer Lenz, commander of the 529th Military Police Company. Beny, a military working dog, who retired Feb. 22 after 10 years of Army service, was adopted by Dobson.





1186<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company

# TAKES ADVANTAGE of longer drill weekends

BY SPC. TIMOTHY JACKSON  
115TH MOBILE PUBLIC  
AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

**W**ARRENTON, OREGON — The constant sideways rain accompanies Oregon Army National Guard Soldiers with the 1186<sup>th</sup> Military Police (MP) Company as they train at Camp Rilea Armed Forces Training Center in Warrenton, Oregon. The MP Company, made up of 154 Soldiers from Salem and Hood River, operated together during a four-day period, beginning on Jan. 31, as they prepared for their mission essential task list (METL) certifications this year.

The roar of High-Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV) was only matched by the nearby Pacific Ocean's waves. As a loud simulation grenade exploded, a team of military police raided a two-story building at the mock village set up for military operations in urban terrain (MOUT) training.

Having recently assumed command of the 1186<sup>th</sup>, Capt. Caleb Tomulty observed his Soldiers training in the challenging weather conditions throughout the extended weekend.

"We're working on going through all our squad and platoon level subtasks over the course of this weekend," said Tomulty.

The company recently switched from doing monthly two-day drill weekends, to bi-monthly drill weekends. They use

a half-day on the front end and a half-day on the back end of drill for travel, with three full days in between to conduct training.

As a team leader with 1st platoon, 1186<sup>th</sup> MP, Sgt. Ken Clark remarked that the longer drill weekends allowed for a more robust training period, bringing together Soldiers from Salem and Hood River. Prior to the change in drilling format, the two groups only trained together during their two weeks of annual training.

"It gives us the availability to work with a broader array of individuals, and we get to see people we don't usually see," said Clark.

The MOUT training is an example of the company using the longer weekend to work at full capacity. Each platoon dismounts into the village in different iterations, all accompanied by realistic sounds and conditions from blank ammunition rounds, simulated explosions and mortar rounds. Each group reacts to assaults by ambushing opposing team forces. Afterwards, during an after action review, the Soldiers examine what they have learned from the experience.

"The MOUT training gives a more three dimensional environment to the training rather than just looking at it

on paper. A big thing with training is to remind the Soldiers that we live in a three dimensional world, and if you're not training in a three dimensional world Soldiers forget to look up and look down," said Clark.

The shift in drill scheduling allows the entire company to train together at least five times a year before they reunite again for annual training.

"More training time means we get to build more cohesiveness between our platoons, platoon leaders, and platoon sergeants, as they conduct the operations," said Tomulty.

As the Platoon Sergeant of 3rd platoon 1186<sup>th</sup> MP, Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Baxter, welcomed the four-day training opportunity and foul weather with a smile.

**"IF IT AIN'T RAINING, WE AIN'T TRAINING," SAID BAXTER.**

Baxter stated that the damp atmosphere and conditions helps prepare the company mentally, because when they go out on missions they're not always going to have the best conditions available.

"It's not always going to be sunshine and perfect 75 degree weather," said Baxter.





**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:**

Oregon Army National Guard Soldiers with the 1186th Military Police Company, 821st Troop Command Battalion, secure a building, February 1, 2019, at Camp Rilea Armed Forces Training Center near Warrenton, Oregon. The MP's used the military operations in urban terrain (MOUT) site to conduct situational training exercise scenarios. 1186th Military Police Company, 821st Troop Command Battalion, react to contact. Sgt. 1st Class Cristopher Baxter, platoon sergeant of 3rd platoon, 1186th Military Police Company, 821st Troop Command Battalion, discusses the training plan with his Soldiers. (Oregon Army National Guard photo by Spc. Michael Germundson, 115th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)



# MILITARY POLICE BREWMASTER

By SGM(R) Jay Thorpe

**R**etired Sergeant Major Jay Thorpe has been an active homebrewer since 2003 when he was stationed in the

Mecca of the craft brewing scene in the Pacific Northwest. While stationed at Fort Lewis as a First Sergeant, he honed his skills by trying to emulate great ales that were being made in the Seattle area and had plenty of volunteers to offer feedback.

After his retirement from the Asymmetric Warfare Group at Fort Meade, MD, where he served as a Troop Sergeant

Major, he began a second career in Federal Service as an Intelligence Operations Specialist but he kept up with his homebrewing education. He joined a Maryland Homebrewers Guild called the Chesapeake Real Ale Brewers Society (CRABS) and began entering his beers into competitions and participating in beer sensory and judging courses.

In the summer 2017 one of Jay's recipes for a Smoked Habenero India Pale Ale was featured in Zymurgy magazine. This magazine is the publication of the American Homebrewers

Association.

Through a good friend of his wife Jennifer, he was put in contact with Dave Heller who was in the process of opening a brewery in Jennifer's hometown of Bedford, PA. Dave is a retired FBI Agent and began his homebrewing adventures similar to Jay when he was stationed in Alaska. Both being retired law enforcement and having a passion for brewing they quickly became friends and started developing recipes for the new brewery.

Olde Bedford Brewing Company opened in March 2018 and has a Whiskey Rebellion theme throughout the taphouse. President Washington staged his troops in Bedford, PA during this timeframe so there is no shortage of historical relevance. Some of the current beer names are Patriot Pale Ale, Keep Your Powder Dry Stout and Flintlock IPA. With a little bit of persuasion, the artwork for the Flintlock contains the Military Police Regiment crossed-pistol styling. This beer is made in the style of an English IPA from that time period, so it is more mild in bitterness than most American IPA versions

Jay, Jennifer, and Dave doing "research."



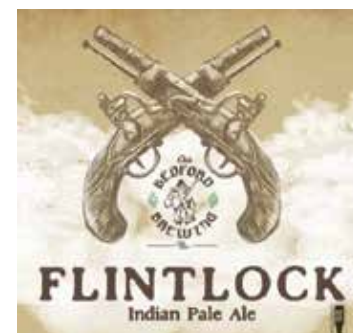
found today. However, Dave and Jay created a new Double IPA in an American style that will cater to the hop heads. It is called G-Man in honor of Dave's FBI service.

Dave is also a Navy Veteran so there are flags hung throughout the brewery to honor military service and challenge coins can be found embedded into the tabletops. There is a pay it forward board located behind the bar where patrons can pay for a beer for veterans, public safety officers, or other notable heroes.

Jay is currently a weekend warrior brewer and helps Dave brew on the weekends as he is not ready to quit his day job in Washington, DC right now. The future will include brewmaster duties for sure.



Jay and Gunny at a CRABS function.







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# DRUG SUPPRESSION TEAM TRAINING

*By CPT Shannon V. Taylor Benning CID Battalion*

**T**he identification, apprehension, and successful prosecution of users and distributors of illegal narcotics is essential to preserve readiness across our Army. These responsibilities fall under a specialized team within CID, the Drug Suppression Team (DST).

Lieutenant Colonel William McKannay, the Benning CID Battalion commander, has placed special emphasis on providing each DST team under his command with tough and realistic training. Last September, the Benning CID Bn hosted its third annual DST training spearheaded by CPT Adelia Imhof, battalion S3, and Brad McCarthy, the assistant operations officer.

The training event included 38 Soldiers from DST teams within the Benning CID Battalion and across two sister battalions in the 3rd MP Group (CID). This week-long training was structured to provide complete validation of the DST special agents and MP Soldiers on tactics, techniques, and practices in modern counter-drug operations. The battalion utilized subject matter experts from within CID, in conjunction with state and



*Left: CID Investigators from Fort Rucker and Fort Polk Drug Suppression Teams conduct tactical vehicle takedown training. (Photo by Patrick Albright)*

federal law enforcement agencies, to instruct on apprehensions and search authorizations, courtroom testimony, semi covert operations, operations planning risk matrixes, sources and utilizing .0015 funds, and basic entry tactics. These training topics were incorporated into four days of practical exercises to test the teams' abilities.

Each team operated under the guidance of an experienced drug team officer from CID and state agencies to execute phased counter-drug operations. The practical exercises were executed at various locations across Fort Benning to simulate a variety of environments the DST may operate. The scenarios allowed the teams to develop a source, conduct overt and covert drug operations, execute a search warrant and arrests utilizing high caliber tactical training taught throughout the week. All of this culminated with a mock courtroom trial. For several of the DST members, the courtroom practical was their first experience with working with the Staff Judge Advocate's Office, providing testimony, and the intricacies of a courtroom environment.

The training was well received by all attendees and was met with high remarks from COL Darcy Overbey, 3rd MP Group commander, and CSM Jeffrey Baker, the Group CSM. Major General Gary Brito, Fort Benning commanding general, was able to observe the tactical training led by Detective Steve Mescan from the Pittsburgh Police Department and the buy/ bust planning portion of the training.

Brito stated that the DSTs "help getting left of the boom that impacts readiness of the individual and of the unit. [The DST] will make an impact on the Army that many will never understand."

The DST training served as an opportunity to enable the teams to refresh their knowledge of DST operations, build cohesion within their team, and allow the battalion leadership to assess the team member's capabilities.

A DST member of the 86th MP Detachment (CID) stated that "the training created an environment where it is okay to make mistakes and learn in what would otherwise be a very high- risk and dangerous situation. I think the most beneficial part was the exchange of lessons learned, intelligence, and best practices between the different teams that traveled here to participate in the training."

According to battalion officials, at the conclusion of the training, all Soldiers returned to their home station with invaluable skills, connections, and a better understanding how to successfully conduct counter-drug operations within their area of responsibility. Combined training exercises like this affirm CID's commitment to readiness and to providing a safe and secure installation for Soldiers, civilians, and their families.



**“ THE SCENARIOS ALLOWED THE TEAMS TO DEVELOP A SOURCE, CONDUCT OVERT AND COVERT DRUG OPERATIONS, EXECUTE A SEARCH WARRANT AND ARRESTS UTILIZING HIGH CALIBER TACTICAL TRAINING**



Left: Military Police from the 297th MP Co., Alaska Army National Guard from Wasilla, AK, perform communications checks, ensuring radios have charged batteries and work efficiently, as the Law and Order Detachment prepares for a day of training during their mobilization. The 297th are training to deploy to the Central Command Region but first have to complete a training and validation administered by 2nd Battalion, 196th Infantry Brigade. (Photo by Crista Mary Mack, 9th Mission Support Command)

Top: Master Sgt. Justin Edwards, 2nd Battalion 196th Infantry Training Brigade, prepares 297th Military Police Co. Law and Order Detachment mobilized Alaska Army National Guard Soldiers, for a day of training. The 196th ITB trains and mobilizes all U.S. Army national Guard and Reserve Forces for deployments and overseas contingency operations and other operations.





# Joint Multi-component Mobilization Training Prepares Alaska Guard MPs for Deployment

By Crista Mary Mack

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF - RICHARDSON When Army Reserve and National Guard units mobilize and deploy, Soldiers don't just put on their uniforms and head into combat. Instead, units like the 196th Infantry Training Brigade and the 3301st Mobilization Support Battalion train and prepare them for Active Duty in very specific jobs.

One such specialized mobilization training and validation underway is that of the Alaska Army National Guard Military Police Company based in Wasilla, Alaska, where a National Guard military police company is trained and prepared for their upcoming deployment to the Central Command region by Active, Reserve and Guard Forces, with the Air Force assisting as well.

The 297th are mobilizing three different elements to go to the CENTCOM region, a Law and Order detachment and two Protective Services Detachment.

"Second battalion 196th is the training support battalion for the State of Alaska, so we are the Active Duty trainers for the Reserve

and National Guard members in the state of Alaska," said Lt. Col. Jeff Noll, commander, 2nd Battalion, 196th Infantry Brigade. "That's actually codified in U.S. law, title 11 of the U.S. Authorization act, which was passed following the Gulf War, and establishes the role of Active Duty in Reserve and National Guard training."

One specification of that code is mobilization. So when a Reserve or National Guard unit prepares to deploy, the Active component training support battalion, in this situation, the 2nd Battalion of the 196th, has an active role in training and validating them for deployment.

## LAW AND ORDER

For the Law and Order Detachment, deploying to serve as the military police force at U.S. military installations, the training is law enforcement focused.

"They are conducting some law enforcement training lanes about situations, everything from Soldiers losing their ID cards and

vehicles being pulled over for speeding all the way up to things like theft and assault," Noll said.

Capt. Robert Humphrey, senior aviation advisor, 2nd Battalion 196th Infantry Bde and Officer in Charge of the Law and Order Det. has an aviation background, and therefore had to overcome the challenge of incorporating subject matter experts into the training.

"Because of the structure of the Alaska National Guard, they are heavy in Aviation and Infantry, so our 16-person battalion is built around that structure," Humphrey said. "Not having a military police officer in our battalion to help us structure this training appropriately, we reached out to Fort Bliss, to the MP schoolhouse at Ft Leonardwood, as well as the 548th MP detachment here on JBER, 728th MP Battalion in Hawaii and with the 673rd Security Forces here on JBER to help us facilitate this training appropriately."

Individual experts flew in and integrated themselves into the training as observer controllers and advisors.



If you are the police officer, what is the right way to handle an accident when you arrive to the scene? Soldiers of the 297th Military Police Co., Alaska Army National Guard, engaged in various scenarios during their mobilization training, including this particular scenario.

“When they came to us from Hawaii, from Ft. Wainwright, from Ft. Leonardwood, we fully integrated them with the team,” Humphrey said. “It’s really their expertise with the training plan that we’ve designed that allows this to function properly. These guys have the subject matter expertise, time and experience performing missions as an MP, it allows them to properly observe and control throughout the training.”

The first eight days were classroom instruction, on basic individual police tasks, radar



Military Police from the 297th MP Co., Alaska Army National Guard from Wasilla, AK, are trained on a variety of law and order scenarios, in this particular situation, The Soldier is tested on his response to a traffic accident. The 297th are training to deploy to the Central Command Region as installation MPs, but first have to complete an official training and validation administered by 2nd Battalion, 196th Infantry Brigade. (Photo by Crista Mary Mack, 9th Mission Support Command)

refresher, and similar, according to Humphrey. Afterwards, more of an individual and collective training culminating with events demonstrating their ability to perform police operations when they get to Kuwait. The next week focuses on the 297th conducting ride alongs and on the job training at JBER, thanks to invitations from the U.S. Air Force.

JBER is an Air Force controlled installation, so the security forces at JBER fall under the U.S. Air Force 673rd Air Forces Squadron, who are giving the 297th MPs the opportunity to do ride along on the job training with post police prior to deployment.

“A lot of the Soldiers are civilian police officers in their civilian capacity, but a lot of them also are very junior and haven’t done basic police tasks such as apprehending a subject, pulling over a speeding motorist, things of that nature, so this gives us an opportunity to get everyone





Alaska Army National Guard 297th Military Police Co. Protective Services Detachment conduct the culminating training event during their mobilization in preparation for deployment. The 297th are training to deploy to the Central Command Region but first have to complete a training and validation administered by 2nd Battalion, 196th Infantry Brigade.(Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Abraham Bailey, 3301st Mobilization Training Brigade)

back in the mentality of being a law enforcement officer and we put them through individual scenarios and collective training events to see how they operate as a unit, a refresher before they deploy from private all the way up to company commander,” Humphrey said.

“This has gotten them into the mentality of we are deploying and operating as police officers. We are doing PMO lanes and simulations training, they are doing the miler training, putting them into scenarios, how to use or not use lethal force appropriately,” Humphrey said.

### PROTECTIVE SERVICES

The 297th MP Co. is also mobilizing two Protective Services Detachments. These are Soldiers who are going to provide security for senior level officials travelling around the CENTCOM region.”

“That training consists of itineraries for general officers moving around,” Noll said. “It is here on JBER but simulating the way generals circulate the battlefield in CENTCOM. The protective services detachments have to develop a plan, recon the areas and protect those principles as they move around the area.”

“We’re putting their skills to the test and we are validating them. The validation team is coming in from outside entities is,” Capt. Christian Botero, 2nd Battalion, 196th Inf. Bde. and officer in charge of the PSD team.

Three Active Duty Army Military Police,

specialized trainers from Guam, Fort Leonardwood, and Fort Bliss, ensure that these Soldiers get specific technical training from seasoned military police professionals. And the mission is simultaneously supported by the 3301st Mobilization Support Battalion, an Army Reserve unit who mobilize in order to help other units mobilize.

“The way ahead for the 196th is that we here as a battalion stand ready to deploy and mobilize any unit that the Alaska National Guard has,” Botero said. “We demonstrated our capacity to prep and mobilize a unit for which we took outside entities and brought all the resources together and thus produce. We can bring all the resources together to best produce a product that will validate any units the Alaska National Guard has to offer.”

“We received a tremendous amount of support from outside the 196th and Master Sgt. Lussi and I could not have done it alone,” Botero said. “We have all the ADP and ADRPs to do it but without the realistic input from our MPs we wouldn’t have the training as realistic as it is.”

Additional support from the 3301st Mobilization Battalion, an Army Reserve unit that mobilized themselves in order to facilitate all aspects of the mobilization of the 297th, were an integral part of the mission.

Lt. Col. Minarico Santiago, commander of the 3301st and the 3301st Mobilization

team have mobilized multi-component efforts to ensure the assist all of the logistics of this mobilization.

“We activated the CMFGI, the Contingency Mobilization Force Generation Platform, and coordinating with the Air Force ... managing, transportation, lodging, communications, any items needed for the mission also for the 196th, that they have all their equipment needed for the training,” Santiago said. “The greatest part is the partnership we have with the Air Force leadership, they have been providing all the necessary equipment and much more. Some of the trainings are to our advantage to learn how to mobilize others, and this team has done a great job in learning, and we are developing our Standard Operating Procedures, and it’s a great experience for the 3301st Wolfpack.”

All these entities join together as one consolidated team, all with one intent, to train and prepare the 297th MPs for their upcoming deployment.

“There are a lot of different agencies involved in this mobilization, especially here on JBER. You’ve got U.S. Air Force agencies, Army Reserve, Active Duty,” Noll said. “So bringing that team of people together has really gone extremely well. We’ve got people here from Hawaii, Texas, Fairbanks, all over, pulling together to make this happen.”

BY PVT. AGUSTIN LOPEZ

# MILITARY POLICE VIETNAM VETERAN REUNITES WITH HELMET

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany--“Well, my first thought was, I had just had that thing redone,” said Paul Mott, a Vietnam War veteran and Millinocket, Maine, native. “I [had] it for only a couple of months, and it was gone, disappeared.”

Back in 1969, Mott served in the newly activated 18th Military Police Brigade. He was 20, a specialist and an MP.

He took his M1 helmet to a local shop in Vung Tau, Vietnam, to have it repainted and to inscribe his name onto the back.

Despite the \$25 he paid for maintenance, the unexpected happened to Mott’s gear.

“I stopped at the mess hall to have chow, and they had a table by the door where you put your headgear,” Mott said. “[I] set it down, went in and ate...When I went back to get it, it was gone.”

Mott never recovered his helmet, while he was in the Army. 50 years would pass before he saw it again.

Mott didn’t tell many stories about Vietnam, said Brayden, Mott’s 14-year-old grandson. The only reoccurring story was the loss of his helmet.

“That was one thing he told me a lot of, so I thought, ‘If he was telling me so much about it and kept bringing it up, he would probably want it back at some point,’” he said.

Brayden was committed to find his grandfather’s helmet the helmet. He use his grandfather’s stories to help in the search.

An Australian woman called me about 15 years ago, Mott said. She was the daughter of an Australian soldier who served in Vietnam.

“Apparently, my friend, the Aussie, acquired that,” Mott said. “When he got done, [the helmet] must have, obviously, been close to the door on the table. He just kind of reached out, grabbed it and out the door he went.”

She found me through Internet searches using my name on the helmet, Mott said.

Mott talked with the Australian veteran about recovering the helmet, but he could not



Paul Mott, a native of Maine who served in the 18th Military Police Brigade in Vietnam, lost his helmet fifty years ago. Fifty years later his grandson Brayden retrieved the helmet for his grandfather through hard work and perseverance. (Courtesy Photo from the Mott Family).

mail it. Instead, Mott would have to travel to Australia and pick it up.

“I knew that was a little outside of my means,” Mott said. “So I just kind of let that slide by and forgot about it.” Mott said.

But Brayden was determined to complete the mission his grandfather could not.

Brayden told his mom that he wanted to retrieve the helmet. She made a deal: if he raised half of the expenses for the trip, about \$1,500, she would provide the rest.

I raised money by mowing lawns and raking leaves, Brayden said.

Mott was unaware of the trip’s true objective. He stayed at home. During the 11-day expedition, using a 15-year-old address, Brayden and his mother found the veteran’s daughter. She gave them the helmet.



Brayden and his mother kept the helmet a secret. They had Mott to cover his eyes with a blindfold made from a shirt. When he took off the blindfold, he saw the helmet.

“It looks almost the same today as it did then 50 years ago,” Mott said.

Brayden brought home a valuable lesson from his trip.

“I learned never to give up because you never know how close you really are to the finish,” said Brayden.

Mott shares a similar sentiment with his grandson. A sentiment similar to the unit he served with in Vietnam, the “Ever Vigilant” brigade.

“You don’t give up. [You] keep making the forward progress.”



# Deployed But Present

## Military Police Reserve NCO connects with loved ones during Atlantic Resolve

BY SPC. WILLIAM DICKINSON

U.S. Army Reserve Sgt. Michael Auvil normally works as a Nevada state trooper in his civilian life. Now, Auvil serves his country as a military police officer with the 313th Military Police Detachment while deployed in support of Atlantic Resolve.

Auvil got his first taste of what it means to be a law enforcement officer when he was first stationed at Ansbach, Germany. After his service as an active duty Soldier, Auvil took his skills to the state of Nevada.

"Before I was even a state trooper, I did security down on the Las Vegas strip," Auvil said. "The training I received in the military helped me with maintaining my composure, and kept me cool, calm and collected, because, man, people are nuts!"

Auvil still stays connected with his Nevada state trooper colleagues back home and

receives constant updates, which allows him to prepare for any changes when he returns to duty from Romania.

"I love being out here in Europe, and here in Romania," Auvil said. "On the professional side, we get to work with new people. We also get a chance to do ride-alongs with the Romanian MPs."

Auvil is particularly interested in the differences between how Romanian and American forces conduct their police work, he said. Working with NATO allies and partners allows him to adapt and learn about a partner country's police work.

Even with all his experiences abroad and as a law enforcement officer, the one thing he was not prepared for was being away from his family. Communication with his family back home has given him the strength needed to

carry out the mission, Auvil said.

"This deployment has been tougher than the ones previously because I was single on my previous ones," Auvil said. "This is the first time I've been married and had a child. Communication is key to keep everything going, whether I'm having a bad day, or my wife Laura is having a bad day, we still talk."

Laura Auvil, Sgt. Auvil's wife, recognizes the struggles faced during deployment, especially when having to play an extra role while her husband is away.

"Being separated during deployment has been difficult, having multiple roles for the family," said Laura. "What has helped is having family to fall back on, staying busy to keep my mind distracted, and talking with friends when times get really tough."

Every Army family finds a way to cope with the stressors of being separated from their loved ones during deployment. For the Auvil family, a constant line of communication is key to healthy family relationships.

"Bottling things up, and just blowing it out of proportion sucks," said Auvil. "You don't need to do that. For us, it is all about talking and just getting to see each other, especially for Remington, our two-year-old."

Auvil values the moments when he gets to see his son throughout his deployment in Europe supporting Atlantic Resolve.

"My kid is growing up so fast, just getting bigger and bigger, and it sucks that I can't be there personally, but I can't imagine the guys who did it back in World War II, Vietnam, and the Korean War," said Auvil. "They come back and it's a whole different Family, and I'm thankful I get the chance to see them while I'm over here."



U.S. Army Reserve Sgt. Michael Auvil is a military police officer with the 313th Military Police Detachment at Mihail Kogălniceanu, Romania, Feb. 11, 2019. The 313th MP Detachment is one of many rotational units which deploy to strategically positioned locations in Europe in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve that are critical for a prompt and coordinated response to detour any possible aggression. (U.S. Army Photo By: Spc. William Dickinson)

# Training Beyond the Walls: Becoming **READY NOW**

"AS WE MOVE TOWARDS THE NEXT EVOLUTION OF BATTLE, COMMANDERS WITH UNITS THAT ARE **READY NOW** ENABLE US TO PROTECT THE NATION AND RAPIDLY DEPLOY FOR COMBAT OPERATIONS. LEADERS MUST TRAIN AGGRESSIVELY TO INCREASE READINESS TO DELIVER A FULLY CAPABLE UNIT WHEN NEEDED. PREPARE YOUR UNITS TO RETURN TO THE BASICS AS WE PLAN TO FIGHT IN FLUID AND DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENTS."

- GEN ROBERT B. ABRAMS, FISCAL YEAR 2019 FORSCOM TRAINING GUIDANCE (07AUG18)



**T**o comply with the FY19 FORSCOM Training Guidance, the 165th Military Police Company (Detention) deliberately adjusted the direction and focus of its training cycles, overcoming constraints to build well-rounded Soldiers prepared for combat. With the transition to the Objective-T methodology to determine readiness across the army, all units must deliberately and regularly execute all assigned Mission Essential Tasks (METs) to remain trained and deployable. Commanders can no longer subjectively rate the readiness status of their unit and are now limited on the risk they are able to accept. Across the Military Police Corps, Mission Essential Task Lists (METLs) for individual units vary greatly based off each assigned mission. All METs require equal training emphasis, but this presents unique challenges for detention units. The 165th MP CO (D) training readiness challenges have created opportunities for leader development in a resource-constrained environment.

With the focus on combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan over the past 18 years, Command Supply Discipline took a backseat to training and combat readiness. The ORA leadership explained that combat readiness and property accountability should go are one in the same. After receiving that feedback from the inspection, SSG Latoya McQuay, the 218th MP Company's Supply NCOIC immediately began improving the Company's CSDP operating procedures.

Located at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the 15th Military Police Brigade is responsible for the Military Correctional Complex (MCC), containing the Midwest Joint Regional Correctional

Facility (MWJRCF) and the United States Disciplinary Barracks (USDB). The brigade has two battalions: the 705th Military Police Battalion (Detention), responsible for staffing and running the medium security MWJRCF, and the 40th Military Police Battalion (Detention), responsible for staffing and running the USDB, the only maximum-security facility in the Department of Defense. The battalions construct is similar, with a FORSCOM Headquarters and Headquarters Company, and line companies (three in 40th MP BN (D) and one in 705th MP BN (D)).

The 705th MP BN (D) has two deployable companies with three platoons of correctional specialists to post the traditional shifts within the facility. The 165th MP CO (D) has three METs: U.S. Military Corrections, Detention Operations, and Expeditionary Deployment Operations. The MWJRCF mission enables Soldiers to maintain proficiency in their critical corrections skills while tactical training outside the facility centers on detention and expeditionary deployment operations to maintain readiness.

A known constraint throughout the entire Military Police Corps is time. Unlike combat support companies, detention companies do not operate on the traditional Red, Amber, Green cycle rotation to balance shift work, tasking's, and tactical training. Within the 705th MP BN (D), a company training cycle is not feasible with solely organic support. This challenge has created an opportunity for the 165th MP CO (D) to develop innovative solutions for platoon certifications.

For Fiscal Year 2019, 705 MP BN (D) made deliberate efforts to increase opportunities for



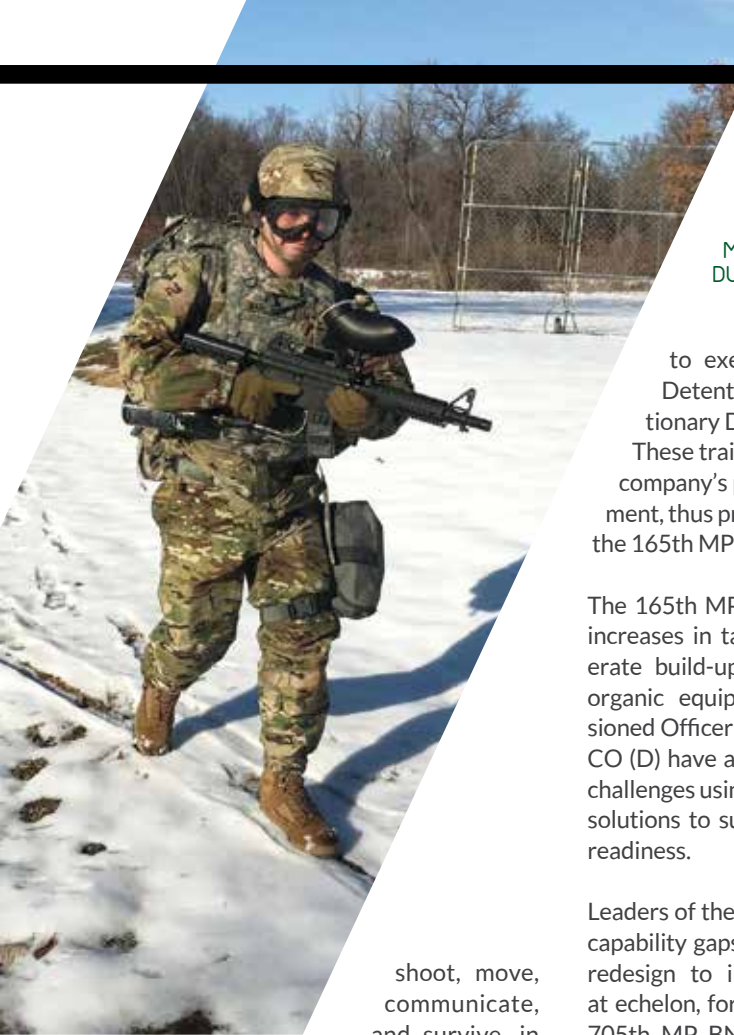


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tactical training outside of the MWJRCF. Previously, the three platoons rotated by quarter to conduct training cycles. Within the assigned quarter, the platoon's four squads rotated weekly to train tactically and for one week, the entire platoon trained at echelon collectively. For FY19, the training periods reduced to half a quarter, giving each platoon four weeks for squad training, one platoon training week, and one retraining/recovery week. This separates platoon-training cycles by one quarter instead of two, and the battalion doubled the number of annual platoon training weeks from four to eight. This increase of protected training for the platoons significantly enabled the build-up from individual to team, squad, and platoon level certifications. The shortened timeline between training periods mitigates commander's risk in retention of previous certifications and trained skills. Pending revisions to FM 3-63, Detainee Operations, identify proficiency in similar supporting collective tasks (SCT) for the Detention MET and the Corrections MET. With this proficiency parallel of Detention/Corrections operations, the commander's intent for FY19 training included an added emphasis on the development of well-rounded Soldiers, able to independently



**TOP LEFT:** 165 MP CO (D) SOLDIERS CONDUCT FORCED CELL MOVE (FCM) TEAM TRAINING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THEIR EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN VALIDATION FOR DISTURBANCE PROCEDURES. **TOP:** 165 MP CO (D) SOLDIER CONDUCTS M9 PISTOL QUALIFICATION AT FORT LEAVENWORTH'S KINDER RANGE TO MAINTAIN WEAPONS PROFICIENCY AND READINESS. **RIGHT:** SPC HUTTO, 165 MP CO (D), CONDUCTS LAND NAVIGATION CLASSROOM TRAINING DURING INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATIONS ON ARMY WARRIOR TASKS.



UTILIZING PAINTBALL GUNS  
AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT  
FROM THE FORT RILEY TASC, 165  
MP CO (D) ENHANCED REALISM  
DURING TEAM CERTIFICATIONS.

to exercise the company on both Detention Operations and Expeditionary Deployment Operations METs. These training rotations will validate the company's personnel, training, and equipment, thus proving the degree of success of the 165th MP CO (D) as a "Ready Now" unit.

The 165th MP CO (D) has made significant increases in tactical training and the deliberate build-up of training, despite limited organic equipment. Soldiers, Noncommissioned Officer, and Leaders of the 165th MP CO (D) have adapted to overcome resource challenges using non-traditional and creative solutions to successfully train and maintain readiness.

Leaders of the 15th MP BDE have identified capability gaps and are working on a MTOE redesign to increase training capabilities, at echelon, for the 40th MP BN (D) and the 705th MP BN (D); the current MTOE for a detention company limits independent training and certifications. In spite of these constraints, collaboration between the two battalions continues to set the conditions for success. During a recent on-order mission, battalion's cross-leveled resources to ensure our Soldiers are "Ready Now". Vehicles, tents, and weapon reorganization proved the feasibility of Brigade-organic support for company mobilization, but at a cost to the readiness and training for the companies remaining behind.

The 165 MP CO (D) mitigates Fort Leavenworth's limited training resources with outside the box training strategies. Fort Leavenworth has a range, land-navigation course, and basic training areas for fundamentals development. Unfortunately, the range is inadequate to conduct the M9 Law Enforcement Weapon Training and Qualification (LEWTAQ); the land navigation course was plotted and constructed off the most recent Fort Leavenworth Military Installation Map, published in 1976; and training land available is limited to partially developed areas.

The solution for 165 MP CO (D) lies in cooperation with sister units and nearby installations: Fort Riley provides most external training resources utilized by the brigade

and is instrumental in the progression to and execution of Platoon EXEVALS. Detention companies at Fort Leavenworth travel to Fort Riley, Kansas to utilize traditional training areas, the Training Support Center (TASC), the Engagement Skills Trainer (EST), the Night Driver's training course, as well as a combatives facility to support corrections specific training. Fort Leonard Wood also provides valuable assets for training, particularly access to MP specific schools. The support from nearby installations is vital for mastering the fundamentals emphasized in the FORSCOM training guidance to be "Ready Now".

Military Police structural limitations challenge the 705th MP BN (D) leaders to think outside the box for training opportunities above platoon echelon. The companies and battalion synchronize with National Guard and Reserve Units to backfill positions in the MWJRCF to maintain custody and control. During his January visit to the MCC, MG David P. Glaser, Provost Marshal General, stated that as an integral part of the MCC, the MWJRCF is a premier training platform for the 31E MOS, to include our National Guard and Reserve partners. This provides a perfect solution to achieve the next level of readiness for the 705th: the battalion can provide practical experience and certification within the facility to National Guard or Reserve units whilst simultaneously setting the conditions for absence of a company to train and conduct certification at echelon.

With these initiatives and redirection, the 165th Military Police Company (Detention) has made significant strides towards creating well-rounded Soldiers, trained and proficient in both Army Warrior Tasks as well as their Mission Essential Tasks. The use of dynamic and complex solutions to maximize training opportunities available to the companies has enabled dramatic increases in proficiency of skills beyond those essential to conduct minimum MET requirements. The FORSCOM priorities of Maximizing Unit Readiness, Mastering the Fundamentals, and Strengthening Leader Development are all integral parts of this fiscal year's training focus, and have guided the direction of tactical training. As the 165th Military Police Company (Detention) moves forward through their progressive training cycles, the company continues to adhere to the FORSCOM guidance, overcoming all resource constraints to create a "Ready Now" company.

shoot, move, communicate, and survive, in addition to certifying on remaining team, squad, and platoon MET tasks.

To maximize training efficiency, the platoons' tactical training cycles built consecutively on previously trained skills. In first quarter, platoons trained with a deliberate focus on individual and team level tasks. Leaders allocated dedicated training time to for Soldier skills development including: drivers training, operating communication equipment, CLS, and more, all with the intent of minimizing the platoon's need for external support while conducting tactical operations. The second platoon cycle transitioned to squad certifications, deploying the platoons to Fort Riley for a portion of their training cycle, driving leader development through additional planning and resourcing while increasing the difficulty of tactical tasks. Beginning in fourth quarter, the platoons will finish out the fiscal year with platoon EXEVALs, deploying to Fort Riley for a culminating training event (CTE). This EXEVAL, run by the 705th MP BN (D) staff, will incorporate 165th MP CO (D) headquarters



# U.S. Army Military Police School Creates New Course Focused on Strangulation Cases

By Dawn M. Arden

**f**ORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. — The U.S. Army Military Police School, Behavioral Sciences Education and Training Division, recently completed two of the three scheduled pilot courses for their new three-day Multidisciplinary Strangulation Response and Investigation Course as a result of the changes in the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

David Zeliff, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division Command Forensics Program manager, said the UCMJ now has a new offense for strangulation, and it is a felony.

The course, created in order to train first responders to better identify the signs and symptoms of strangulation, includes training and education on such topics as: legal changes and implementations, methods and mechanisms of strangulation, medical-legal language, pediatric strangulation, recognition of neurological/physical signs and symptoms, trauma informed interview response, lethality protocols, multidisciplinary collaboration and proper investigative report writing.

**“We’ve keyed in on what law enforcement can do, what medical can do and what family advocacy can do,” said Sonya Barlow, BSETD training specialist. “The seriousness of strangulation means we need a coordinated response. We need all first responders on the same sheet of music, so to speak.”**

One in four women and one in seven men in the U.S. have been a victim of severe domestic abuse, according to a survey conducted by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. When strangulation is involved, the likelihood of death caused by that abuse increases.

“With domestic abuse and strangulation, it is 700 times more likely that an individual will be a victim of homicide,” Barlow said.

Barlow said the division also created a First Responder’s Lethality Assessment, a Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment and a form that documents bruises and various physical indicators, as well as some emotional indicators that go along with strangulation.



Students in the new three-day Multidisciplinary Strangulation Response and Investigation Course are taught to have victims use a styrofoam head to show hand placement during an attack and to have caregivers use orange, weighted dolls to reenact how an infant was put to bed in the cases where there is an undetermined cause of death. The MSRIC one of three scheduled pilot courses at the U.S. Army Military Police School, Behavioral Sciences Education and Training Division, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., as a result of changes in the Uniform Code of Military Justice that now includes a felony offense for strangulation. (Photo by Dawn M Arden)

“We built protocols in conjunction with this,” Zeliff said. “Those protocols are going to be issued to all first responders, so when they respond to a scene, rather than looking and saying there are no marks of violence, it will prompt them to ask questions. We hope those questions lead them to where we might be able to stop it after the first incident.”

In creating this course, Barlow and Zeliff said they hope to make more people aware of the dangers of strangulation.

“It’s a much-needed course,” Barlow said. “The sooner we see the signs, the better, and the more people asking the right questions means we can connect victims with the right resources. If a person has been strangled, he or she needs a different level of care.”

Barlow said some signs and symptoms of strangulation are not visible right away, and some are never shown. That is why it is important to learn the indicators.

“If they have lost consciousness, that intensi-

fies their chances to have what we call small strokes, or cryptogenic strokes, where they can suffer memory loss, amnesia -- and researchers have even linked it to depression later on,” Barlow said. “They don’t know why they are feeling the way they are feeling, and eventually they go into a deep depression.”

Zeliff said the lack of oxygen causes serious injury to the brain.

“For anyone that has lost consciousness, it creates an anoxic brain injury, and anyone that is suffering from an anoxic brain injury will never be the same,” he said. “There are a lot of things nurses and doctors can do for people, but once they’ve suffered anoxic brain injury, that can’t be fixed. They can be taught to live with it; they can be taught to adapt, but they can’t be fixed, and so it often creates a permanent disability, and some people get progressively worse over time from those injuries, as well.”

Five additional courses have been scheduled following the pilot courses.

# LOUISIANA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD MPs TRAIN ON NEW EST II TRAINER

By SGT Noshoba Davis

Soldiers from the US Louisiana Army National Guard have completed training on new virtual simulation training system Engagement Skills Trainer II (EST II) at Camp Beauregard in Pineville.

The new virtual trainer allows soldiers to hone their marksmanship skills related to the basic fundamentals and collective and escalation of force training.

Louisiana and Mississippi senior training aids, devices, simulators and simulations instructor Mark Lamb said: "The National Guard doesn't have much time on their drill weekends when it comes to training.

"The EST II allows them to work with the soldiers and not have to pay for extra rounds of ammunition they may need if a soldier is struggling on a range."

Prior to going to a live-fire range, soldiers can train on the EST II to improve weapons qualifications and practice reflexive fire, nuclear, biological and chemical fire operations, and night fire operations.

The EST II trainer also allows the troops to upload maps from different locations, and change weather conditions during the simulation to suit their requirements.

When compared to the old EST 2000 trainer, the EST II system features new



The EST II is a virtual simulation trainer that is designed to assist and improve a Soldier's basic fundamentals of marksmanship. (Photo by SGT Noshoba Davis)

coaching tools to review performance, authoring programme, and a Virtual Battlespace 3 collective training feature.

The new system allows to design a tactical scenario or a particular training environment, as well as execute simulated scenarios such as ambushes, react to contact, patrols or search for improvised explosive devices.

2228th Military Police Company sergeant Mark Breaux said: "The EST II benefits the soldiers by giving them a more relaxed training environment to improve their marksmanship skills.

"Soldiers still get the full effect of being on a range, but they can have more one-on-one coaching in here."

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# ARMY FIELDS MODERNIZED HANDGUN SYSTEM TO MPs

BY DAWN ARDEN

**T**he U.S. Army began fielding M17 and M18 Modular Handgun Systems to the Military Police School at Fort Leonard Wood in December to replace the force's aging Beretta M9, a weapon that has been in use since the mid-1980s and is quickly reaching its serviceability limits.

Sporting an integrated rail system, a polymer grip module and self-illuminating sights, the modernized 9 mm pistol produced by Sig Sauer couldn't have come at a better time, according to Mark Farley, USAMPS deputy commandant.

"The (Beretta M9s) we currently have are breaking more often which causes readiness issues," Farley said. He explained that the school's M9s have fired on average about 20,000 to 30,000 rounds when a typical handgun will last through only about 10,000 before they start to have significant issues.

Gary Homer, USAMPS instructor, added, "With these 17 and 18s, you won't get degradation of the barrel until after 25,000 rounds. The new MHS has an exponentially longer lifespan, or life expectancy."

Homer said every MHS is test fired before leaving the factory with 13 rounds — three to break in the weapon and 10 to test accuracy. He said each one must hit 10 out of 10 at 25 meters in a smaller than 3-inch group attesting to the gun's accuracy level.

Both Farley and Homer agree one of the biggest selling points of the new MHS are the modular grips which come in small, medium and large, and allow for the pistol to be modified to the individual shooter.

"The Military Police Corps, is about 16 percent female Soldiers, so this is a big deal when you're talking about Soldier lethality and accuracy," Farley said. "For all Soldiers to be able to hold that weapon with a proper grip and use the right fundamentals of firing — it's very important in order for them to be able to engage the target and thereafter. One size does not fit all."

In addition to being able to add lights to the guns with the rail system, John Scarbrough, USAMPS instructor/writer, said another thing he likes about the modernized weapons is the consistent trigger. He said this will help the MP students coming through the school's many courses.

"There is a more consistent trigger so you don't have to get used to 12 and then a 4 1/2 or 5 1/2 pound trigger," Scarbrough said. "Your first shot is the same as your 17th shot."



The Army began fielding the modernized M17 and M18 Modular Handgun Systems to the Military Police School in December. The school is expected to receive about 1,400 weapons in total. U.S. Army Photo by Lewis Perkins.

He said the trigger pull in conjunction with the modular grips will improve overall accuracy.

"We have had students before who had to use two fingers to pull the trigger due to strength because their hand position, or they're holding the gun in an awkward position so it's not managing recoil," Scarbrough said. "Those are the two biggest things that I think will help out whomever is shooting them."

Farley agreed and said it's not just the equipment that's being modernized. He said USAMPS recently changed their qualification tables as well.

"It came at the right time where we were trying to make training a little more stringent and harder. This gun won't make it easier, but it will ease some of the transition on this new qualification table that is just now being exposed to Soldiers in the field," Farley said. "It wasn't coordinated but it worked out well."

Farley said they are excited about the new gun, adding that it's long overdue. "The sooner we can get it fully fielded to the operational units and the full training base then operational readiness will be enhanced."

So far the school has only received a few hundred of these systems, but is expecting to receive approximately 1,400.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MILITARY POLICE MUSEUM

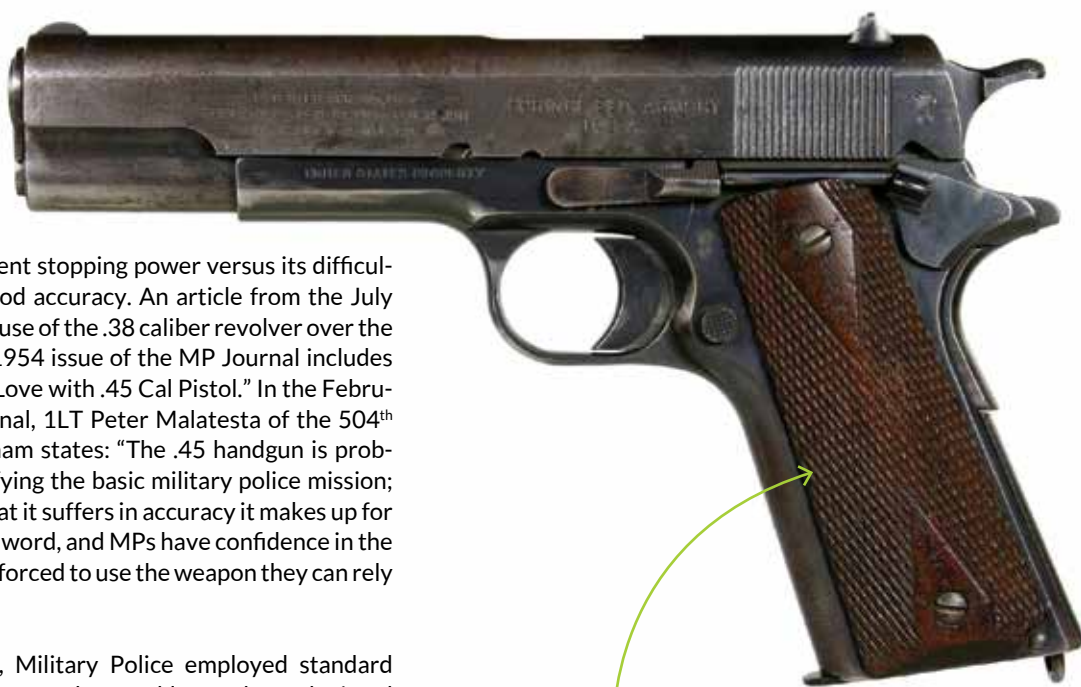
# MILITARY POLICE AND THE M1911 PISTOL

The announcement that the Army recently began the fielding of a modernized handgun at the Military Police School (see article on page 39) provides the opportunity to look back in time by featuring three of the museum's artifacts. The new modular Sig Sauer M17 handgun will replace the Beretta M9 pistol that has been in service with the Army since 1985, a total of 35 years. However, the sidearm that preceded the M9 was adopted by the Army in 1911 and remained in service for 74 years. Thus the legendary M1911 pistol should be familiar to most MPs who served any time prior to 1985.

Throughout its history with the MP Corps, the .45 caliber pistol served in peacetime and combat but seemed to experience a steady flow of proponents and detractors in the branch. This was usually due to the weapon's excellent stopping power versus its difficulties in the user maintaining good accuracy. An article from the July 1953 MP Journal endorsed the use of the .38 caliber revolver over the .45 pistol. However, the June 1954 issue of the MP Journal includes an article entitled "MP Falls in Love with .45 Cal Pistol." In the February 1971 issue of the MP Journal, 1LT Peter Malatesta of the 504<sup>th</sup> MP Bn in Phu Bai, South Vietnam states: "The .45 handgun is probably the best weapon for satisfying the basic military police mission; it's convenient to carry, and what it suffers in accuracy it makes up for in power. Confidence is the key word, and MPs have confidence in the .45. They realize when they are forced to use the weapon they can rely on its doing the job."

Along with the M1911 pistol, Military Police employed standard olive drab pistol belts, magazine pouches, and lanyards, as depicted on the WWII MP poster entitled "Of the Troops and For the Troops." For special duty assignments, MPs employed leather or white canvas accoutrements, including a white canvas cover for leather holsters. The 545<sup>th</sup> MP Company sometimes used yellow pistol accessories in keeping with its cavalry affiliation.

Featured here are three M1911 pistols from the museum collection that depict the date range and technical variations of the weapon.



An unmodified M1911 built at Springfield Armory in 1915, serial number 119389. It displays the original characteristics of the M1911 including gloss blue finish and wooden checkered grips. The left side of the slide has "PATENTED APR. 20 1897 / SEPT. 9, 1902. DEC. 19, 1905. FEB. 14, 1911 / COLT'S PT.F.A. MFG CO." and "SPRINGFIELD ARMORY U.S.A." The left side of the frame has "UNITED STATES PROPERTY." The right side of the slide has "MODEL OF 1911 U.S. ARMY" and the right side of the frame has the serial number.



A M1911 'arsenal rebuild' that was overhauled at Springfield Arsenal during WWII. Of the seven M1911 pistols in the museum collection, five are arsenal rebuilds. The serial number on the receiver indicates it was manufactured in early 1919 by Colt. As part of its overhaul, it was rebuilt with mixed parts, including a Colt frame (serial number 608505) and a Springfield Armory slide. During refurbishment it received the 'Parkerized' surface treatment and plastic grips common to the M1911A1 but retains all the physical characteristics of the M1911.





An unmodified M1911A1 built by Remington Rand in 1945, serial number 2236145. It displays the modifications introduced in 1924 and has a non-reflective 'Parkerized' finish and plastic brown checkered grips. The left side of the slide has "REMINGTON RAND INC., SYRACUSE, N.Y., U.S.A." The right side of the frame has "UNITED STATES PROPERTY", "MODEL OF 1911A1 U.S. ARMY" and the serial number.

## HISTORY OF THE M1911 .45 CALIBER AUTOMATIC PISTOL

Because of the lack of stopping power of the Army's .38 caliber revolvers against Moro tribesmen during the Philippine-American War during 1899-1902, the Army Ordnance department called for a more powerful side-arm for U.S. Soldiers. The commercial .45 automatic pistol was designed by John Moses Browning and was first mass-produced by Colt, as its M1905. This pistol was adopted, in modified form, by the U.S. Army in 1911 as the "Automatic Pistol, Caliber .45, Model of 1911", chambered for the .45 cal. ACP cartridge. Due to experience during field use, several minor design improvements were introduced in 1924. The major changes included an arched mainspring housing on the back of the grip, the addition of relief cuts on the frame behind the trigger, a shorter trigger with knurled face, and extended grip safety tang. In 1926, the updated version was re-designated as the "Pistol, U.S. Caliber .45 Model 1911A1" by the Ordnance department to distinguish it from the earlier unimproved M1911. About 150,000 were produced by Colt, Springfield, and Remington UMC from 1911 up to World War II. Colt, Remington-Rand, Union Switch & Signal, Singer (only 500), and the Ithaca Gun Company manufactured 1,800,000 pistols during WWII. Production ended in 1945 but substantial inventories allowed for continued service for decades afterward until the Army adopted the M9 Beretta 9mm in 1985.

## SPECIFICATIONS:

- **CARTRIDGE: .45 ACP**
- **CAPACITY: 7 ROUND MAGAZINE**
- **MUZZLE VELOCITY: 835 FT./SEC.**
- **WEIGHT: APPROX. 2 LB 7 OZ (UNLOADED WITH MAGAZINE)**
- **LENGTH: 8 1/4"**
- **HEIGHT: 5 1/4"**
- **BARREL LENGTH: 5.03"**
- **TWIST: 16" PER TURN**
- **ACTION: SINGLE ACTION, SHORT RECOIL OPERATION, LOCKED BREECH**
- **MAX. EFFECTIVE RANGE: 82.02 FT.**
- **MUZZLE VELOCITY: 830 FT./SEC.**



An MP at the Arlington Cantonment (Fort Myer) in 1941, 703rd Military Police Battalion.

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# WILLIAM HENRY MAGLIN

## → “MR. MILITARY POLICE”

Born on 4 May 1898 in Long Island, New York, William Henry Maglin was the son of Jeremiah Joseph Maglin and the former Margaret Hock. He grew up in Richmond Hill (Long Island) with his brother (Joseph) and his sister (Eva). His father was a New York City police officer and later as a detective with the NYPD, Jeremiah Maglin would be recognized as a pioneer in crime prevention. William Maglin enlisted as a private in the US Army on 10 April 1917 and was assigned to Troop L, 5th Cavalry, and while stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, he was selected to serve as a member of the Military Police detachment. Maglin would eventually rise to the rank of corporal and through the competitive examinations for West Point, he would earn an appointment to the Academy on 12 November 1918. After completing “Prep School,” Maglin entered West Point in June 1920. From 1920 to 1924, he was crowned the light heavy weight boxing champion of the Corps of Cadets and was a three-year captain of the boxing team. Maglin graduated from West Point on 12 June 1924 and was simultaneously commissioned as a second lieutenant of Infantry.

Assigned to the 26th Infantry at Plattsburg Barracks, New York, he served as the provost marshal and commanding officer of the Military Police detachment. In March 1927, Maglin was transferred to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, for duty with the 19th Infantry and in March 1929, he was reassigned to the Hawaiian Military Police Department at Fort Shafter. Subsequently, Maglin hand-picked and trained 100 soldiers and had them wear uniforms with distinctive “MP” markings. In May 1930, he returned to the United States and joined the 5th Infantry — serving with this unit at Fort Williams, Maine; Camp Devens, Massachusetts; and Fort McKinley, Maine. He entered the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, in September 1932 and graduated in June 1933. Afterwards, Maglin was briefly assigned to the Civilian Conservation Corps and served with the CCC in Idaho and Tennessee.



In December 1933, he was transferred to the 16th Infantry at Fort Jay (headquartered on Governors Island, New York) where he served as provost marshal. Returning to Hawaii in May 1935, Maglin served with the Military Police Company of the Hawaiian Department at Fort Shafter. In September 1937, he was appointed as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Maryland and entered the Command and General Staff School at Fort



Leavenworth, Kansas, in September 1939. After graduating from this school in February 1940, Maglin served briefly with the 2nd Infantry Division where he commanded the Military Police Company. In July 1940, he became Provost Marshal at the US Military Academy. When the Corps of Military Police was established as a permanent branch of the US Army on 26 September 1941, Maglin was transferred from the Infantry to the Corps of Military Police and assigned to the Office of the Provost Marshal, General Headquarters, United States Army, in January 1942. Along with Major Generals Allen W. Gullion, Archer L. Lerch and Edwin P. Parker, Jr., William H. Maglin is universally recognized as one of the "Founding Fathers of the Modern Day Military Police Corps." And he was the only one of the four that ever wore the crossed pistols of a Military Police Corps officer.

Promoted to colonel on 1 February 1942, Maglin was assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas, and given command of the newly established Military Police Replacement Training Center in March 1942. After organizing the Center, Maglin was named Deputy Provost Marshal of the Services and Supply in the European Theater of Operations in June 1942 and in May 1943, he was appointed Deputy Provost Marshal of the North African Theater of Operations. In September 1943, Maglin became commandant of the Provost Marshal General School at Fort Custer, Michigan; he served in that capacity again when the School was moved to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in October 1944. In June 1945, he was named assistant director of the Military Police Division, Office of the Provost Marshal General, US Army Headquarters, and one month later became the director. In November 1945, Maglin was assigned to Seoul, South Korea, as director of the Department of Police, US Army Military Government in Korea. He subsequently built an organization of 23,000 uniformed policemen, 5,000 detectives, and 500 policewomen. Gratitude for the part he played in establishing the Korean National Police was shown in 1953 when, on a return visit, he was awarded the ROK Order of Military Merit (Taeguk Class) by President Syngman Rhee.

In September 1947, Maglin was named commandant of the Military Police School at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, retaining that position when the School moved to Fort Gordon, Georgia, in June 1948. In June 1950, he was appointed Deputy Provost Marshal General of the Army and promoted to brigadier general on 3 November 1950. Thus, he qualifies as the first Military Police Corps officer to achieve flag grade officer rank. In May 1951, Maglin was transferred to Germany as Provost Marshal of the European Command with headquarters at Heidelberg. In August 1952, he was designated Provost Marshal of the newly-organized US Army in Europe with headquarters in Heidelberg and on 5 February 1953, Maglin became the Provost Marshal General of the Army. He served in this capacity until retiring from the US Army on 30 September 1957. No single person is more



consistently or more prominently associated with the development and training of today's Military Police force than Major General William H. Maglin. Serving as the first commander of the Military Police Replacement Training Center (Fort Riley, Kansas) and three tours of duty as the Commandant of the Military Police School (Fort Custer, Michigan; Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; and Fort Gordon, Georgia), it is fitting that he was given the nickname — "Mr. Military Police." During the formative years of the Military Police Corps, he contributed immeasurably to the establishment of doctrine, organization, training, leadership and education. Along with Major Generals Harry Hill Bandholtz, Allen W. Gullion, John D. Granger and Command Sergeant Major James W. Frye, Maglin was inducted into the MPRA Hall of Fame in 1992 — the inaugural year. His influence continues to impact today's Military Police Corps Regiment. Major General Maglin passed away on 11 January 1958 at the age of 59. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on 15 January 1958 and was survived by his wife, the former Kathryn Swint, and two sons, William and Jere.

By Ronney Z. Miller,  
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# MPRA Flint Hills Chapter Happenings →

The MPRA Flint Hills Chapter is actively engaged in supporting our soldiers and families throughout the year. We have been blessed with many opportunities to support our MP companies, families, and the Battalion on Fort Riley. That, of course, is our task and our purpose. However, the Chapter has a goal to support other non-profit organizations that also support the military community.

Kansas State University Global Campus where I work supporting military connected students was invited to attend and sponsor the third annual Hold'em for Heroes fundraiser. I thought this a great idea and the Chapter agreed to participate with our own donation. The proceeds for the fundraiser were be donated to the Kansas City based Veterans Community Project (VCP). The university and the Flint Hills Chapter donated a combined total of \$750 and set up a table at the event.

This was a perfect opportunity for the Flint Hills Chapter to meet our goal and support homeless veterans. The Veterans Community Project (VCP) was founded by US Army Corporal Chris Stout who was selected as one of CNN's top ten Heroes of 2018. His story of combat service and recovery is inspirational. I personally like the CVP because it provides a practical solution by getting veterans off the street and into a transitional homes. The cost

is free and the veterans live in a Veteran Village where they are in an accepting community and have access to onsite services.

"In contrast to traditional homeless services, a tiny-home provides the Veteran with privacy, a sense of security, and the ability to reintegrate at a comfortable pace. Veteran services are facilitated through an onsite community center that provides the Veterans with mentoring, case management, counseling, and linkage to other programs and services." — VCP website: [www.veteranscommunityproject.org](http://www.veteranscommunityproject.org)

The event itself was held in the Olathe American Legion, Post 153. At the table sponsored by both the Flint Hills Chapter and Kansas State University I met with family and veterans, and a couple Wildcats, as the night progressed through a Texas Hold'em tournament, auctions, drawings, and food sales all supporting the Veterans Community Project. By the nights end over \$31,000 was raised for the CVP and my belief in community support for veterans greatly reinforced!

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STORY AND PHOTOS BY DOMINIC BARNES, SFC (R), PRESIDENT, FLINT HILLS CHAPTER MPRA





BY CPT KATHERINE TROXELL (PEACEKEEPER MPRA SECRETARY)

# PEACEKEEPER MPRA STRENGTHENS RELATIONSHIPS IN COMMUNITIES

On February 1st, the Peacekeeper Military Police Regimental Association (MPRA) Chapter hosted “Give Back Skate” Night at the Ford Ice Center in Nashville, Tennessee. The event was open to the public and was used as a fund raiser for the Peacekeeper MPRA chapter. The Peacekeeper (MPRA) Chapter has recently been founded and is associated with the 716th Military Police Battalion (Peacekeepers) stationed at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

The MPRA is a non-profit organization that provides grants to Soldiers and Families in need, scholarships and also maintains the Regiment’s history at the Regiment’s Memorial Grove and Museum.

1LT Carley Goodson, a Platoon Leader in the 716th MP BN said “It was such a fun activity and a great opportunity for us to meet other people who may not know about the Chapter.”

“The MPRA is such a great organization”, says 1LT Goodson, “I’m really happy to be able to support our Soldiers and Families in the Regiment”.

CPT Matt Upshaw, the 561st Military Police Company Commander says, “It was my first time ice skating and I had a great time, this was such a neat idea!”

The “Give Back Skate” event was a great success. Families and Soldiers of the Battalion as well as many Nashville locals showed up for a fun night of ice skating. Being able to host an event outside of Ft. Campbell and get over 200 participants was a great success.

CPT Joanna Neekonov, the Chapter Vice President says, “It’s great to belong to a community that is a huge supporter of the Military and Law Enforcement communities.”

The Peacekeeper Chapter has been a great opportunity for veterans to come together and be a part of an organization supporting the Regiment. The Chapter is also building relationships with the local police departments in Clarksville, Oak Grove and Hopkinsville. These relationships are great opportunities for Police Officers of all types to come together and build lasting friendships.



Top left: Many members of the Peacekeeper chapter join in a group skate. Top right: LTC Schuldts, the Chapter President and 716th MP BN CDR with his daughter Emma. Bottom right: 1LT Carley Goodson having a great time at the “Give Back Skate” event.

This will be the first of many events the Peacekeeper Chapter hosts as it continues to grow. The Chapter was founded to be able to give back to the Regiment and help the Soldiers and Families of the Peacekeeper Battalion. The Soldiers and Families sacrifice so much not only for the Battalion but for the country, this is the Battalion’s way of saying thank you and we appreciate everything they do.

# Military Police Pride

## with the 793rd MP BN Association

Pride does not begin to describe the feeling I have for the Military Police Corps Regiment. In reading my father's memoirs from WWII to meeting you men and women of the Regiment I have developed great respect for your continued service. Assuming the Direction of the 793<sup>RD</sup> Military Police BN Association is a true honor & privilege.

Military Police, Family and Friends, I would like to take this opportunity to share acknowledgements of the dedication and sacrifices each of you have made and continue to make in the defense and protection of the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic. Regardless if you served in combat or supported your Soldier as a family member or friend, each of you have sacrificed and were and are willing to go above and beyond what most Americans will ever do. You are special, a better citizen and an example to others. The fact that some of you may have served in or with the 793<sup>RD</sup> Military Police Battalion sets you apart from others. You have been a member of the longest consistently active Battalion in the Military Police Corps. For 73 Years the SPARTANS have served with honor and distinction and have never failed to meet the obligations of selfless service to the MP Corps Regiment and our Nation.

As Soldiers, especially Military Police, you strive every day to Assist, Protect and Defend one another, our families and our livelihood. You are a "brotherhood" that was forged through trials and tribulations of service as well as the rewards and honors bestowed

upon the unit and members. It does not matter whether you served in WWII, Korea, Vietnam or any of our other military conflicts or in peacetime, a bond exists across the generational gap. This bond of support and family is always evident. We, the 793<sup>RD</sup> Military Police Battalion Association, strive to maintain the "esprit de corps" and keep our history alive. For those who have served in war and peace, regardless of the decade, we are forever bound.

We have some wonderful accomplishments to share!

- Recently our Association Directors have been promoted to the rank of Colonel - COL Kirt Boston and COL Stephen Gabavics
- Greg Zito author - published "History of Street Cops"
- In 2018 SSG Peter Schantz received the French Legion of Honor Medal.
- Mr. Walter Pruiksma was honored The Order of the *Marechaussee* Silver. Walter is a member of Company D 783<sup>RD</sup> MP BN. The 783<sup>RD</sup> were a part of the WWII Red Ball Express right next to some of you.
- SSG Joe Reynolds and Diane De Rosa Reynolds were honored with the very first two *Friend of the Regiment Awards*.
- The Association has presented the *SPARTAN 793<sup>RD</sup> Military Police BN Association Lifetime Member* to Rick Mazza, Junior Ray Linch, Dolores De Rosa, Peter Schantz, and Noah Love.
- Various biographies were published in

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the first ever Military Police History Book to include: COL Frank Cohn, Richard Delia, SSG Frank De Rosa, 1SG(R) Noah Love, SSG Peter Schantz, BG Brian Bisacre, COL Michael Blahovec, CSM James Breckinridge, CW5 Joel Fitz, 1SG(R) Rick Harne, COL(R) Dan McElroy, CSM(R) John McNeirney, BG Mark Spindler, SGT Gene Stephens, and CSM Richard Woodring.

In the past few years our Association has had the great fortune to work with the fantastic MP Command, Directors and Friends of the Military Police Regimental Association. A big **Thank You** for those who have assisted the 793<sup>RD</sup> MP BN Association with our Annual Reunion Event planning. Beth Bellerby, Cyndi Bisacre, 1SG(R) Rick Harne, Felicia Higgins, Ron Miller, SGM Paul Millius, CSM(R) Dorsey Newcomb, Jim Rogers, and SGT Warren Sessler. Your kindness and open arms are greatly appreciated. To the United States Army Military Police School Command Team and staff BG Brian Bisacre, CSM James Breckinridge, CW5 Joel Fitz, SSG Patrick Hannon, SSG Anthony Santos...Thank you for the space under your wings.

We hope you will join the 793<sup>RD</sup> Military Police BN Association and enjoy the camaraderie, history, stories, friendships and love that are deep-rooted in the SPARTANS. Each of you are a part of a storied history of the SPARTAN Battalion and you represent the Legacy that must be shared with new generations through the Association.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the 793<sup>RD</sup> Military Police Battalion Association contact SSG Joe Reynolds at bossman1108@yahoo.com.

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