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MG Kevin Vereen assumes responsibility as  
Provost Marshal General of the Army,  
Commanding General of Army CID



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## Mission

Promote the history and preserve the traditions of the Military Police Corps Regiment while supporting Military Police Leadership, Soldiers and Families Army wide.

## Vision

The premier Military Police professional organization which is fully aligned with the Army and Military Police Corps current and future visions and recognized as relevant by Military Police Leaders, Soldiers and Families throughout the Regiment.

## Values

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

## A NOTE FROM THE

## BUSINESS MANAGER

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

HOOAH events taking place within our ranks and, in turn, be a direct reflection of the Regiment as a

whole. We encourage articles and photographs by and about Soldiers of all ranks, Military Spouses and Families, DA Civilians, and other Friends of the Regiment. Articles and photograph submissions should be Military Police-related and may include human interest, military operations and exercises, history, personal viewpoints and other areas of general interest. All articles accepted for publication are subject to editing. We welcome your ideas and suggestions for future publications and we look forward to hearing from you! 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,

*Beth Bellerby*  
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# From the President

**O**n behalf of our National Board of Directors and our 6,484 MPRA members I welcome you to our Summer 2019 edition of the Dragoon. In addition to our quarterly magazine we invite you to follow us on social media.

Our Association would like to congratulate our most recent selectees for induction into the Military Police Hall of Fame Class of 2019. This year's recipients include Colonel (R) Wade F. Dennis, First Sergeant (R) Ricky G. Harne, Colonel (R) Joel L. Leson and Colonel (R) Daniel M. Quinn.

We are proud of all of this year's selectees and want to particularly congratulate our Senior Advisory Council member, Colonel (R) Wade Dennis and our Executive Director Rick Harne and thank Rick for his 10 years of service to our Regimental Association in that capacity.

I am proud to report that our association is working diligently to increase our membership base, expanding our programs that provide very well-deserved support to our Military Police Leaders, Soldiers and Families Army wide as well as several new initiatives that will continue promoting the history and preserving the traditions of the Military Police Corps Regiment.

The first initiative I would like to share with you is the establishment of our Order of the Marechaussee in Steel. This newest award within our portfolio is designed to recognize Military Police Soldiers that do not meet the minimum requirements for the Order of the Marechaussee in Bronze (10 years of service). Steel awards are approved by the Chief of the Military Police Corps Regiment, the Regimental Command Sergeant Major and the Regimental Chief Warrant Officer just as the other levels of the Marechaussee are approved. Nominees must have demonstrated exceptional performance of duty; made significant contributions to the success of the Military Police Corps Regiment; or accomplished a special achievement that warrants Military Police specific recognition in the view of the recommender and endorser. Nominees must be a member of the MPRA and endorsed by a Military Police Colonel, Deputy Commandant, Nominative Command or Staff Sergeant Major or above who must also be a member of the MPRA. You can read more about this program on page 41 in this edition of the Dragoon.

The second piece of good news is the creation of an annual Memorial MPRA Scholarship. This Department of the Army level award is a



**Dorsey L. Newcomb**

Command Sergeant Major (Retired)  
President, MPRA National Board of Directors

newly formed partnership between the Office of the Provost Marshal and the Military Police Regimental Association. Applicants must be in the Active Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard and hold a primary MOS of 31B, 31D, 31E or 31K in the rank of Sergeant through Sergeant First Class. You can read more about this new scholarship opportunity on page 40 in this edition of the Dragoon.

As I have mentioned in recent letters to our members, I would like to thank you for being a member of our association. We ask that you continue your support for the MPRA by renewing your individual membership, keeping your contact information updated with us and encouraging others to join our professional organization. I also ask that you stay connected with us through our social media, website, email or telephone. We want you to know what the MPRA is doing as an organization and we want to hear from you about how we can better serve our members and our regiment. We always welcome more articles from the field for inclusion in the Dragoon. This is a wonderful venue for you to share great stories about your Soldiers, your units and their accomplishments.

We remain committed to being the premier Military Police professional organization fully aligned with the Army and Military Police Corps visions and being recognized as relevant by Military Police Leaders, Soldiers and Families throughout the Regiment. Thank you for your service and your support.

# From the Commandant

**T**eam — On 1 August 2019, CW5 Joel Fitz will relinquish his responsibilities as the Regimental Chief Warrant Officer of the United States Army Military Police Regiment. Chief Fitz and his wife Yong have been with the United States Army Military Police School since the summer of 2016. The Fitz's head back to Washington DC, where Mr. Fitz will assume the position of Command Chief Warrant Officer for the United States Army Criminal Investigation Command.

A career Military Police Soldier who entered the Army through Military Police Basic Training at Fort McClellan, AL in 1983, Chief Fitz has been a CID agent since completing the CID Special Agent Course in 1995. His visionary leadership, high technical competence and stellar character while serving as our 5th RCWO proved invaluable to the development and growth of the Military Police Corps Regiment and the United States Army Military Police School.

Three years! Three different Commandants! Many, many engagements with Senior Leaders across the Regiment and our Army. Mr. Fitz was instrumental in leading four critical task selection boards which led to time sensitive revisions of the Warrant Officer Basic Course, Warrant Officer Advance Course, Advanced Crime Scene Investigation Techniques, and the Criminal Investigation Division Special Agent Course. Mr. Fitz represented USAMPS on the Army Senior Warrant Office Council and was also the USAMPS representative to the Army Talent Management Task Force. He has many hours around a white board advising the USAMPS lead-



➔ **BG Brian R. Bisacre**  
50th Commandant  
and Chief of the Military Police  
Corps Regiment

ership on force design, material solutions, doctrine and anything else thrown at him. Mr. Fitz participated in numerous Regimental Command Team visits to units around the world, engaging leaders in order to have a better understanding of their accomplishments and challenges. Mr. Fitz would take his experience to always look for ways to assist as his impact across USAMPS and the Regiment has been nothing short of phenomenal.

In speaking with Joel over the past couple of weeks, I asked him what he will miss the most about being the RCWO...always humble, Joel stated, "...that question is tough, being the RCWO has been more than I could have imagined. I've been able to participate in shaping the Regiment and CID, worked with a phenomenal, professional and highly competent workforce at

USAMPS and of course, I will miss all of the people both Yong and I have built relationships with...but at the end of the day, what I will miss most is taking part in the training, coaching and teaching of not only our CID agents, but also the Officers and NCOs who come through USAMPS...that has been the most rewarding experience for me..."

Joel will also be quick to state his greatest achievement in life is his family. Married to Yong for over THIRTY FOUR years, Joel and Yong raised two wonderful boys, Amos and Jonah. Amos works in Human Resourcing and lives in Rockville, MD. Jonah works for Reuter's Special Services on law enforcement intelligence systems in Clarksburg, MD, with his spouse, Karla. The Fitz's also have two grandchildren, Benjamin who is 2 years old and Penelope, who was born this past April.

As Joel and Yong depart Fort Leonard Wood and Joel leaves the position as our Regimental Chief Warrant Officer, we — the entire team at USAMPS, MSCOE, Fort Leonard Wood and our Regiment— simply say thank you...thank you for your dedication, love of Soldiers and Family...and for your Leadership....well done Chief, Well Done!!

Good luck Chief as you return to the CID HQs and take over the Command Chief Warrant Officer position. Our Regiment and our Army are fortunate to have you assume this position and look forward to continuing to serve with you.

**GIDDY UP MY FRIEND!**



# From the Regimental Command Sergeant Major

**G**reetings from the Home of the Regiment! The Military Police Corps has been extremely busy over the last few months and it is not going to slow down. By the time you read this several of our Soldiers and NCOs will have competed in Best Warrior competitions across the force. Their representation of their commands is indicative of the dedication and drive for excellence within the profession. The entire Military Police Corps command team could not be prouder of your accomplishments.

Soon Gen. McConville will take the lead as our next Chief of Staff of the Army. While the Army continues to focus on modernization to close critical gaps in our ability to take the fight to the enemy a slight change is going to occur. It is not a significant change but one that is going to have cascading effects on the entire Army. Gen McConville is going to put more emphasis into people. I had the honor to sit in meetings with Gen. McConville during his time as the Army G-1. It's no surprise that he is going to put some focused energy into people.

This focus is going to come in many different forms. Currently a Talent Management Task Force is looking at how to integrate and synchronize Army efforts to acquire, employ, and retain a high-quality force, says the Army G-1. This force is to be better prepared to fight and win in any battlefield in the world. One of the ways that this is being accomplished within the enlisted formation is the Enlisted Manning Cycle (EMC). Our Military Police Talent Managers are now working off a pre-generated list of assignments from data pulled in five-week cycles. During this data pull, only assignments that are going to be vacant in the projected future are going to make this list. In addition, Soldiers and NCOs who have met all the requirements for Time on Station (TOS), additional training (if required), Exceptional Family Member Program (E.F.M.P.), and Married Army's Couple Program (M.A.C.P.) will also make a separate list that is compiled by the Talent Managers.



➔ **CSM Michael P. Bennett**

Military Police School Command  
Sergeant Major

Only assignments pooled during the EMC and those Soldiers cleared for assignment are going to be actioned by the team at Human Resource Command (HRC).

E.F.M.P. is also getting some attention. When a Soldier is in the window for Permanent Change of Station (PCS) the entire process is designed to better assist with the decision process for the Soldier and the medical needs of the family. Two duty stations that are already cleared E.F.M.P. for assignment instructions will be given to the Soldier. The Soldier through the medical channels will also be allowed to have dialogue with the medical team at the potential gaining station. This action allows for the Soldier to have more of a say in where they are assigned. This is just a couple of the ways that the Army is adjusting itself to better take care of the people.

The unemployment rate is at an almost record low. Currently the US is sitting at about 3.7% which is about 2% lower than the average over the last 49 years. The Army is competing against major technical industry for the same talent. Now more than ever it is critical to take care of our people to ensure

that they are retained for as long as possible. With the right test scores, 11X Infantryman contracts could be signed for a \$40K bonus. This directly impacts the number of candidates that sign contracts for any of the Military Police Career Management Fields (CMFs). In the coming months it is critical that in every formation we put energy into retaining our talented Soldiers.

Our Military Police team is extremely busy. Take for example that the number of Soldiers currently under law enforcement investigation is close to three thousand Soldiers. This is more than double the number of Criminal Investigation Division (CID) NCOs, Warrants, and Officers. Keeping in mind that not every person in that formation performs investigation it is safe to assume that each agent is looking at close to double digit numbers in case load. Since General Pershing established a criminal investigate division in 1918, our agents have been at the tip of the spear in protecting our Army from all levels of crime. Soldiers working inside CID are some of the most knowledgeable and dedicated service members I have ever met. Without a doubt these professionals will continue to impact the increased readiness of our Army for years to come. While I could write pages on each of the CMFs for this article, we will leave the FOCUS on all members of Criminal Investigation Command for this submission.

For years I have answered a question about the most rewarding job that I ever had in the Army as being a Military Police Drill Sergeant. In the last few months my mind has slowly begun to change. The constant interaction with law enforcement professionals from all over the world and all over the Army have made this job a contender for that title. I have never been more proud and honored than I am right now!

Protect the Force Today  
To Preserve the Force Tomorrow

**ASSIST, PROTECT, DEFEND**

# From the Regimental Chief Warrant Officer

**G**reetings to all. It is with mixed emotions that I write what will be my last message to the field as the Fifth Regimental Chief Warrant Officer. I have had the privilege of serving in this position for nearly three years and have counted each moment a true honor. This has been an extraordinary experience, one that I will cherish for the rest of my life. I've had the opportunity to travel the Regiment and meet the Soldiers and Civilians who have dedicated themselves to the often underappreciated work of assisting, protecting and defending our Nation's premier fighting force. I have been awed by their accomplishments and inspired by their commitment.

I've had opportunities to see firsthand the exceptional work done by those in our correctional facilities, patrolling the streets of our military communities, handling family violence complaints, manning access control points, and investigating serious criminal offenses. No matter where or when, one thing is consistent across the Regiment...our Soldiers are professional. Their patience and restraint are testaments to their devotion to duty and respect for others. And their dedication to duty is clearly witnessed by the remarkable quality of assistance provided to their communities. I have found their stories of courage and commitment inspiring and will forever hold dear the opportunity I've had to travel our Regiment and meeting the truly extraordinary.

I've observed everything from basic combat training to advanced law enforcement courses. I've listened to command briefs citing methods to improve unit readiness, and participated in concept development and doctrine updates that will shape our Regiment for what lies ahead. What I've seen and heard gives me confidence our Regiment is on the right path. We must,



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

however, learn to trust our senior leadership and when given the opportunity, provide input to help them shape decisions that will certainly impact the future. We must also work to improve the unity of our Regiment; we must learn to work together toward a common goal...dissent and discord across the disciplines breeds frustration and could result in unnecessary delay or even failure.

We've dug deep into our warrant officer professional military education, foundational investigative courses, and functional training; pushing revision, update and when necessary full rewrite...all with the intent to provide the highest quality education possible. Much of this work was done by the Civilians within the training development division. Their knowledge of TRADOC systems and processes made these in-depth evaluations of training a little less painful. I will certainly miss the Civilians of USAMPS who have dedicated themselves to the mundane and often thankless tasks of data entry and training management. I appreciate you all very much.

Our warrant officers have few opportunities to serve at the general officer level, and even fewer opportunities to serve in positions with potential to impact all disciplines of the Military Police Regiment, and in a larger sense the Army. It has truly been my honor to serve you all and I am grateful for the ideas, comments and innovative concepts you have sent my way. Your thoughts influenced the advice I provided our Commandant, and ultimately impacted the work done toward shaping the Regiment into an adaptable and enduring force, capable and committed to preserving readiness. A special thanks to those who took the time to educate and mentor me...you have had a profound impact on how I view both the present and the future.

In my nearly 36 year career, I can honestly say I've never chased after any assignment or position. I've never worked for an evaluation or recognition of any sort. I've only focused on doing the best job possible, no matter the assignment, the location, or the quality of leadership. My goal has always been to ensure I leave things in better shape than when I arrived...to positively influence others, to improve the surroundings, and to set conditions for those who follow. As I move on to the next challenge, I pass the reigns to CW5 Mark Arnold, who is both highly capable and wholly committed to continuing the forward momentum we've started.

Finally, I encourage you all to continue the hard work of moving our Regiment into the future. It will be frustrating at times but it is a necessary process. Learn from each other, rely on each other, and collectively take our Regiment toward the Army of 2028 and beyond.

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

## MG Kevin Vereen assumes responsibility as

# PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL OF THE ARMY, COMMANDING GENERAL OF ARMY CID

COURTESY STORY U.S. ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COMMAND

**M**ajor General Kevin Vereen assumed responsibility as the Provost Marshal General of the U.S. Army and took command of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (CID) during a formal ceremony June 24 at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall's Comny Hall in Virginia.

Vereen is the 17th Provost Marshal General, or PMG, to hold the position since it was established in September 1941 and the 14th commander of CID since it was first established as a major command on Sept. 17, 1971. Vereen relieved Maj. Gen. David P. Glaser, who served in the position since May 2017. Glaser will be assuming duties as the deputy commanding general at U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) located at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. James C. McConville hosted the ceremony and thanked Glaser for his leadership and significant contributions during his tenure as the PMG and commanding general of CID.

"Today is a special day for this community and for the Army, it's a special day because we celebrate the great achievements of this organization under the terrific leadership of Maj. Gen. Dave Glaser and Susan," McConville said. "Dave and Susan, thank you for your committed and passionate leadership of the CID force along with being an outstanding Provost Marshal ... I don't think anyone could have done it better than you've done over the last two years."

McConville then stressed his confidence in Vereen as he assumes the position as the Army's top law enforcement professional.

"Congratulations on taking command and I'm proud to see you lead this premier organization and to further its excellence and success," McConville said. "You come to this command with impeccable credentials ... You're the right person at the right time, I look forward to serving with you."

Glaser, in his last official act as the PMG, addressed the law enforcement professionals he has led the past three years.



Major General Kevin Vereen, left, accepts the CID colors from Gen. James C. McConville, the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, during the CID change of command ceremony June 24 at Comny Hall on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia. (Photo by Jeffrey Castro)

"I want to thank the senior leadership for giving me the opportunity to command the DoD's premier criminal investigative organization and to lead the Army's security and policing efforts as the Provost Marshal General over the past two years, Susan and I are truly grateful," Glaser said. "To the directors, deputies, the chiefs of staff, executive officers, and sergeant majors, it has been a fun ride ... I sincerely appreciate the vigorous discussions and for achieving every mission that we were assigned."

Vereen relinquished his position as the deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky, to assume his new role as the PMG and the Commanding General of CID, as CID nears its 48th year as the Army's premier investigative agency.

Throughout its long history, the PMG position was routinely reestablished during major combat, but discontinued shortly after the conflicts ended. The position was

reestablished by former Secretary of the Army Thomas White at the onset of the global war on terrorism in 2003.

Following the change of command ceremony, Vereen took the Oath of the Provost Marshal and assumed the responsibilities of the Office of the Provost Marshal General.

During the ceremony, Vereen not only thanked his family and life-long friends in attendance, but the Soldiers represented by the Military Police Corps and Army Band. He also expressed his gratitude to the Chief of Staff of the Army for hosting the event and for the Army's faith and confidence to appoint him to these positions.

**"I am excited and ready to work the duties and responsibilities I have as the Provost Marshal General and commanding general for U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command," said Vereen. "We will strive to be the gold standard for 'All Things Policing,' for the Department of Defense, federal, international, state and local law enforcement agencies. We will continue to collaborate and share best practices across the spectrum of our functions."**

"Our team understands our Army's priorities and will continue to ensure we are invested in the readiness, modernization, and reform efforts that help build and sustain the premier land combat force - our United States Army."

"I am honored to be taking the helm from a leader I have served with and known for over 25 years," Vereen added referring to Glaser. "Monica and I wish you and your family all the best as you assume responsibilities in Texas."



# 2019 Military Police Corps **HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

Each year the Military Police Corps Regiment solicits nominations for the US Army Military Police Corps Regimental Hall of Fame. Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Soldiers, or Professional Civilians who have served in or supported an Active, National Guard or Reserve Military Police unit are eligible for nomination.

The Military Police Corps Regimental leadership proudly announced this year's inductees as Colonel (R) Wade F. Dennis, 1SG (R) Ricky G. Harne, Colonel (R) Joel L. Leson and Colonel (R) Daniel M. Quinn. This year's inductees bring the total number of distinguished leaders enshrined in the Military Police Hall of Fame to ninety-one.

The MPRA joins the regimental leadership in congratulating each of these inductees and their families on this outstanding milestone in their service to our Regiment and this great country.

In keeping with promoting the history and preserving the traditions of our Regiment MPRA is proud to maintain a current place on our website where you can view the names, pictures and citations for all eighty-seven Hall of Fame members. We invite to you to visit the site at [www.mpraonline.org](http://www.mpraonline.org) to see this collection of Military Police heroes and to read about their legacies.

Although the United States Army Military Police School is the proponent for the MP Hall of Fame the MPRA encourages everyone to review the outline of the prerequisites, process and regulatory requirements below and consider nominating those you feel to be deserving of consideration for this great honor.



**Colonel (R) Wade F. Dennis**

COL Dennis' thirty-six year service career with the Military Police Corps Regiment was exemplary by every account. His performance was outstanding and indelibly cast a positive impact upon the Regiment at every position he held during his distinguished career. Most importantly, was his inspirational influence on the countless Soldiers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Officers he led, coached, and mentored throughout his career. Many went on to serve at the highest echelons in the Army while others were inspired to continue their service and pursue goals they previously thought unattainable. His performance has always been marked by excellent results supported by his unyielding commitment and delivering his absolute best no matter the situation. Throughout his assignments, COL Dennis was championed as the consummate team builder. His gift has always been bringing Soldiers together and bonding them as a tight-knit team dedicated to a collective goal and purpose.





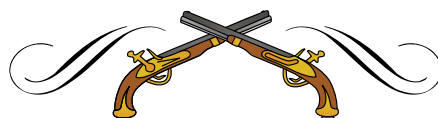
**1SG (R) Ricky G. Harne**

1SG Harne's twenty-two years of active duty military service exemplified the Military Police motto "Of the Troops, for the Troops". He established himself as a leader of the highest caliber in every position from Team Leader to First Sergeant. His exemplary leadership while serving in several select and highly visible positions had a tremendous impact on the Military Police Corps Regiment and its reputation among the most senior Department of Defense and Army leadership. The trust and confidence placed on 1SG Harne and his Soldiers by these senior civilians and uniformed leaders as they traveled the world contributed immensely to the outstanding reputation that our Regiment enjoys today. Immediately following his retirement from active duty, 1SG Harne became the Executive Director of the Military Police Regimental Association (MPRA). He has gone above and beyond in leading the association to achieve many tremendous accomplishments that will continue to promote the history and preserve the traditions of our storied Regiment for many generations to come.



**Colonel (R) Joel L. Leson**

COL Leson's Military Police and Force Development career spanned over twenty-six years. His specialties were combined to provide the Military Police Corps Regiment and the Army with projects and programs that went from the United States Army Military Police School (USAMPS) "drawing board" to tangible Army policies and onto the battlefield. COL Leson's Military Police doctrinal force structure and combat equipment development skills remain visible on the battlefield today. His skills and experience were felt at the Company, Battalion, Brigade and Division levels. COL Leson commanded at all levels from Company command to Brigade command providing extraordinary leadership and innovation to his staff and Soldiers. COL Leson's outstanding service to his country during peace and war are in the highest traditions of the Military Police Corps, the US Army, and the Nation.



**Colonel (R) Daniel M. Quinn**

COL Quinn distinguished himself through exceptionally meritorious service over his twenty-nine years of service. In every assignment, he provided outstanding leadership, unmatched technical competence, and unending selfless service. He commanded at every level from Company to Brigade and served in key staff positions at major commands and Department of the Army (DA) levels. His leadership as Commander of the 5th Military Police Battalion (CID) and later as Commander of the 6th Military Police Group (CID) produced magnificent accomplishments in investigative support provided to senior Army commanders. Whether commanding troops, establishing DoD Task Forces, or guiding a MACOM staff in its support to worldwide criminal investigation efforts, COL Quinn was the catalyst of success. COL Quinn's impact to the Military Police Corps Regiment, the Army and the Department of Defense has been exceptionally significant and resoundingly positive.

# FEMALE LEADERS

## *Continue to Set Examples for Soldiers*

BY SFC LASONYA J. MORALES, 8TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE

The role of women in the military, as well as American society has evolved and continues to evolve. Women's History Month is an opportunity to note the contributions of these front-leaning pioneers and hold up their stories of achievement and dedication to equality.

"I think it is important to celebrate the achievements and successes of women who have sought out ways to better themselves and better others from roles or positions not previously held or open to women," said Maj. Jennifer Fauth, 728th Military Police Battalion, executive officer.

Fauth, a South Carolina native, said women who have defined gender roles have created opportunities for other women to pursue their passions and demonstrate their capabilities to the world.

Females in all branches of services hold leadership positions because of people like Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, Gen. Lori Robinson, Capt. Kristen Griest and many more who have blazed the trail of innovation and equality and made history.

Lt. Col. Charcillea Schaefer, Command Sgt. Maj. Shelly Marlow, and Maj. Jennifer Fauth are responsible for the leadership, mentorship and guidance of more than 1000 troops; and together have served more than 62 years in total Army service.

The Army is small, the Military Police Corps is smaller and this isn't the first encounter of these front-leaning pioneers of the 728th MP BN. They have all crossed paths while previously assigned to historically male dominated units within the XVIII Airborne Corps.

Throughout their individual careers they have each endured challenges, praised successes, and welcomed and embraced change.

"Initially my best friend and I wanted to join the Marines on the buddy system, but when we went to the recruiting office no one would talk to us," said Marlowe, command sergeant major, 728 MP BN, "Therefore, I went to the Army recruiting station and enlisted for five years as an MP.

Marlowe enlisted in the Army in 1988 when basic training was set-up with all female platoons and they were not allowed to integrate and train with the males.

She said this was a time women were not wanted in the MP Corps or the Army.

"Male leaders were very candid on how they felt about me being in their formation," said the





30-year veteran. "When female soldiers would show up to a new duty location, the leaders wanted to know what does she look like, not I hope she is competent and intelligent. Male soldiers didn't have to experience that back then."

Marlowe expressed that she came up in the Army in a time when gender equality was not as prevalent as it has become, but policy changes have helped women gain more equality.

To illustrate her claim, she listed a quick rundown of the changes that have occurred during her time thereby helping women gain equality such as females being fully integrated in basic training, they are now graduating ranger schools, allowed to become Observer Controller Trainers, serve in Security Force Assistance Brigades and Military Transitions Teams and the establishment of Female Engagement Teams.

Amongst Marlowe's career she has also been many first upon the MP Corp.

"I was the first female squad leader in a division MP Company, the first female first sergeant of the 511th MP Co. and the first female at the 728th MP BN.

Lt. Col Schaefer, commander 728th MP BN is no stranger to the Army and comes from a long generation of military lineage.

"I grew up in a military family. My father was in the Air Force, my grandfather served in the Pacific Theater during World War II, my uncle was also in the Air Force, and another uncle was in the Marine," said the West Point Graduate. "The culture of service was strong in my family.

Schaefer said that during her career she has never seen an all-female command team.

"I was platoon leader in 2003 the company commander was female and for a short time three out of the four platoon leaders were female, I have served in units where the female demographic hovered around 7% to 10% of the formation."

Schaefer, commander of the 728th MP BN since June 2018, and the first to command an MP battalion with an all-female command team said it has been one of the most rewarding experiences.

"The opportunity to be a part of the 728th "Warfighter" team has been the greatest time of my career. I absolutely love coming to work every day and would not trade a minute of this incredible opportunity."

← (From left to right) Command Sgt. Maj. Shelly Marlowe, command sergeant major, Lt. Col. Charcillea Schaefer, commander, and Maj. Jennifer Fauth, executive officer for 728th Military Police Battalion are responsible for the leadership, mentorship and guidance of more than 1000 troops; and together have served more than 62 years in total Army service. The 728th MP BN is the only MP battalion to have an all-female command team. (Photo by SFC LaSonya J. Morales, 8th Military Police Brigade)



• LTC Charcillea Schaefer, commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Shelly Marlowe, command sergeant major, 728th Military Police Battalion present awards to soldiers who participated in the Norwegian Foot March. Schaefer, who has been in command since June 2018 said it has been one of her most rewarding experiences. (Photo by SFC LaSonya J. Morales, 8th Military Police Brigade)

She said there were some instances where she was challenged as a leader by her counterparts, but in response to those attitudes she relied on professionalism and competence, and to bring those two attributes to the table she believes has overcome most reservations or bias people may have had.

"The biggest change during my service has been the repeal of "Don't Ask Don't Tell" and opening jobs and branches to women, said Schaefer. "I am grateful that the Army has recognized that, regardless of demographic, if a soldier meets the standard he or she should be afforded the opportunity to serve."

She said the prospects makes the Army, and the Army teams, stronger.

In the pursuit of equality, Fauth stated that her experiences within the military have been positive.

"I believe that women who have defied gender roles have created opportunities today for women and men to pursue their passions and demonstrate their capability to the world."

The South Carolina native said that a person may have to work harder in the beginning, but true value always shows through in the end.

Fauth said the many female forerunners before me are the fact that I am here.

"Lt. Col. Schaefer and Command Sgt. Maj. Marlowe are both from different times and have experienced different things throughout their career, but what I have learned from them is that is it possible to be true to yourself and still be successful on your own merit," said Fauth.



Maj. Jennifer Fauth, 728th Military Police Battalion, executive officer climbs a rope demonstrating her strength and endurance. "I believe that women who have defied gender roles have created opportunities today for women and men to pursue their passions and demonstrate their capability to the world," Fauth said. (Courtesy Photo)





# FORENSIC INVITATIONAL

By SA Adam Armstrong, Forensic Science Officer, 10th MP BN (CID), Fort Bragg, NC 28310  
Photos by CPT Robert Gowin, Commander, HHD, 10th MP BN (CID).

**BETWEEN 13 – 18, APR 19, THE 10TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION (CID), FORT BRAGG, NC, CONDUCTED THE INAUGURAL 10TH MP BN (CID) FORENSIC INVITATIONAL, HOSTED BY THE NATIONAL FORENSIC ACADEMY (NFA) IN OAK RIDGE, TN.**

The 10<sup>th</sup> MP BN (CID) desired to shine a light on our Forensic Science Technicians (FST), who are the Subject Matter Experts (SME) regarding knowledge and ability to use forensic equipment and process a myriad of scenes. The FST program was designed to train selected CID Agents to become proficient in the forensics field and be the primary trainer at their respective offices. This forensics invitational was developed to bring the “Best of the Best” together from each Battalion to compete against one another to showcase their skills. This experience was built to encourage team

building, networking, and sharing of various forensic techniques to enhance their capabilities.

During a visit to the NFA, a meeting was held with CW3 Armstrong, the 10th MP BN (CID) Command Team, and Mr. Rick Scarbrough, Executive Director, accompanied by Mr. Jeff Lindsey, Program Manager, both of the Law Enforcement Innovation Center (LEIC), which the NFA falls under. Both organizations desired to strengthen our relationship and during the conversation, the NFA offered to host the event at the University of Tennessee (UT) Arboretum.

The concept of the competition was for each Battalion Forensic Science Officer (FSO) to select their top two FST’s within their ranks to compete against one another in seven separate scenes. Each FSO was tasked to develop their own scene, the instructions with Task, Conditions and Standards, along with a grading rubric. During the competition, the FSO served as a Coach, who could only provide verbal guidance and direction at each scene, while the FST’s showcased their skills and worked together to process the scene within the designated time. This competition posed a



difficult challenge, as many of the FST's from each Battalion had never previously met, let alone worked together.

The competition consisted of a "Round-Robin" style, where each team had 40 minutes to receive their instruction and work together to process the scene. Upon completion at the individual scene, there was a five minute break for evaluators to reset the scene and allow competitors to prepare for their next one. The time constraints were difficult, and pushed the FST's to quickly assess each scene, identify the required tasks, and prioritize their goals. Each evaluator observed all seven participating teams and identified their overall top team based off grading rubric.

Participants included teams from the 502nd MP BN (CID), Fort Campbell, KY; 19th MP BN (CID), Schofield Barracks, HI; 11th MP BN (CID), Fort Hood, TX; 22nd MP BN (CID), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA; 5th MP BN (CID), Kaiserslautern, Germany; 10th MP BN (CID), Fort Bragg, NC; and the Knoxville Police Department Evidence Team, Knoxville, TN.

During the Shaping phase of the operation, LTC Brian Bettis, Commander, 10th MP BN (CID) and CPT Robert Gowin, Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment (HHD), 10th MP BN (CID), Fort Bragg, NC, used the competition to train on the Mission Essential Task of "Conduct Expeditionary Deployment Operations." The HHD established a Tactical Operations Center, Mission Command, and served as the White Cell at the UT Arboretum during the operation. Participants from HHD included: MAJ Steven Kuhl, S-3; CPT Brodie Moberly, S-6; 1LT Cedric Land, S-4; 1LT Alexander Vaughn, Assistant S-3; 2LT Erin Buerschinger, S-1; SGT Takila Ashley, S-4; SGT Anthony Kimble, Religious Affairs NCO; SPC Gino Smith, S-1; SPC Carla Cajo, S-1; SPC Maria Sanders, Supply; PV2 Kenneth Gourdine, S-4; and PVT Sophie Williams, S-6. The selfless efforts of each of these Soldiers ensured the success of this event.

Each scene had a designated evaluator, who used the rubric and standards provided by the FSO who developed the scene. The grader/evaluators were comprised of the following: CW4 Kyle Buckout, Assistant Operations Officer (AOPS), 10th MP BN (CID); CW4 Tanya Marlow, AOPS, 3D MP GRP (CID); CW3 Adam Armstrong, FSO, 10th MP BN (CID); SFC James Bullock,

USACIDC; SSG Joshua Chambers, Fort Polk CID Office; and Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) Arthur "Steve" Chancellor, Civilian AOPS, 10th MP BN (CID).

Upon completion of the competition, the graders met and discussed the top team of each scene. After receiving all scores, there was a three-way tie, between the 19th MP BN (CID), 10th MP BN (CID) and the Knoxville Police Department.

To break the tie, a secondary scoring system was implemented, where each grader was required to identify first, second and third place for each scene. A score of 3 was for first, 2 for second and 1 for third. Once all scores were compiled, the 10th MP BN (CID) were identified as the winner by one point, as the 19th MP BN (CID) and Knoxville Police Department were tied for second. It was a very close competition that required graders to analyze every action of each team to identify the winner.

It was determined that the winning trophy will be maintained at the FST team's Battalion Headquarters until the next competition. In addition, each FST on the winning team would be presented a long bone with engraving to recognize them for their performance. CW2 Billy "Trey" Hefner, 10th MP BN (CID), accepted the challenge of constructing the trophies and worked tirelessly to hand craft all three. The trophy was appropriately named "The Locard Trophy," in recognition of Dr. Edmond Locard, who was a pioneer in forensic science and developed the Locard's Exchange Principle. Dr. Locard stated a perpetrator of a crime will bring some type of evidence into a scene and furthermore, leave something at the scene which may be forensically examined.

In addition to the forensic competition, there were other training and socials that afforded the opportunity to collaborate and celebrate this significant event. All competitors arrived on 14 Apr 19, and participated in a social at the hosting hotel which consisted of food and games. The following day consisted of a tour of the Outdoor Forensic Training Center (OFTC), which is the training area for NFA students for forensic excavation and entomology research. Upon returning to the UT Arboretum, the Knoxville Police Department Bomb Squad conducted vehicle detonation training, wherein they utilized three pounds of an ammonium nitrate mixture to blow up a vehicle to demonstrate the complexity of investigating such a scene. The Knoxville Police



VBIED Training by Knoxville Police Department Bomb Squad

Department also conducted a Shooting Scene Reconstruction, where they fired various caliber ammunition at a vehicle and demonstrated processes for examination. Directly following, SSA Chancellor provided training and a case study presentation.

That evening was a No-Host Social at the NFA, where COL Darcy Overbey, Commander, 3D MP GRP (CID) and Dr. Herb Boyd, Vice-President of UT Public Service, held a cake cutting ceremony and provided remarks. It was an opportunity for all competitors, HHD, Knoxville Police Department, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and our NFA counterparts to relax and get to know one another prior to the forensic competition. The competition was throughout the following day and on the final day, the closing ceremony was held where the winners were announced and many presentations were conducted including two special presentations.

SGT Kimble, used his exceptional artistry and created a poster that symbolized the event and a framed photo of the poster was presented to Mr. Lindsey, of the NFA, to express the appreciation of the US Army Criminal Investigation Division and the 10th MP BN (CID). In addition, SSA Chancellor awarded a time honored special presentation to CPT Gowin, of a certificate naming him an Honorary CID Agent, for his exceptional work during the planning, preparation, and execution of the competition.

Clockwise: Shooting Scene Reconstruction with SA Thomas-Bell, Fort Bragg; Photography Scene with 502nd MP BN (CID) Thondique - Clavijo; Toolmarks and Impressions Scene with SA Williams and SA Schaub



After the closing ceremony, CW3 Jessica Veltri, FSO, 19th MP BN (CID), provided a cold case presentation and showcased her ability to utilize outside the box thinking to work towards solving a case from the 1980's. Upon completion of the After Action Review, the Inaugural 10th MP BN (CID) Forensic Invitational came to a close. The competitors for this event were:

5th MP BN: Coach, CW4 Darren Saccone (FSO), Kleber Kaserne, Germany  
Competitors: WO1 James Hayhurst, Grafenwoehr, Germany; SSG Siva Vanga, Kleber Kaserne, Germany

10th MP BN: Coach, CW4 Angel Miles (SAC), Fort Bragg, NC

Competitors: CW2 Elizabeth Rodriguez, Fort Gordon, GA; SSG Savanna Thomas-Bell, Fort Bragg, NC

11th MP BN: Coach, CW3 Vanessa Neff (FSO), Fort Hood, TX

Competitors: SSG Douglas Padilla, Fort Huachuca, AZ; SSG Garrett Kelly, Fort Hood, TX

19th MP BN: Coach, CW3 (FSO) Jessica Veltri, Schofield Barracks, HI

Competitors: CW2 Christopher Hill, Schofield Barracks, HI; CW2 Adam Ueltschi,

Fort Wainwright, AK

22nd MP BN: Coach, CW3 Derek Kingsbury (FSO), Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), WA

Competitors: SSG Brandon Williams, Fort Irwin, CA; SSG Eddie Schaub, JBLM, WA  
502nd MP BN: Coach, CW2 Serrana Mathews (ASAC), Fort Stewart, GA

Competitors: WO1 Cassandra Thondique and SSG Aldo Clavijo, Fort Drum, NY  
Knoxville PD: Coach, Officer Bethany Simmons

Competitors: Officers John Burks and Jacklyn Walkup





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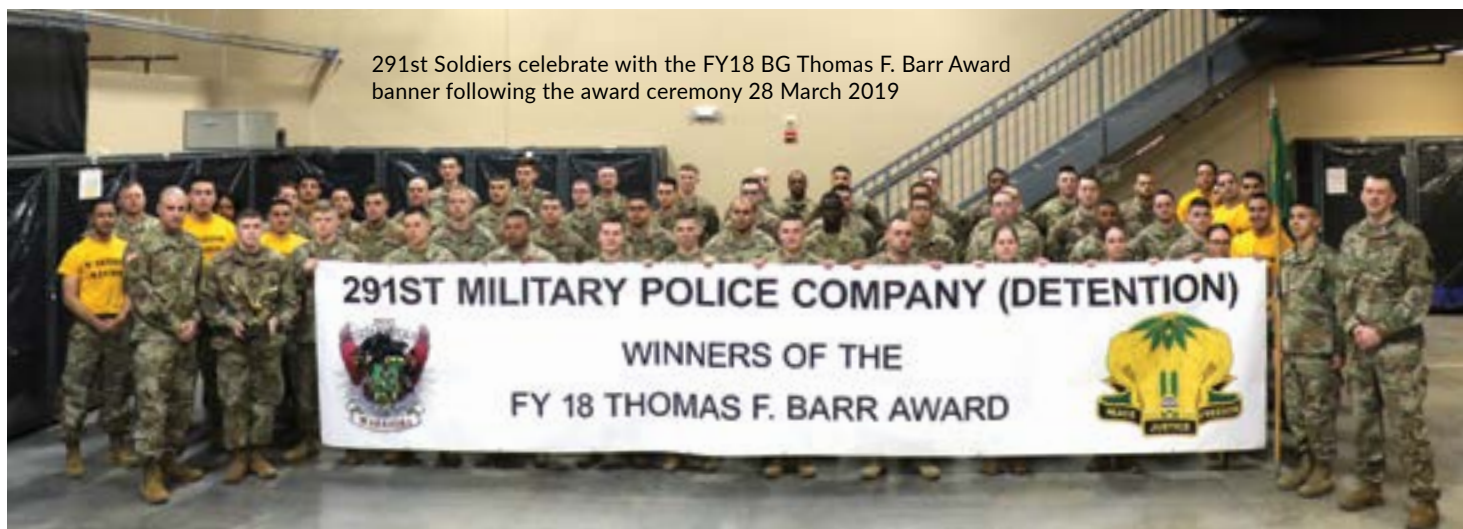
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# 291<sup>st</sup> Military Police Company (Detention) Receives FY18 **THOMAS F. BARR AWARD**

BY CAPTAIN ADAM J. BERG AND FIRST LIEUTENANT SAMUEL E. CRIDER



291st Soldiers celebrate with the FY18 BG Thomas F. Barr Award banner following the award ceremony 28 March 2019

On October 25th 2018, the 291st Military Police Company (Detention), 40th Military Police Battalion (Detention), 15th Military Police Brigade, won the Fiscal Year 2018 Brigadier General Thomas F. Barr Award. The Brigadier General Thomas F. Barr Award is awarded to the best Military Police Company assigned, attached, or supporting Army Corrections Command (ACC). Units are evaluated over a twelve month period in a multitude of categories ranging from army physical fitness test scores, to community service. The award is named after Brigadier General Thomas Francis Barr, who served as the Judge Advocate General of the United States Army and the commissioner of the United States Disciplinary Barracks (USDB), formerly known as the United States Military Prison, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas for 21 years.

During the award ceremony on March 28th, Brigadier General Duane Miller, the Commanding General of ACC and the Deputy Commanding General of United States Army Criminal Investigation Command, defined the award as a team award that requires doing many things well as a whole.<sup>1</sup> The 291st has been doing many things well for a while, with this being the second BG Thomas F. Barr Award in four years. In order to be successful as a company you must have extraordinary individuals, as stated by Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Payne, the 40th Military Police Battalion (Detention) Commander, "The 291st is identified by the quality of the individual Soldiers and what they do on and sometimes off duty. Each member of the team is focused on the outcomes that matter, and they act in a way that is consistent with the values the organization holds dear."<sup>2</sup>

The 291st Military Police Company (Detention) won this award because the Soldiers care about the mission, each other, and the surrounding community. From its inception in 1943, the unit has written numerous chapters in its history book: from operations in Northern France during

World War II to expeditionary deployment operations in Afghanistan from 2010-2011. However, the footnotes to those chapters tell the true story of the unit's character. This article highlights some more recent footnotes to our latest chapter: winning the FY 18 Thomas F. Barr Award.

## Training Highlights

The 291st Military Police Company (Detention) successfully planned, organized, and executed three training cycles: two platoon and one company cycle, all with external evaluations. The company conducted a culminating training event (CTE) at both day and night, in a dynamic and complex operational environment with hybrid and conventional threats. Soldiers not present at the company CTE were trained and certified at the two platoon CTEs in April and May. Platoon and company collective training significantly increased the unit's Mission Essential Task (MET) proficiency. Collective training also provided the opportunity for leaders to lead and junior Soldiers to build bonds and develop field craft.

Each platoon training cycle culminated with a platoon training event where they established and maintained a Detainee Holding Area (DHA). In June, the company deployed to Fort Riley in support of 1st Infantry Division's Operation Gauntlet, a division level training exercise that tested the unit's expeditionary capabilities.

Throughout 2018, 291<sup>st</sup> Soldiers cross-trained with Military Police Soldiers (31B) and Military Working Dog Handlers (31K) and their Military Working Dogs from the 500th and 67th Military Police Detachments on Fort Leavenworth, KS. This training gave Corrections and Detentions Soldiers (31E) from the 291<sup>st</sup> Military Police Company (Detention) the opportunity to train with their Combat Support and Military Working Dog Handler counterparts on Detainee Operations, Establish a Detainee Collection Point, and Transfer a Detainee.





291st Soldiers conduct a detainee transfer with the Kansas Army National Guard and the 67th Military Working Dog Detachment at Sherman Army Airfield, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas



1SG Rex Bailey and SPC Aisha Hopkins enjoy lunch and mentorship with students from Earl M. Lawson Elementary School, Leavenworth, Kansas.

## Physical Readiness

The unit's physical training program is designed to enhance combat readiness as well as building morale and esprit de corps. Physical Readiness Training (PRT) is the most important training event of each duty day. PRT strengthens Soldiers physically, emotionally, and mentally; while improving stamina, strength, and readiness. Conducting unit PRT brings together the entire team, which promotes trust and teamwork. The hard work of the unit was rewarded with the Brigade APFT Streamer.

## Retention

Soldiers are our most valuable resource, and it is every Commander's personal responsibility to retain quality Soldiers. Throughout the year, each 291st leader took an active role in the retention program to ensure that all Soldiers had the opportunity to make informed career decisions. Ultimately, the goal was to retain all of our good Soldiers. The commander strove to reenlist 100% of assigned objectives. 291<sup>st</sup> Military Police Company (Detention) operated that the best way to achieve retention goals is to understand that retention means taking care of our Soldiers and their Families. We this listened to their concerns and maintained the best working conditions and quality of life possible. All Soldiers who reenlisted throughout FY18 were encouraged to conduct a reenlistment ceremony in front of their peers, as the ceremony signifies the importance of the reenlistment for the Army and the Soldier.

## Volunteerism

The Company's adopted school is Earl M. Lawson Elementary School in Leavenworth, KS. The unit participates in numerous adopt-a-school events throughout the year including field day and mentoring students during monthly student-Soldier lunches. The partnership is a great way for the company to give back to the local community. In support of Memorial Day, 2nd Platoon took time to volunteer to clean headstones at the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery. Additionally, volunteers from the 291st Military Police Company joined the Boy Scouts of America and placed flags at headstones in support of Fort

Leavenworth National Cemetery's Memorial Day ceremony. There are over 23,000 headstones in the cemetery; 291st primarily placed flags in the World War I section. The event allowed Soldiers to support the community, but also reminded them of the sacrifices of our fallen.

## Well-rounded Soldiers on and off duty

Throughout the year Soldiers displayed the ability to succeed at many extracurricular activities or had the confidence to respond to an emergency while off-duty. The company has a hockey goalie, selected as a member of the All Army Hockey Team. He helped the team win gold at the 5th Baltic Military Winter Games in Lithuania. For the 2017 Army Ten Miler event in Washington D.C., the company sent its six fastest runners to compete with individuals and teams from across the Army.

Off duty, in multiple situations, Soldiers showed their courage and their willingness to act. From pulling civilians out of a burning vehicle, chasing down a purse thief, and performing the Heimlich maneuver on a choking patron at a restaurant. No matter the crisis, Soldiers of the 291st stepped up when someone else was in need.

## Conclusion

The success of the USDB and the Midwest Joint Regional Confinement Facility (MWJRCF), also located at Fort Leavenworth, KS, is due to the selfless Soldiers and leaders of the 15<sup>th</sup> Military Police Brigade. The ability to work together as a team to accomplish our missions is what makes the brigade special; to the Civilians, sister companies, and staff sections throughout the brigade, thank you for your support and competition. To the friends, Families, and 'Warriors' past and present, thank you for all that you do.

## Endnote(s):

<sup>1</sup>Katie Peterson, "291st MP Company earns Barr Award", *The Fort Leavenworth Lamp*, April 4th, 2019, pp. 1.

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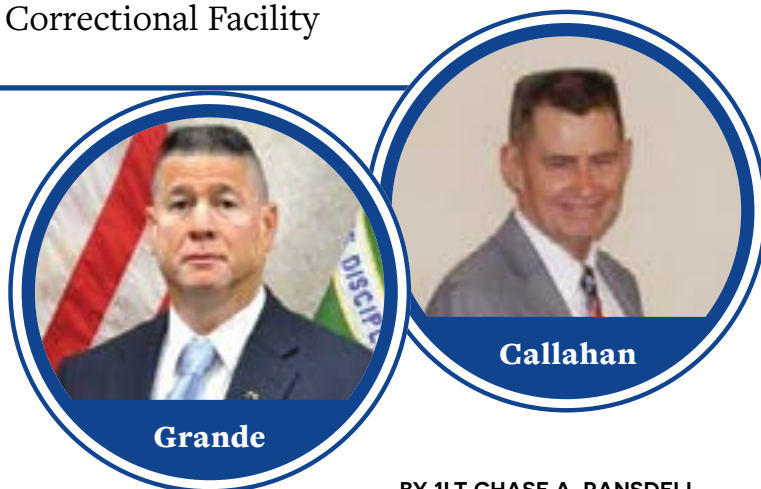
## *An interview with*

**LTC (Ret.) Peter Grande**, Chief of Staff of the Military Correctional Complex and  
**LTC (Ret.) Timothy Callahan**, Deputy to the Commander of the  
 Midwest Joint Regional Correctional Facility

Tucked away on the outskirts of Fort Leavenworth is the “Home of U.S. Army Corrections.” Officially known as the Military Correctional Complex (MCC), it is home to the United States Disciplinary Barracks (USDB) and the Midwest Joint Regional Correctional Facility (MWJRCF). While Soldiers often move to different duty stations every two years, two men help ease the transition of incoming leaders and continue running both facilities. With over 75 years of combined service in the U.S. Army and federal government, (LTC, Ret.) Peter Grande and (LTC, Ret.) Timothy Callahan have witnessed vast change in the Army Corrections System and the Military Police Regiment. In order to gain a deeper understanding on the change they have seen I conducted an interview with them to learn more.

**Q: You have worked in Army corrections for 30 years, what major changes have you experienced since you first started?**

**Mr. Grande:** The evolution from the Army Confinement System (ACS) and first tier stockades (later renamed installation detention facilities) to the state-of-the-art facilities we now run today is tremendous. The old facilities lacked a clear organizational structure, were undermanned, and often encountered riots and disturbances. The junior enlisted soldiers that manned the stockades lacked professionalism, and were often assigned there for 30 days temporary duty. Following



BY 1LT CHASE A. RANDELL

an outside report conducted by civilian penologists, they recommended the establishment of a centralized command to oversee all Army correctional facilities. Today, we have that in Army Corrections Command (ACC) which oversees both MCC facilities, the U.S. Army Regional Correctional Facilities- Europe and Korea, and the Northwest Joint Regional Correctional Facility (NWJRCF). Another major change I have experienced is the restructuring of the military occupational specialty (MOS) correctional specialist. In December 2003, corrections units had to prepare for deployments and supervising detainees, a change from working primarily with U.S. prisoners. The first corrections unit from Fort Leavenworth to deploy was HHC, 705th Military Police Battalion (Internment / Resettlement) in 2006. Operating at Camp Bucca, Iraq, the HHC, 705th Military Police Battalion was responsible for 23,000 detainees. As the principal active duty military police unit at Camp Bucca, Iraq they were able to revamp security measures, establish rehabilitation programs, and improve the overall interaction and handling of detainees. By readjusting the responsibility of correctional Soldiers to internment/resettlement specialists (now corrections/detention specialists) they proved to the military that they can safely and securely handle detainees while freeing maneuver units to conduct offensive operations.



**Q: Working in a corrections environment is a very stressful job, how do you stay motivated after 30 years of service, and how do you motivate your team around you?**

**Mr. Grande:** For me, it is important to maintain my sense of humor. I try to keep my workplace light and fun. Eating healthy and working out is also a big part of my daily routine. Maintaining high standard and enforcing them is key to good discipline and spirit de corps. The service members and civilians work in a unique environment and need to know they have each other's back to ensure safety and security. One person not doing their duties to standard can place others in harm's way.

**Q: An interesting aspect of your job is that your boss roughly changes every two years, sometimes that boss can have little experience in the world of corrections, how do you handle that relationship and advise them?**

**Mr. Callahan:** I have been very blessed and had the good fortune of having facility commanders that are conscientious and professional. They have not been afraid to ask questions on policy and procedures, and having someone with a fresh point of view is often very helpful when reviewing the reasons why or how we conduct operations within the facility.

**Q: There are multiple rehabilitation and academic opportunities for inmates within the MWJRCF and USDB, how important are these to the rehabilitation of the inmates confined within the jail? And what programs have you seen implemented here that weren't when you first started?**

**Mr. Grande:** The motto of the USDB is "Our Mission, Your Future" This motto symbolizes the can-do attitude, the spirit of team work, and the philosophy of the USDB. The entire custodial staff provides individualized treatment to inmates to prepare them for a self-reliant, trustworthy, and respectable future. We reflect on the past only to build for the future. We emphasize behavior, education, vocational skills and a chance to choose. We emphasize the positive, not the negative. We focus on participation, not punishment; restoration, not retribution; on privileges, not privation; on partnership and progress, not isolation and humiliation. Discipline is necessary to maintain order, for without order, nothing can be learned, and without knowledge, there is no hope for a new and brighter day. We accept the principle that a man has a right for a new start in life.

We actually have an extensive history of rehabilitation programs within the facilities. The area that now is home to the USDB and MWJRCF was once the USDB farm. However, I would say the introduction of *The 7 Habits on the Inside*, modeled similar to *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* training program has done a great job in the rehabilitation of the inmates."

-Since the inception of the program, over 900 inmates have graduated from the program in both facilities. When asked about the program in more detail Chaplain Secrest of the Directorate of Pastoral Care for the Midwest Joint Regional Correctional Facility said,

"In short, the 7 Habits program is incredibly effective in that inmates teach and mentor other inmates (usually newer inmates) about the hard won lessons of life in the areas of proactivity and recognizing the difference between your own personal circle of concern versus your own personal circle of influence. For most of these guys the 7 Habits are just common sense but not necessarily common sense that they have taken to heart in a saturated way. For many of them this is the first time that they have taken that long sustained look in the mirror and asked the person they see hard questions about intention and purpose in life. From that honesty they eventually craft a mission statement that serves as the filter for a lot of future decision making when it comes to how they spend their time, energy, affection and money. We find that conflict tends to slow down and the desire for

communal synergy starts to rise. The fact that inmate teaches inmate is the greatest asset because the mentoring happens in class and outside as well. This is a completely voluntary program."

In addition to rehabilitation programs, both the USDB and MWJRCF offer higher education to their inmates. For more information on those programs, see <http://www.ftleavenworthlamp.com/news/20180614/jrcf-inmates-earn-university-degrees>.

**Q: After you retired from the Army in 2005, what made you want to stay in the correctional field?**

**Mr. Grande:** The people. The corrections community is small and tight knit and seeing the staff of young Soldiers, civilians, and Officers grow is very rewarding. Some of the Soldiers here now, I was their Commander in previous facilities and knew them from their first corrections assignment. Watching them grow up and mature is very rewarding. I love my job and when it is not fun anymore, I will hang up my boots.

An example of this tight knit community is when Timothy Callahan (then Major Callahan) and the former CSM of the 705th MP BN (Detention) John Fair worked together at Fort Sill from 1999-2002. Their paths crossed again in 2016 when CSM Fair served as the facility CSM and Mr. Callahan was the deputy commander for the MWJRCF.

**Q: What is considered "success" in terms of supporting the MWJRCF/USDB?**

**Mr. Callahan:** Number one is maintaining the safety and security of the facility that is our main focus and priority. Another way to "succeed" in the facility is the ability to master the human dimension, build each Soldier's emotional intelligence, and learn how to handle people.

Both facilities were also recently awarded a 100% certification by Army Corrections Command during their annual Technical Assistance Visits (TAV). The MWJRCF and USDB were the first facilities in ACC history to earn a 100% certification following a first year TAV.

**Q: What do you think is the biggest myth surrounding the MWJRCF/USDB or Army Corrections?**

**Mr. Callahan:** A lot of people think the jail is all security. However, there is so much that goes into the administrative paperwork, operations, and logistics in the daily operations. It is all inter-connected and everyone has to be on the same page when they do their jobs.

**Q: National Corrections week is 06-10 May, how important is it for corrections officers to get together in the community for these types of events?**

**Mr. Callahan:** Camaraderie and traditions in the military is very important. It fosters pride and esprit de corps in units and most importantly brings people together. It's a time when Soldiers can get outside the facility and compete in various sports, have fun, and relax with their families.

In addition to National Corrections week, this September prisons in the greater Leavenworth/Lansing area will compete in the annual "Prison Challenge." Over the course of one week, the correctional staff representing prisons in the area will compete in a various sporting events. The event fosters friendly competition, but more importantly brings the community together and builds strong ties. In addition to the Prison Challenge, the 15th Military Police Brigade and the Fort Leavenworth Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) department hosts the annual Great Escape 5k. This run brings in approximately 500 runners from across the country, and features a scenic route that begins at the old United States Disciplinary Barracks (USDB). This year's run will be held on July 13, 2019, and more information can be found on the Fort Leavenworth MWR website at <https://leavenworth.armymwr.com>.

# FROM amish TO army

The story of one Soldier's  
challenging journey

BY AMANDA SULLIVAN, FORT LEONARD WOOD

**F**ORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. — The transition from civilian to Soldier can be a culture shock, but for one new Soldier, the challenge of adapting to a new culture is far from a unique experience.

Ten years ago, with only an 8th-grade education, and the drive and motivation to start a new life, Pvt. Malinda Dennison left her small Amish community in Spartansburg, Pennsylvania. With the help of friends, she started on the path that led her to graduate from Fort Leonard Wood May 23 as a military police Soldier with Company E, 795th Military Police Battalion.

Her journey from Amish to Army has been full of challenges, but using skills derived from her upbringing, she has achieved goals she never thought possible.

These goals included obtaining her GED and driver's license, and starting a career.

"I got my Certified Nursing Assistant certification, and I got a new vehicle. After six months I moved into my own apartment. After that everything fell into place," she said. "I didn't want to leave (my community) and not have anything besides being a mom."

While enrolled in college, she met her husband, Sgt. 1st Class, Ross Dennison, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, who she said inspired her to join the Army through his service.

"That's where I got to know about the military. My husband was an inspiration," Malinda said. "I don't think I ever would have joined if it wasn't for being around the Army already."

She wanted to join the Army seven years ago, but the timing wasn't right. She had two more children and continued her career in the medical field. As the age cut-off for enlistment approached, her husband told her it was now or never.

"My husband said if you're going to do it, you've got to do it now," she said.

During the enlistment process, with support and encouragement from her husband, she took the opportunity to prepare herself for the challenges she would face. She hired a personal trainer and studied for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery.

Malinda said her Amish upbringing helped make the transition to Army life a smooth one.

"We were taught to get up early in the morning and work, and that is what we do here," she said.

Ross agreed that her Amish background has its advantages when adapting to new situations like initial entry training.

"I think it gives her a mental advantage over the culture shock most experience when they first join. Malinda grew up with a strong work ethic, and a great desire to succeed. She doesn't like the idea of giving up," he said. "Her upbringing gave her the ability to adapt and excel in everything she does."

According to Capt. Joseph Lonergan, Co. E, 795th MP Bn. Commander, a spectrum of new skills are needed in the Army, and these skills are more likely to be met by recruiting trainees from a diverse representation of America.

"Varied perspectives help Soldiers generate more ideas when working as a team. Looking at solutions from all angles is critical to problem-solving and mission success," Lonergan said.

Malinda hopes to inspire others, especially her children, through her accomplishments. She has advice for those who want to join.

"Anyone can do it. I believe it is all in the mindset and how you look at it. If you say you can't do it, you're not going to be able to do it," she said. "There are some things I felt like I couldn't do in the beginning, I was not as confident as I am now. I learned a lot and did things



Pvt. Malinda Dennison graduates from OSUT May 23 as an MP after leaving her Amish life behind. (Photo Credit: Stephen Standifird (Leonard Wood))

I never thought I would do."

When asked which Army Values best describe Malinda, Ross cites duty and integrity.

"She loves to learn and constantly seeks out new things to try. She isn't afraid to fail and learn from it," Ross said. "She is very curious. She is honest and isn't afraid to do the right thing. Malinda will do her best to get the job done to the best of her ability."

Malinda said she could not have done this without the help of the drill sergeants in her company.

After graduation, she will be assigned to a Military Police Reserve Unit in Nashville, wShe chose the Army Reserves so she can work and continue her education while serving her country, and she plans to go active when her husband retires.

"My plan is to retire from the Army. I'm not going to go through this and get out. In five years, hopefully, I'll be in the Active Guard Reserves," Malinda said.



## SPC MCKEE (31B) TUS BADGING

MP SPC. Tyler A. McKee was awarded the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Identification Badge at the Tomb Of The Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. Join us in congratulating SPC McKee on this accomplishment!



## Military Working Dog Kennel Master Trainer Course

Adapting Programs of Instruction to Enhance the Lethality and Combat Effectiveness of the 31K MOS

By 1LT Mark B. Strong, D CO, 701st MP BN

The Military Working Dog (MWD) Kennel Master (KM) Trainer Course is an indispensable development opportunity within the MWD Handler profession. Unfortunately, this extraordinary training opportunity seems to be under utilized due to the misconception that it is only for Kennel Masters. This course, however, is designed for any 31K Soldier who has demonstrated the potential to succeed in areas of increased responsibility and is prepared to take the next step in becoming the best MWD Handler they can be.

If you are a 31K Soldier in a Squad Leader, Plans and Training NCO, or Kennel Master position, and not on a temporary profile, then you are eligible for consideration to attend the MWD KM Trainer Course. The intent of the course is to enhance your operational understanding of your field of expertise. The 15 day long Joint Service course, held at Joint Base San Antonio Lackland Air Force Base, presents a significant opportunity for those who attend by instructing students in duties associated with MWD Trainers and Kennel Masters. The course prepares today's junior leaders within the 31K MOS to enhance the performance of their kennels through advanced instruction on the most up-to-date dog training methods. This vital course features in depth training that includes: operational responsibilities, transportation, resources, employment factors, perimeter security, drug training aids, explosive training aids, evaluation procedures, principles of conditioning, and proficiency training. The KM Trainer Course provides eligible graduates a prime opportunity for career advancement, professional development, and a superb understanding of the 31K MOS.

The MWD KM Trainer Course has recently undergone significant changes to its Program of Instruction (POI). These changes aim to enhance the effectiveness of the teaching methods and the retention of course material,



which will considerably augment the training programs of kennels force wide. Updates to the course consist of a total of 140 hours of curriculum, which is a decrease of 16 hours from the previous 156, as well 15 days of training, down from 17 days under the previous POI. SSG Alsayed, the Army KM Trainer Course Instructor, summarized the change by stating, "The course begins with dissolving common myths and misconceptions that negatively plague the 31K MOS. The primary purpose of the initial phase of KM Trainer Course is to dispel rumors and provide lessons learned on best practices, tactics, techniques, and procedures to facilitate success within a kennel. This initiative is focused on getting more people in the course and the right people in the course."

Due to the length of time MWD Handlers face between graduating the MWD Handlers Course and attending the KM Trainer Course, the revised POI also includes refresher training on Principles of Conditioning. Following the Principles of Conditioning training, the course covers the deferred final response method. "Previously, this method was the way prior Military Working Dogs were taught detection. Since the revision of the POI, dog training techniques have evolved to develop a more autonomous dog capable of operating with significantly reduced instruction or guidance from a trainer," said SSG Alsayed.

The most notable modification to the POI is the significant increase of hands on application with dogs. Due to the end of course critiques from the previous POI, the students feedback allowed KM Trainer Course Instructors to assess that kennels were not failing due to a lack of administrative knowledge, but rather the absence of proper dog training abilities. Simply put, the addition of more time on dogs came about as a direct result of students who attended the training, requesting more time training with dogs and less time covering the administrative details of kennel management. Kennel management and its administrative details are now covered by the prerequisite on-line training, facilitating a higher frequency of handler to dog instruction. In order to be eligible for consideration, Soldiers desiring to attend the course must now complete the prerequisite Military Working Dog Kennel Master Course on-line training prior to arrival.

The KM Trainer Course provides students hands on training with Military Working Dogs, pairing each student with a dog that will accurately replicate similar issues that the trainer or Kennel Master would experience or has experienced in the field. The KM Trainer Course is constantly adapting its tactics, techniques, and procedures in order to produce increasingly capable 31K Leaders, who will meet the demands of the modern battle field within a diverse geopolitical landscape. In fact, the course is currently in the process of an additional re-write, although the date that the new POI will begin circulation has yet to be determined. The 31K program, as one of the youngest Military Occupational Specialties in the United States Army, has the unique ability to adapt its policies, doctrine, and regulations to the rapidly changing schools of thought on training dogs and developing fully mission capable MWD Teams. The KM Trainer Course is leading the way in that enterprise.

# EASTERN EUROPE CID OFFICE

## A WARM SITE INDEED IN POLAND!

BY WO1 LAURA ANDERSON

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The Atlantic Resolve mission was conceived in Europe to strengthen readiness and relationships through partnerships and training events across Lithuania, Latvia, Bulgaria, Estonia, Romania, Hungary and Poland. US Soldiers in support of Atlantic Resolve have been steadily increasing throughout Poland and surrounding countries since Atlantic Resolve's inception in 2014. At any given moment, there are as many as 6,000 Soldiers actively participating in Atlantic Resolve. While in support of the Atlantic Resolve mission, the US based Soldiers typically undergo nine-month rotations throughout Europe.

To improve support operations to Atlantic Resolve, the 5th Military Police Battalion (CID) recently stood up a field office in Poland to provide investigative support to Commanders. Located in Kaiserslautern, Germany, the 5th MP BN (CID) provides general support to three unified combatant commands: CENTCOM, AFRICOM, and EUCOM. Formerly, responses to felony level crimes within Atlantic Resolve's AOR were handled by 5th MP BN (CID) through the Rapid Investigative Support Teams (RIST). The RIST mission maintained an expeditionary team of CID special agents assigned to 5th MP BN (CID) that would rapidly respond to reports of incidents across the EUCOM, CENTCOM, and AFRICOM AORs to preserve crime scenes and assume investigative responsibility. However, due to an increase in demands on the RIST mission resources and identification of an opportunity to strengthen partnerships with allied countries in support of criminal investigative efforts, the 5th MP BN (CID) identified the need to create an office in Poland. For several months, the battalion staff forward planned the creation of an office in Poland and visited numerous locations throughout Poland to identify the "best fit" startup location. The 5th MP BN (CID) reviewed common locations agents were responding to and considered where the office would receive the best investigative and technological support in Poland.

After thoughtful consideration the 5th MP BN (CID) stood up the Eastern Europe CID Office on 15 May 2018 with the first office location established in Powidz, Poland. As forecasted during a two-month military decision-making process, the office generated multiple LERs, which justified the generation of its own assigned CID Office number. Since the development of the Eastern Europe CID Office, the special agents assigned to the office have worked a myriad of felony level investigations and have developed strong lasting relationships with local Polish law enforcement authorities and Polish military police personnel. The Eastern Europe CID Office is manned based on current battalion authorizations and the special agents selected for the assignment work in Poland on 89-day rotations.

In less than 90 days, the initial team of special agents (SA Stewart and SA Jacob Peterson) established a network of relationships with Commanders, SARCs, and local nationals, opened 20+ law enforcement reports (LER), conducted 19 briefs and put over 13,000 miles on their duty vehicles. The agents were notified of a potentially volatile situation involving the threat of an active shooter and were able to rapidly respond to the

location to quickly defuse the situation before incident. SA Stewart felt her experience in Poland was a once in a lifetime opportunity. "The first rotation was very exhausting and yet a rewarding experience, a "must" for any agent ready to engage in virtually all facets of the law enforcement field."

SA Laura Anderson and SA Cristina Brandt followed on the second rotation and continued to cultivate the strong relationships established by the previous team. The agents drove throughout the country of Poland, responding to calls, and fostering relationship with commanders throughout Poland who were mostly surprised to learn CID was present in the country. SA Anderson recalled her time in Poland as a difficult but unique learning experience. SA Anderson recounted frequently arriving to a location to conduct investigative activity, departing the location, and documenting the incident while driving to the next location to respond to other duty call. "It was tough to stay on top of everything with two personnel in a rather austere environment. However, SA Brandt and I were driving down the road one day and we looked at each other and we were like, this is really amazing, I cannot believe we are here."

Following the second team and an office move to Poznan, Poland, SA Isaac Millard, SA Patrick Pierzak, SA Benjamin Miller, and SA Isaiah White prepared for the third rotation in Poland. The new location allowed for a reduced response times to most of the outlying bases and it also provided a support structure from the Mission Command Element (MCE), the regionally aligned headquarters that oversees the rotational elements throughout Atlantic Resolve's AO. The office additionally now had NIPR access for internet and DSN phones. Things slowed down tremendously halfway through the rotation, with most of the rotational units moving to Hohenfels and Grafenwoehr, Germany, for additional training exercises. This gave agents time to work on their administrative tasks and close several cases. The agents also had time to explore the city of Poznan during the holidays, to include a Christmas Market located in the Old Square.

**Right: Make-shift desks at the first office located in the basement of the Military Police Station in Powidz. The inaugural team was ingenious!**

**Far Right: Much better office space after moving to MCE in Poznan.**





SA Millard noted, “With the addition of a third agent and the office’s convenient new location, the Poland mission just became a whole lot more bearable. Yes, you’re busy; but you’re also living in one of the most amazing cities in the world.”

The special agents assigned to the Eastern Europe CID Office are not only handling investigative responsibilities in the area, they are also spearheading a LOGSEC mission. LOGSEC is a major priority for the 5th MP BN (CID), with the large volumes of equipment and personnel rotating in and out of Europe in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. LTC Jessie Brewster, Battalion Commander, CW5 Veronica Ferrer, Investigative Operations Officer, and 1SG Nathaniel Reagin, 5th MP BN (CID) met with the MCE Command Team to discuss CID’s LOGSEC mission and the impact it would have on the operation’s combat readiness. The MCE briefed the 5th MP BN (CID) command team on all of the logistical operations of Operation Atlantic Resolve, which allowed the command team to successfully direct the CID LOGSEC Team’s actions and areas of emphasis. A ring of fuel thefts was identified at one of the major training areas in Poland. The battalion LOGSEC Team, and agents from the Eastern Europe CID Office responded and identified the crime conducive conditions that were present in the area. The information was provided to the supporting Commanders in an effort to prevent larcenies and trespassing in the future.

Standing up an office in a new country can be a difficult task, especially with the numerous NATO countries the Eastern Europe CID Office supports and the rapid development of the identified need for a standing office in the location. However, the CID special agents assigned to the Eastern Europe CID Office, both present and past, have worked tirelessly to ensure timely and professional handling of all investigations in their region.

Being on ground in Poland supports commanders in the area and allows for response times within Atlantic Resolve that were unfeasible in the past. Through the efforts of the special agents assigned to the Eastern Europe CID office, the 5th MP BN (CID) is leading the way to building lasting relationships and supporting allies and partnerships aligned with the Atlantic Resolve mission.

On 30 June 2019, the 5th MP BN (CID) command team sealed these efforts while attending

The Warsaw Law Enforcement Working Group Meeting hosted by the Investigations Division of Polish Military Police General Command, and held at the Headquarters of the Military Police, in Warsaw, Poland. In attendance were other MCIO’s (Air Force OSI



Inaugural Crew, 25 May 2018 (From the left, SGT Johnathan Sheffey (S6), SA Peterson, CW2 Stewart, SFC William Rule (S6), CPT Mark Sauser (HHD Cdr), and 1LT Alec Foster (S4))

and NCIS), representatives from the U.S. Legal Liaison Office (MAJ Marcin Krupa and his Polish counterpart, Ms Antonina Zawadska); representatives from the Polish Military Prosecutor’s Office; and Polish Military Police. Each agency representative provided an overview brief of tasks, competencies, and structure of the organization. Also discussed during the meeting were efforts of cooperation within the framework of the NATO SOFA as well as how agencies will be sharing and transferring information on reported incidents. This collaboration was definitely a success and one that was long overdue. It provided an understanding of the practicalities of policing in Poland based on the framework within the NATO SOFA.

The Eastern Europe CID Office and the 5th MP BN (CID) continuously strive to ensure the highest quality of investigative support is provided to commanders in support of the ongoing Atlantic Resolve missions, and help forge those host nation relationships to establish an operational environment that is understood and where cooperation exists.



# DRAGON FIGHTERS

## CELEBRATE MISSION ENABLERS

BY STAFF SGT. ADAM ROSS, 42ND MP BDE  
PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. ADAM ROSS

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. — They're sometimes called "low-density" or "specialized" Military Occupational Specialties (MOS), but at 504th Military Police Battalion, they prefer the term "enablers."

"They enable us to do our mission," said 2nd Lt. Andrew Holm, operations officer, 504th MP Bn. "This is us showing them they're part of the team and we appreciate all the work they have to do."

The "Dragon Fighters" of 504th MP Bn have a wide and varied mission set that ranges from area security and law enforcement on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, to rapid worldwide deployment and training center rotations. These missions are focused on military law enforcement and security, but also rely on Soldiers who often do their work behind the scenes.

The Enabler Appreciation Day at 504th MP Bn honored these Soldiers, bringing food, games and recognition into the battalion maintenance bay.

"We're really quick to recognize someone on the road who does something really cool, but not very quick to recognize someone who puts in over 40 hours to make sure that truck works," said Maj. James Bloom, executive officer, 504th MP Bn, at the beginning of the ceremony. "This battalion is one of the most ready units on JBLM and it is 100 percent on you, you own that."

With chairs and tables filling the maintenance bay instead of military vehicles, it was a festive and celebratory atmosphere, with the USO Northwest chapter providing hot dogs and snacks. After an Enablers Appreciation Day cake was cut, a dozen Soldiers were presented with the driver and mechanic badge in recognition of excellent performance.

One of the USO volunteers, Denise Scarboro, served in the 504th MP Bn in the late 1970s as a member of the Women's Army Corps, when the battalion was stationed at The Presidio in San Francisco.

"I was a gate guard under the Golden Gate Bridge," said Scarboro, who later worked with Army Criminal Investigation Division (CID) and retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 5. Command Sgt. Maj. Antonio Cox, 504th MP Bn, presented Scarboro with a battalion coin in recognition of her service.

The nature of MP battalions puts "enabler" Soldiers in the same company as their MP counterparts, rather than serving in their own specialized unit. This means a company's mechanics and medics often get assigned to missions outside their MOS.

"They feel like they have a job here and a mission," said 2nd Lt. Abby Badden, executive officer, 504th MP Bn Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment. "They really get to see how their work impacts the company, it shows how valuable their work is to us."

Another unique aspect of maintainers in an MP unit is the focus on Armored Security Vehicles (ASV), which are not often fielded to other Army units.

Sergeant John Alcock, of 571st MP Company, was not familiar with the ASV when he first arrived at 504th MP Bn, and knows the challenge of learning to maintain a new vehicle.

"I'm proud of my Soldiers for stepping up and learning to fix the ASV," said Alcock, who also said the heavy use of military vehicles by 504th helps maintainers because they're able to analyze them better.



Often working behind the scenes to keep the 504th Military Police Battalion on the road and able to deploy, the battalion held an Enabler Appreciation Day to show their thanks to the maintainers, medics and communicators who make their missions possible. The USO Northwest Chapter was at the event providing food and drinks.



Staff Sgt. Ryan Forgey, motor sergeant, 504th Military Police Battalion, pins a driver and mechanic badge on Spc. Zhengyang Rao during the battalion's Enabler Appreciation Day.

For a veteran maintainer like Sgt. 1st Class Travis Bates, his first assignment with an MP unit has shown him the unique way that enablers are integrated into the mission.

"The MPs really show appreciation for what others do, they realize that the mission cannot happen without everybody, and I'm proud to be a Dragon Fighter," said Bates. "These young Soldiers, they really appreciate the support."





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## 91st MP Soldiers at Fort Drum Demonstrate

# WARRIOR ETHOS

## During Boxing Academy

BY MIKE STRASSER, FORT DRUM GARRISON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**The 91st Military Police Battalion's Boxing Academy concluded April 4 with an exhibition of sorts as the boxers were cheered by dozens of their peers during their final evaluations.**

**T**he 10-session training clinic was led by Lt. Col. Scott Blanchard, 91st MP Battalion commander, and assisted by Capt. Erin Kocher, battalion S2. Blanchard was previously a boxing and combatives instructor in the Department of Physical Education at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Kocher, a West Point Class of 2014 graduate, was a member of the academy's Women's Boxing Team.

Blanchard said that the course was designed for beginners and that his intent was to strengthen the Soldiers' warrior ethos.

"The first time in life you get punched in the face shouldn't be when you learn to defend yourself," Blanchard said. "We teach that when you get punched in the face, you get back up and keep going. You fight through your challenges, and that's an important skill to learn."

At each session, Soldiers paired up with one another to practice boxing fundamentals through sparring. They learned basic punches - the jab, hook, cross and uppercut - defensive movements and boxing strategies.

"This was not about hitting the heavy bags, because bags don't hit back," Blanchard said. "They learned by hitting each other because that's the only way to get the right level of experience. You swim, you're going to get wet - you box, you're going to get punched in the face, and so it's just something you have to get through."

But before the Soldiers traded punches Blanchard made sure they knew how to throw them, and he emphasized safety throughout.

"This was definitely not a free-for-all," he said. "It's very structured training, because you want to minimize the risk of concussion. That's also why we have a medic in the room at all times. A jab can stun you a little bit, but a cross can knock you out."

Sgt. 1st Class Eamonn McDonough, operations noncommissioned officer in charge, never had boxed before but he had combatives training before joining the boxing academy.

"I love working out, so that's my main reason for doing this," he said. "But the things we learned from Lt. Col. Blanchard and Capt. Kocher, who are so well-versed in boxing, was a great opportunity."





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McDonough said that two or three 30-second sparring sessions can be surprisingly fatiguing.

"It's definitely a cardio workout, with all the movement and throwing punches," he said. "You don't realize how tired you can get very quickly, or how much you use those smaller muscles to throw punches."

In addition to just being a great workout, McDonough said that the boxing academy teaches resiliency.

"A lot of people have never been in a fight in their lives," he said. "You don't know how you're going to react until that happens. There's a readiness or resiliency you get from knowing, 'hey, I got punched in the face but I can react to it, get better from it and it won't happen again.'"

Blanchard began offering Soldiers boxing lessons last year, and he said that the biggest challenge was arranging the time for them to take advantage of the class.

"It's pretty tough being a military police with their schedules to be afforded the opportunity for something like this," he said.

That's why 1st Lt. Evonnie Fomento signed up for the boxing academy.

"This was a chance to do a different form of PT, and it's an opportunity we don't always get to have," she said. "This isn't the usual Army PT, so this allows us to explore a different avenue of training."

Fomento said that she was easily the smallest boxer in the class and she might have been a bit hesitant to taking a punch.

"I think I anticipated it a little too much sometimes," she said. "It made me a little more careful when sparring, but, honestly, you just have to take it and go with it. It's a classroom situation and a controlled environment, not a street fight, so you learn to get over any fear."

Blanchard said that he was impressed with the Soldiers' ability to rise to the challenge.

"There were some who are natural athletes, and they came in and really took to the class, but every one of them got better," he said. "At the end of the day, they can get in a ring and hold their own."

# OPERATION GUNSLINGER II:

## TRAINING IN READINESS AND LETHALITY

STORY BY SECOND LIEUTENANT BROCK BALMOJA AND SERGEANT FIRST CLASS IRA THOMPSON  
PHOTOS BY SECOND LIEUTENANT ANTHONY THOMPSON

**P**ohakuloa Training Area, HI – From the Department of Defense all the way down to the individual Soldier, readiness and lethality are the highest priorities. The 8th Military Police Brigade shares these priorities and the same is true for the 728th Military Police Battalion.

In order to support the priorities of readiness and lethality, the Warfighters deployed from 6 May to 7 June to the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Island of Hawaii to execute individual qualification, crew certification, and mounted live fire exercises. By increasing combat lethality and readiness at the Squad and Platoon levels, the Battalion is better prepared for its war time missions

During the first three days of a Platoon's training, each squad was required to successfully complete the "crawl, walk, and run" phases of a live fire training lane designed to exercise a squad's ability to maintain security, effectively engage the enemy at up to five-hundred meters, react to IED, sniper attacks, and conduct like-vehicle recovery during day and night convoy operations. Once the squad demonstrates their ability to exercise their required tasks without ammunition in the "crawl" phase, blank ammunition was introduced.

"The intent of this exercise was to test each individual Soldier's tactical and technical competency," stated Captain Joshua M. Harrison, the planning OIC of Gunslinger II. "Squads faced a significant challenge on each lane, as the complexity of the planning considerations and stress placed on them gradually increased. The difficult engagement criteria for each target necessitated that each squad was able to shoot, move, and communicate effectively."

Undoubtedly, the stress increased as the squads moved away from the dry fire phase. The utilization of blank ammunition necessitates more articulate communication between team members, level-headed decision-making, and efficient weapon manipulation. The culminating event of the lane was the mounted squad live fire exercise in which the squad was expected to effectively maneuver the lane while using live ammunition to engage their targets. Though it was during this phase that the risk level was at its highest, it was the most beneficial training to increase Warfighter lethality.

Command Sergeant Major Jeremy J. Peek stated, "A common understanding in the profession of arms is that great units do the basics well. This applies to not only to the fundamentals of shoot, move, and, communicate but also to the adherence of the fundamentals of safety. Strict

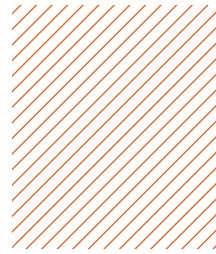


Soldiers from the maintenance section conduct repairs on a M1151.

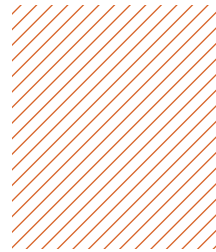




552d Military Police Company conducts their squad live fire exercise.



SPC Hixon conducts a test fire on the M249 weapon system.



adherence to safety fundamentals enables a formation to maximize the training effect while accepting prudent risk and mitigating that risk through appropriate measures." It is with this training mentality, and the expertise of experienced safeties, that the platoons of 57th, 552d, and 558th were able to successfully qualify in their OBJ-T standards.

Once tactical and technical proficiency was demonstrated at the team and squad levels, the opportunity to demonstrate the same proficiency at the platoon level was granted. During the platoon training events, each platoon conducted key leader engagements, site exploitations, and react to contact missions. With support from of 3-25 Combat Aviation Brigade, the squads were also able to conduct a live MEDEVAC. When the elements controlled and maneuvered are increased three-fold at the platoon level, the utilization of troop leading procedures, mastery of communication, and rehearsals down to the individual Soldier were the difference between injury or a successful training event.

None of this valuable training would be possible, however, without the expertise of key safety personnel. The Officers and NCOs entrusted with this task accompanied each platoon as they conducted their repeated iterations, ensuring that exercises were executed in a safe manner. It is their responsibility to ensure that the standards set were met.

Each safety was hand-selected based on their breadth of experience, knowledge, and competence. Additionally, they were required to demonstrate their proficiency on all weapon systems, knowledge on blank and live fire considerations, and tactical vehicles for a combat support Military Police Company. All testing criteria was established in accordance with each weapon system and vehicle's technical manual.

With the extensive training conducted at the squad level, the live fire

exercises were executed without incident; a true demonstration that units proficient in the fundamentals of safety are also proficient in the fundamentals of shoot, move, and communicate.

Private First Class Marthin J. Ramos, a gunner for Third Platoon, 552d Military Police Company, provides testimony to the mentorship provided by his leadership. "The squad leaders and Platoon Sergeant were really helpful." He continued, "They've done this kind of training before and really mentored us through some of the more complicated parts. It helped that we were eager to learn too." PFC Ramos continued, "They were calm, cool, and collected. Even when we made mistakes, they showed us what right looked like so it wouldn't happen again."

This sentiment was shared by Staff Sergeant Joshua M. Sullivan from Second Platoon, 552d Military Police Company, who found the training invaluable. "...our rotation to PTA provided excellent training value in the operation and implementation of their weapon systems. Soldiers were afforded the opportunity not only to fire their weapons on a live fire range, but to do so while operating in a tactical vehicle with their team. This built team cohesion and trust that has increased the lethality of our Soldiers and leaders. The value of training troops to shoot, move, and communicate while in tactical vehicles cannot be overstated. It has made our soldiers harder to kill, and more prepared for any future conflict."

Operation Gunslinger II was not the only Battalion mission under execution, however. The 728th Military Police Battalion's rear elements on Schofield Barracks, HI are either preparing for or currently conducting a myriad of missions. Second Platoon, 558 Military Police Company prepared to deploy to Australia to conduct law enforcement operations and maneuver mobility support in support of Operation Talisman Saber. Additionally, the 58th Military Police Company executed Operation Lightning Forge and prepared for a JRTC training rotation in support of 3/25 Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

All of these missions, to include regular day-to-day operations, were being conducted while the Battalion fulfilled its law enforcement mission for the United States Army Hawaii. The 728th Military Police Battalion, with its high operation tempo, is dedicated to supporting the U.S. Army's number one priority of readiness. Though higher echelon leaders shape the training and development of subordinate units, it is the Soldiers at the junior levels, like PFC Ramos, that close with and destroy the enemy.

Lieutenant Colonel Charcillea A. Schaefer stated, "The benefits of ensuring that junior Soldiers and leaders understand and possess the ability to shoot, move, and communicate at echelon cannot be overstated." She continued, "In our journey towards sustained readiness, this Battalion was able to deploy post-to-post, port-to-port, port-to-objective, and back. Actions on the object included certification of squads and platoons in mounted live fire exercises. This training increased our proficiency in the fundamentals and set the foundation for us to build on."

The focus on the true fundamentals of shoot, move, and communicate, as well as sustain and maintain, produced increased proficiency across the Military Police Corps and 728th Military Police Battalion's readiness and lethality. In the words of a Warfighter Squad Leader, Gunslinger II made the formation "harder to kill and more prepared for any future conflict."

# A LASTING IMPACT

BY TODD MITCHELL

I recently heard about the death of a man who left a lasting impression on me. In the fall of 2018 we lost another true hero. This hero was Army Vietnam Veteran, Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Roland Gaddy, retired. Gaddy rose through the ranks from Private to CSM which is the highest rank an enlisted soldier can achieve.

In 1983 after graduating from high school I enlisted into the Army National Guard. In the summer of 1984 I went to Fort McClellan, Alabama where I attended basic combat training (boot camp). I certainly can't say it was a fun summer but in hind sight the dedication and professionalism of the Drill Sergeants could never be overlooked. The days began at 4:00 am and concluded usually at 10:00 pm assuming you were not rudely awoken during the night. The Drill Sergeants were there for every minute of those long and brutal days.

I was a student at Western Maryland College and enrolled in the Army's ROTC program. In 1987 after graduating from college I began my initial active duty obligation and was once again sent to Ft. McClellan, Alabama where I attended the military police officer basic course. This is where I had the privilege to meet Gaddy.

He was the Regimental CSM of all entire military police training schools and courses, which at any one time oversaw thousands of soldiers. He was introduced to my class of approximately 45 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants by our cadre. He was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Command Sergeant Major of the Army's Military Police School. I recall how they spoke of his service and the difficult circumstances he personally endured in Vietnam. It was obvious from the respect shown to him from the other officers that this was a very special man.

I recently spoke with CSM Harold Burleson now retired, who shared with me that the then Commandant of the MP School Brigadier General (BG) David H. Stem and Gaddy were leading the efforts to



completely revamp and raise the professionalism and capabilities of the entire MP School. Gaddy selected Burleson as First Sergeant to lead the Non Commissioned Officer (NCO) Academy. Burleson said Gaddy's directives to him were clear, he was to hand select the best Military Police NCO's he could find to build out the staff of the school. Gaddy told him wherever they were in the world he was to bring them to the school, they would not be able to refuse this assignment and he had the entire command staff behind him. Gaddy added as you select your staff, don't just think about today but the future of this school. Burleson said that is exactly what he did.

BG Stem and Gaddy became very close and were accomplishing great things at the school. BG Stem told his staff and the soldiers studying at the school, "when you take a soldier to combat we expect you to bring them all home," this became the culture of all of the cadre at the school. BG Stem was tragically killed in a military plane crash in January 1987, an event that Burleson said Gaddy took very hard.

My opportunity to get to know Gaddy was quite unique. On a Saturday off, I was with three of my classmates playing basketball on the post adjacent to the basic training area. A Drill Sergeant was marching basic training soldiers nearby.



I paused and watched as that brought back memories of my previous time there. I heard the Drill Sergeant leading marching cadences as the unit marched. The cadence was one, however, that I had not heard while I was there just three years prior as the cadences were making light of narcotics use. I couldn't believe I was hearing this and particularly at the basic training unit of the Army's Military Police School.

The Drill Sergeant halted her soldiers and the soldiers went into one of the school buildings. I approached the Drill Sergeant and introduced myself. I asked her if cadences like this are the norm now, and told her just three years prior it was never part of my experience there. She somewhat casually dismissed what I said so I just went about my day.

On Monday morning when I went into the schoolhouse, Gaddy's office was just inside the lobby off to the right. I walked into his office where I was greeted by his assistant who sat just outside his office. I asked if he would see me which he agreed to do. I walked in and he invited me to sit down. I shared with him this experience I observed over the weekend. While I was telling him about this I could see his face getting red, he looked down at his desk visibly disturbed. He looked up at me and said, "Lieutenant, it is my job to make sure that we instill the values of the army and the military police corps into our soldiers and I assure you this is not consistent with those values." I gave him the name of the Drill Sergeant and he thanked me for bringing this to his attention.

Shortly after lunch that day, I was summoned from class and told to report to Gaddy's office. I reported there and his assistant told me to go into his office he is expecting me. I walked in and the Drill Sergeant was sitting in front of him. He told me the Drill Sergeant had no recollection the events I described to him that morning. I looked at the Drill Sergeant, who then looked at Gaddy and told him she remembered the incident now. Gaddy instructed her to leave her Drill Sergeant hat on his desk and told her someone will be in touch with you. I asked if I could be excused which he granted.

About a week later, Gaddy approached me and asked if I would have lunch with him that day, to which, I obviously accepted. We went to a mess hall of a training unit for lunch. He thanked me for doing my part to uphold the values they were trying to instill in our soldiers. I asked him a few questions about himself, to which, were immediately deflected and not answered. It was obvious he didn't ask me there to tell me about himself.

He told me he had been wearing the uniform for over 25 years and how much he loved the army. He told me his opinion as to what makes some military officers more effective than others. I realized he asked me to lunch to share with me his thoughts, wisdom and advice on how I could have a successful military career. This lunch was a gift to any 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant as this was the number one NCO of the military police corps.

**There was one thing he told me that I would never forget. He told me to remember that any unit you are assigned to or command, more than likely has been there for many years prior to you arriving and it will be there many years after you leave. He said it is absolutely your duty to leave every unit you command better than when you arrived, but be measured in how you affect change.**

Lunch with CSM Gaddy was a great opportunity for a young lieutenant. I went back to Ft. McClellan in 1998 for officer advanced course. I asked about CSM Gaddy and was told he had retired ten years ago.

A few years ago, I saw the name Army LTC Roland Gaddy as a mutual connection on LinkedIn. I sent him an email asking if he could contact me. He called me and I asked if his father was CSM Roland Gaddy and he said he was. He shared with me, his father was doing well and enjoying retirement. I told him to please pass my good wishes onto his father. I told him he may not remember me by name,

but told him briefly of my experience with him which he later told me his father remembered.

Just a few months ago, I saw that Gaddy had passed away. I messaged his son my condolences as I was very respectful of his father. CSM James Breckinridge was the MP Regiment Sergeant Major when Gaddy passed away. Breckinridge was looking forward to finally meeting Gaddy as Gaddy was going to attend the MP Ball at Fort Leonard Wood. Breckinridge missed that opportunity as he sadly heard about Gaddy's death. Breckinridge drove from Missouri to Anniston Alabama to represent the Army's NCO MP Corps. He told me the funeral home was extremely crowded as people paid their respect to this great man. He said was honored to be the person to present the American flag to Gaddy's wife Jeanette in honor of this great man.

Today the Army Military Police School is located in Fort Leonard Wood Missouri. CSM Michael Bennett is the newly appointed Regimental Sergeant Major of the school that is a federally accredited law enforcement training academy training over 20,000 soldiers, civilians and leaders annually. Bennett says "while the training and threats have changed over the years, it is still the job of the Regimental Command Sergeant Major to be the standard bearer for the military police corps".

Organizations like the military are built to absorb change, they have to be. I remember in 2004 in the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment Armory in Baltimore, I had just submitted my retirement paperwork to the Army National Guard. I took a moment to stand on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor overlooking the drill floor where there may have been 100 soldiers training on various tasks. The realization set in that 5 or 10 years from that moment no one will even remember your contributions much like the old story that it only takes one tide change to erase your foot prints in the sand. In 1993 CSM Gaddy was inducted into the Military Police Regimental Association's Hall of Fame. This will deservingly help preserve his footsteps and contributions to the army, his country, his family and hopefully forever preserve his footsteps. Rest in Peace CSM and thank you for your service and advice.



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# A NEW GUARDIAN IN THE PNW

BY SECOND LIEUTENANT ASHLEY D. SNYDER BLACKMER  
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The idea for the statue began with Lieutenant Colonel Matthew J. Jemmott (508th MP BN (D) Commander) and Command Sergeant Major Shawn A. Klosterman (508th MP BN (D) CSM) shortly after they assumed command in 2017. The digital design that initiated the endeavor was created by Sergeant Kayleefaye Jessee with the corresponding symbolism later drafted by Sergeant Lucas H. Devore.

After nearly two years of design and commitment by many, the statue was completed and unveiled. Since the unveiling, Custos has seen many visitors, including Major General David Glaser (Provost Marshal General of the Army, Commanding General U.S. Army

Criminal Investigation Command) and Command Sergeant Major Brian Flom (U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command and Army Corrections Command).

The California Grizzly symbolizes the battalion's origin as the 308th Military Police Battalion based out of California. On 16 October 2005, the unit was reactivated at Fort Lewis, Washington after a 33 year period and re-designated as the 508th Military Police Detention Battalion. The battalion now serves as the Army's Center of Excellence for detainee operations. The skills developed while providing for the care, custody, and control of prisoners at the Northwestern Joint Regional Correctional Facility (NWJRCF), combined with its unique location collocated with many maneuver partners and enabler units, has created a unit that is singularly suited to execute this mission.

*Custos*, Latin for "Guardian", stands tall as a barrier of protection for the unit, the mission, and the Guardian Family. The armor that Custos wears signifies the physical and mental fortitude required to conduct the corrections mission while upholding standards of human compassion and care for others.

The ball and chain was used historically as a physical restraint device. It is held by Custos as a symbol of preservation and protection of the local community as it executes its corrections mission in the NWJRCF, as well as the units supported while operating in a deployed environment and safeguarding detainees in time of war.

A shield is a piece of personal armor that is held in the hand or mounted to the wrist or forearm. It is primarily utilized as a tool for crowd and riot control, and denotes safety and security in a correctional environment. Custos holds the shield with the historical motto, *Sine Prae Judicio*, Latin for "Without Prejudice", engraved on the bottom to serve as a sigil, representing the pride of the organization.

Custos represents years of dedication and hard work from a multitude of Soldiers to bring the idea to life. To the Guardian Family, Custos is a universal place of gathering for Soldiers. The statue embodies the unit motto, "It Starts With Me! Prove It!", and encourages Soldiers to continually strive to show their commitment to the unit and mission.



# MP Veteran Making a Major Impact

## Through Fitness and Entrepreneurship

BY MS. ERIN YOUNKIN

For eight years Military Police Veteran Erica Webster woke up at what is commonly referred to as o'dark thirty and headed to physical training while she was stationed in Cuba, South Korea, Kansas, and Missouri, as well as when she was deployed to Iraq. Never did she imagine that her post-military career would have her doing the same thing.

Webster, who now owns Dub Fitness in King of Prussia, Penn., always greets her early morning clients with a smile, but in the early morning hours of April 26 she found herself preparing for a special fitness event that would

include one very special person, Sergeant Major of the Army Daniel Dailey.

"Earlier this year the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, Kenneth Wong, sponsored me for membership at the Union League of Philadelphia and invited me to a Town Hall with the SMA. As an enlisted MP, I knew about the SMA's ability to enact great change for enlisted members. I appreciate his engagement with Soldiers and I knew this was my chance to meet him, but I needed to find a way to make it happen so I contacted the SMA's aide and jokingly asked if I could bring him water, or be a part of something, before the Town Hall," said Webster.

Her moxie move paid off. Not only did she get to meet the SMA, Webster proposed that while the SMA was in town for the Town

Hall that he join her and the Dub Fitness team, as well as the Philadelphia Recruiting Command, ROTC cadets, veterans and Philadelphia area civilians to run through a workout with movements that would prepare service members for the new Army Combat Fitness Test.

Though there were only eight days before the event, the SMA and his team agreed. Webster and her team went to work. They pushed the event on social media and invited other Philly vets to join them for the PT event with the SMA. She also leaned on the community to support her efforts.

"I was very appreciative of our city police and news media for their support of the event. I was also glad to see some of my Dub Fitness gym members join us for this Army-focused event," said Webster.

After the fitness portion of the event was over, SMA Dailey took time to speak with Webster and listen to her experience as a Soldier and now a female Veteran. He also presented coins to the Dub Fitness team members who showed up early to support the event.

"After the event was over, I got a call from the CASA and he told me that after their team left, he received a phone call stating that the SMA said I really smoked him. For me, that was the biggest compliment I could've gotten," said Webster.

Events like these are not uncommon for Webster and her Dub Fitness team. Webster has plugged into the Philly Veteran community and frequently attends events where she's able to encourage other veterans, especially women veterans, to pursue entrepreneurship. However, Webster didn't find her way to business ownership directly. After serving in the military, she decided to transition out of active duty service in 2012. However, she freely admits that she didn't take the transition courses seriously and she ended up living in her mom's attic while working as a bartender.

"My transition from the military to civilian life was a little rough, but by January 2013, I was enrolled at West Chester University and began studying Kinesiology. I made good use of my GI Bill and the university was incredibly supportive. I ended up finding support through their student veterans group and was the first female elected president of the group. I found my purpose through that group," said Webster.

As she was going to school, Webster began doing personal training on the side. Though they were only dating at the time, her husband encouraged her to start her own fitness business. Webster began the business part-time with the creation of a Fit Mom class where she led moms through exercises - some even had their babies in strollers.

After graduation, Webster tested out a more traditional employment route and took a job as a health teacher at a North Philadelphia high school. However, the job didn't turn out quite like she hoped. Though she was able to persuade the administration to allow her to teach classes like yoga and mindful meditation, the school lacked the sense of purpose she was looking for.

In May 2018, Webster quit teaching and opened her gym full time. She now offers four classes a day, including specialty classes like yoga and self-defense. Webster enjoys incorporating her military experience into the fitness classes.

"I have used my combatives experience to help me form the self-defense courses and I incorporate singing cadence during runs," said Webster.

She also holds tight to the Army values and works to instill them into her business. She describes her gym as a place where women can come for an experience beyond fitness and she proudly talks about the friendships and the support system that she has nurtured to fruition. Of course, Webster does this by leading from the front.

Webster is heavily involved in the Philadelphia veteran community as a board member of the Greater Philadelphia Veteran Network and Committee Chair for the Veterans Business Referral Network. This year she will be participating in their version of Shark Tank called Veteran's Shark Tank, where she is one of the "sharks" and is able to encourage other veteran entrepreneurs who are looking to jump-start their businesses. She's also involved with Team Foster, a local nonprofit which raises money to partner service dogs with local veterans suffering from combat-related disabilities.

"I was a rebellious teenager and I'm thankful to the Army for straightening me out. My time as a Corrections MP gave me the opportunities I needed to grow as a leader. Whenever I have the opportunity, I will give to others in the veteran community, just as senior leaders and other MPs gave to me," said Webster.





Keynote speaker retired Col. Todd Ebel, instructor with the Brigade Commander Development Program, talks about what can contribute to the gain and loss of trust during the 40th Military Police Battalion (Detention) Ethics Symposium March 28 at the Mission Training Complex - Leavenworth.



Chaplain (Maj.) Jonathan Bailey, ethics instructor at the Command and General Staff College, leads a session during the 40th Military Police Battalion (Detention) Ethics Symposium March 28 at the Mission Training Complex - Leavenworth.

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## 40<sup>TH</sup> MP BATTALION BEGINS ETHICS CAMPAIGN

As part of an ethics campaign led by Lt. Col. Kevin Payne, 40th Military Police Battalion (Detention) commander, senior leaders from the 40th, the 705th MP Battalion (Detention) and the 15th MP Brigade gathered for a day-long ethics symposium March 28 at the Mission Training Complex - Leavenworth.

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"This effort is necessary," Payne said. "Ethics is nested in everything that we do. It is our job to establish climates to motivate soldiers and uphold the Army ethic in the exercise of mission command in order to ensure we're trusted professionals."

Payne said the campaign will target three lines of effort — spiritual, foundational and organizational.

In the spiritual line of effort, the chaplains' engagements in the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks and in the unit areas focus on ethical leadership, character and civility. The hope is that additional resources are provided to aid in the process of ethical decision making while increasing esprit de corps within the battalion, Payne said.

In the foundational line of effort, the purpose is to establish a targeted engagement strategy designed to reinforce foundational knowledge on ethical leadership and decision making in hopes that it will reinforce ethics training and education efforts, facilitating leaders' ownership of ethical decision making for themselves and their subordinates.

In the organizational line of effort, leaders will conduct sessions with ethics instructors to develop an organizational vision statement in the hope that leader knowledge is reinforced and that ownership is developed at every echelon, Payne said.

To address the first two lines of efforts, the senior leaders were addressed by local ethics professionals. The organizational line of effort will be addressed throughout the rest of the campaign.

Chaplain (Maj.) Jonathan Bailey, Command and General Staff College ethics instructor, addressed the spiritual line of effort by focusing on ethical leadership and the three points of the ethical triangle — consequences, principles and virtues.

"A lot of times people will have an area on the triangle where they



focus, that provides them with their particular ways and that really does drive their behavior,” Bailey said. “But it is not good to stay there all the time. These are all on the spectrum, all on the triangle. It is not like you have one and you don’t have the others. You’re always operating with these three interacting with one another.”

Then, he expanded the triangle into Dr. Walter Earl Fluker’s Ethical Leadership Model, which focuses on character, civility and community and their corresponding virtues.

“These ethical perspectives all go in across this model,” Bailey said. “It gets woven into, ‘Who am I? Who am I alone? Who am I in public? And also, who are you? Who are you alone and who are you in public?’ They shouldn’t be different people.”

These models led to various discussions among the senior leaders about examples of authentic leaders, challenges to authenticity in their own leadership, balancing power and humility, and how to incorporate personal moral traditions into their leadership.

“Everybody comes from a different background, everybody comes from different moral upbringings, and I think the goal of this is to get everybody on that same page in order to move forward as an organization,” said Sgt. 1st Class Brian Wildman, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 40th. “(Bailey) did a good job of bringing the perspective into the dilemma with ethics inside the facility.”

Retired Col. Todd Ebel, principal instructor for the Brigade Command Development Program at the School for Command Preparation, addressed the foundational line of effort with his presentation “Leadership, Ethical Reasoning and Mission Command.” He said the bottom line to all of it is building trust between leader and subordinate.

Ebel said he had three criteria for building trust — integrity, competence, and reliability.

“One of the easiest ways as leaders that we violate or lose trust is to not think about how we make decisions,” Ebel said. “How you make a decision is as important as the decision you make. Do what’s right.”

To demonstrate, Ebel led various decision-making exercises and spoke about various models of leadership and ethics.

In the end, Ebel presented a leadership challenge to attendees.

“Create a healthy work culture such that all individuals on the team can be trusted to decide to act ethically (and) honorably in their own best interest, and the best interest of their organization, the U.S. Army and our great nation,” he said. “I believe you can do this.”

Maj. Stephanie Pfeiffer, HHC, 40th, said both speakers proved that the topic of ethics is not a simple one.

“These are difficult topics that we’re bringing up,” Pfeiffer said. “We have to have discussions about the different perspectives. We have to have the discussion about how we make our decisions. It is not just a matter of right versus wrong.

“Our soldiers will one day serve a different organization and



Soldiers react to a humorous video about being “self smart” during the 40th Military Police Battalion (Detention) Ethics Symposium March 28 at the Mission Training Complex - Leavenworth.



Keynote speaker retired Col. Todd Ebel, instructor with the Brigade Commander Development Program, asks for bids for a \$20 bill as he conducts a decision-making exercise with 40th Military Police Battalion (Detention) Ethics Symposium participants March 28 at the Mission Training Complex - Leavenworth. The exercise demonstrated, in part, how the will to win can overcome logic.

hopefully take what they learned here and throughout this journey, and bring that with them to wherever they go,” she said. “What we’re doing right here, yes, is improving our own organization, but it is also trying to improve the entire Army.”

The 40th ethics campaign will continue through March 2020.

# OPERATION OVERLORD: D-DAY

## [ 6 JUNE 1944 ]

BY RONNEY Z. MILLER, MPCR/USAMPS HISTORIAN

You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you. In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on other Fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world.

*Dwight D. Eisenhower*

Dwight D. Eisenhower, Letter to Allied Forces

On 6 June 1944, the Allies launched the greatest amphibious operation in history – codenamed “Overlord” but best remembered as “D-Day” – a day which marked the beginning of the Allies’ “Great Crusade” to rekindle the lamp of liberty and freedom on the continent of Europe. More than 160,000 Allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily-fortified French coastline. American forces were assigned the mission of securing two beaches – Utah and Omaha. The former belonged to the US 4th Infantry Division (part of the US VII Corps) and the latter was the target of the US 1st Infantry Division (part of the US V Corps). Concurrently, Gold Beach was the landing site of the British 50th Infantry Division (part of the British XXX Corps) and Sword was the landing site of the British 3rd Infantry Division (part of the British I Corps). The Canadian 3rd Infantry Division (also part of the British I Corps) was tasked with seizing Juno. More than 5,000 ships and 13,000 aircraft supported the amphibious assault landings at Normandy and by day’s end, the Allies had established a precarious foothold on Hitler’s fortress Europe.

Among those that went ashore on 6 June 1944 were soldiers whose arms were banded with a black sleeve upon which were two bold white letters: “MP.” The 1st MP Platoon (1st Infantry Division), the 29th MP Platoon (29th Infantry Division), the 4th MP Platoon (4th Infantry Division), and the 90th MP Platoon (90th Infantry Division) landed on the beaches with their parent unit. Companies A and B of the 507th MP Battalion (assigned to V Corps) and the MP Platoon of the VII Corps also waded ashore on 6 June 1944. Additionally, the 428th MP Escort Guard Company was specifically assigned to V Corps for the D-Day invasion; whereas, the 449th MP Company (attached to the 1st Engineer Special Brigade); Companies C and D of the 783rd MP Battalion and the 302nd MP Escort Guard Company (attached to the Provisional Engineer





Special Brigade Group); the 210th MP Company (attached to the 5th Engineer Special Brigade); and the 214th MP Company (attached to the 6th Engineer Special Brigade) all hit the beaches on D-Day. Preceding the seaborne invasion of Normandy, the MP Platoons of the 82nd Airborne and 101st Airborne Divisions participated in the parachute assaults behind enemy lines.

In what the imminent military historian Cornelius Ryan described as “The Longest Day,” Military Policemen performed heroically – fighting alongside the infantry, reinforcing the efforts of engineer units in reducing/breaching obstacles, and assisting combat medics in evacuating the dead and wounded while under intense enemy fire. After their landing craft had struck a mine and then was hit by artillery fire, members of the 214th MP Company made their way to the “Dog White” section of Omaha Beach. Staff Sergeant William T. Orr and Sergeant James S. Powell immediately observed the previous assault group, comprised of Infantry and Rangers, pinned down by devastating enemy fire. Without hesitation, they began evacuating the wounded – exposing themselves to a heavy volume of enemy fire. As the fighting moved inland, the two men established traffic control points and assisted in establishing a stockade for enemy prisoners. Both of these NCOs were subsequently awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action. Concurrently, MP units conducted their primary combat missions which encompassed battlefield circulation control, traffic control operations and enemy prisoner of war (EPW) operations.

Meanwhile, soldiers of the 1st MP Platoon, 1st Infantry Division, kept men and vehicles moving off of “Bloody Omaha” to make room for subsequent waves of troops and supplies. Prior



to this, the 1st MP Platoon was fighting as infantrymen and helping to evacuate wounded soldiers. Simultaneously, they were maintaining EPWs that moments before were responsible for inflicting those wounds upon friendly troops. It required a special brand of soldier with unique training, discipline and dedication to duty to perform such an action... and that special brand of soldier was a Military Policeman.

For their gallantry in action, Captain Raymond R. Regan and First Lieutenants William L. Bradford, Charles M. Conover and Felix J. Zaniewski (all assigned to the 1st MP Platoon) were awarded Silver Star medals. On Utah Beach, the 4th and 90th MP Platoons performed their primary and secondary missions in an equally heroic manner as those MP units on Omaha Beach. The main objective at Utah was to seal off the Cotentin Peninsula and capture the principal port facilities at Cherbourg as quickly as possible.

The inclusive dates of the Normandy campaign are 6 June – 31 August 1944. US casualties during this time period totaled 124,394 to include 20,688 killed in action. Canadian and British casualties numbered 83,045 – 15,995 killed; 57,996 wounded; and 9,054 missing in action. Sources vary on the total number of German casualties; however, German forces in France reported losses of 158,930 men between D-Day and 14 August 1944 – just before the start of Operation Dragoon in Southern France. All those MP units that directly participated in the D-Day invasion were appropriately awarded the Normandy campaign streamer with arrowhead. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of D-Day and we should all take a moment to reflect on the horrific sacrifices made during this defining moment in world history. To quote Winston Churchill, “A nation that fails to remember its heroes is impoverished.”

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# BANDHOLTZ IN BUDAPEST

The “Great War” was over in Europe and the victorious Allies were contending with the dissolution of the Austrian-Hungarian Empire. Brigadier General Harry H. Bandholtz (considered ‘the father of the MP Corps’) was serving as the Provost General of the American Expeditionary Forces when he was appointed on 6 August 1919 as the American Military Representative to the Inter-Allied Military Mission to Hungary. He arrived in Budapest on 11 August and served in this capacity through early February of 1920, when the mission was disbanded. His appointment letter stated:

*“By direction of the American Commissioners I have to inform you that you have been named the American representative on the Inter-Allied Military Mission to Hungary, established by the Supreme Council of the Peace Conference.”*

The Inter-Allied Mission was considered necessary to oversee the peaceful establishment of Hungary and to ensure the orderly withdrawal of occupying Romanian and Serbian troops. During Bandholtz’s tenure, much of the Mission’s emphasis was to guide the removal of these troops and attempt to protect Hungarian lives and property.

The four assigned generals from the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy had equal standing on the mission and rotated as the “President of the Day.” However, Bandholtz was considered the guiding and unifying force of the Inter-Allied Military Mission as he was usually successful in consensus building between the four allied generals, who were frequently conflicted in their opinions. On 4 September, General Tasker Bliss wrote to Bandholtz:

*“First of all I want to tell you how very much pleased the entire Commission here is at the splendid work you have been doing in Budapest. By word of mouth from various sources we have full confirmation of what appears in your own reports, namely, that you have been working in full accord with your British colleague even though the representatives of other nations may not have shown the same spirit of cooperation. We have every reason to think that you are the strong man of the Mission.”*

When he was serving as President of the Day on 5 October, he was notified after his dinner that a detachment of Romanian soldiers and fourteen trucks were at the Hungarian National Museum with the intention of removing many works of art claimed by Romania. Accompanied by his aide, Colonel James T. Loree, and one soldier, Bandholtz went to the museum. He promptly secured the museum keys from the director for safekeeping and posted seals on each of the museum doors that stated:

*“This door sealed by Order Inter Allied Military Mission. H. H. Bandholtz, Pres. of the day. 5 October 1919.”*



Bandholtz sat for this portrait from 22 December 1919 to 11 January 1920, while he was serving as American Military Representative to the Inter-Allied Military Mission to Hungary. The portrait was painted by famed Hungarian artist Gyula Stetka (1885-1925).

Bandholtz wrote in his diary: “As the Roumanians (sic) and all Europeans are fond of rubber-stamp display, and as we had nothing else, we used an American mail-censor stamp, with which we marked each of the seals.”

For his actions on 5 October to protect their national museum, Bandholtz earned the lasting appreciation of the Hungarian people. Subsequently, the government of Hungary commissioned a statue in his honor by sculptor Miklós Ligeti. The statue was dedicated in 1936 in Szabadság Tér (Liberty Square) in Budapest, however was subsequently removed and stored by the Communist government after World War II. In 1985 the statue was repaired and installed next to the US ambassador’s residence and in 1989, it was returned to its





The Inter-Allied Military Mission in the royal palace in Budapest. Left to right: BG Bandholtz, General Ernesto Mombelli (Italian), General Jean César Graziani (French), and Brig. Gen. Reginald Gorton (Great Britain) Courtesy of the University of Michigan Library Digital Collections, Bentley Image Bank, Bentley Historical Library. Image #HS147 accessed: July 01, 2019.

original location in Szabadság Tér. The original inscription on the statue included a quote from Bandholtz:

*"I simply carried out the instructions of my government, as I understood them, as an officer and a gentleman of the United States Army."*

On exhibit in the Military Police Museum is a 41" x 51" portrait painting of Bandholtz. He sat for this portrait from 22 December 1919 to 11 January 1920, while he was serving as American Military Representative to the Inter-Allied Military Mission to Hungary. The portrait was painted by famed Hungarian artist Gyula Stetka (1885-1925). Initially the sittings were done in the artist's studio. On December 24th the heating system in the artist's studio broke and the sittings were moved to Bandholtz's office. Bandholtz's diary entry for 26 December 1919 states:

*"The various amateurs who have dropped in and seen the old man's [the artist Gyula Stetka] work all have criticisms to make; some say the nose isn't right; some that the face is too broad; others that it is too narrow, etc. It is probably all of these and results from his trying to make a composite of his soul and my face. However, as he has the reputation of being one of the best painters in Europe, I think it will eventually turn out all right."*

General Bandholtz brought the painting back from Hungary and had it framed by Venable's Galleries of Washington D.C. The painting hung in the Bandholtz home in Constantine, Michigan for decades after his death in 1925.



The Bandholtz Statue in Budapest (photo courtesy of Warren Sessler)

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# ASSIST, PROTECT, DEFEND THROUGH GENERATIONS

BY CORY ANGELL

For the Haymaker family the 28th Military Police Company in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, is much more than a unit, it's a family outside the family.

"Honestly since I was a kid I wanted to join up with the 28th," said Spc. Josh Haymaker, 23, now serving with the company in Afghanistan. "I got to watch my dad excel at leading these great soldiers and I really wanted to be a part of that legacy. However, my skill set is more geared towards medicine rather than police work so I became the medic for the 28th."

Sgt. Major Scott Haymaker served as a Johnstown police officer and drilled with the 28th MP Co. after his active duty tour as an MP in Germany from 1988-93.

"I wanted to be in law enforcement so I planned to go in the Army as an MP and then come out to work in law enforcement after," said Haymaker, who continues to serve with the Pennsylvania National Guard. "Being an officer in Johnstown, and the unit being part of the community, it was the perfect place to serve. My son and daughter grew up around the 28th MP Co. and ended up joining as well."



From left to right; Spc. Josh Haymaker, Sgt. Maj. Scott Haymaker, Paula Haymaker and Cpl. Tiffany McMullen. The three members of the family all served in the 28th Military Police Company in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Josh is currently serving with the unit in Afghanistan.

"It was almost a given that if I was going to be an MP, I was going to be in my father's old unit, following tradition," said Cpl. Tiffany McMullen, the daughter of Haymaker. "Being around the company and the military when I was young did give me more respect and understanding of what soldiers do for us than I believe other children."

McMullen did not deploy with the unit to Afghanistan but is still in Johnstown raising her eight-year-old and 15 month old children.

"I want my children to see that no matter how difficult something is, like basic training or deployment, they can achieve it if they put their minds to it," said McMullen. "I also want my children to grow up with the same respect and admiration that I grew up with for the military."

Scott Haymaker retired from the Johnstown police and now works for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, providing state and local officers training. He now resides in Charleston, South Carolina. He continues to serve at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania for range control as the Operations Sargent Major.

"Although I'm not with the 28th MP Co. anymore I'm proud that my son and daughter are. They take so much pride in what they do," said Scott Haymaker. "My wife Paula and I attend the military ball they hold every year to keep in touch with our MP family."



## NEW MPRA Memorial Scholarship

The MPRA would like to introduce the creation of an annual MPRA Memorial Scholarship. This Department of the Army level award is a newly formed partnership between the Office of the Provost Marshal and the MPRA. This grant is intended to assist NCOs in achieving their educational goals.

The Memorial Scholarship recipient will receive a \$2,000 check for tuition assistance, books and associated fees connected to their educational expenses. The recipient will also receive a laptop and a trophy recognizing their selection. Applicants must be in the Active Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard and hold the rank of Sergeant through Sergeant First Class and a primary MOS of 31B, 31D, 31E or 31K. The name of this MPRA Memorial Scholarship will be unveiled at the Senior Leader Forum later this month. Additional details will be available on our website.



# Friends of the Regiment Presentation

Recognizing individuals who have contributed to the Military Police

## MR. LEE RICE

Mr. Rice was hired in 1981 and became a first line cook in 1986. In 2004, he brought credit to the Military Police Corps Regiment by assisting Mr. Banday in



winning the Philip R. Connelly Award at the 787th Military Police Battalion DFAC. This was the first time in Fort Leonard Wood history that a DFAC earned this distinctive recognition. In 2005, the 787th Military Police Battalion DFAC was also a finalist for this prestigious award. During Mr. Rice's tenure, he has been responsible for assisting in the overall planning and execution of the annual Thanksgiving meal. Based on five companies that have a total of 1,500 Army Soldiers and his 28 years of service; his efforts have fed over 105,000 Military Police Soldiers.

## MR. DANILLO BANDAY

Mr. Banday was the 787 Military Police DFAC manager. Mr. Banday passed away in August 2018, but his presence left a significant impact on 787th Military Police Battalion and the Military Police Corps Regiment. He retired as an Army Veteran who achieved the rank of Sergeant First Class with 21 years of service. His experience as a 92 Golf (cook) allowed him to easily transition to EDP Enterprises and serve as a building manager for 19 years.



## MR. DAN DANZO

A Veteran who has already provided many years of service to our nation, Mr. Danzo chose to continue his life of service to others by dedicating over 10 years of service assisting Soldiers, trainees, military spouses and dependents in the capacity of Employment Specialist through Army Community Services (ACS) and as the ACS Representative to the 14th Military Police Brigade. As an ACS Representative, Mr. Danzo has been responsible for informing Brigade Service Members and Family Members about various ACS programs, trainings, and special events. These programs include such topics as Financial Readiness, Employment, EFMP, Family Advocacy, and Mobilization/Deployment. Mr. Danzo is unique in that he is the only ACS Representative who briefs at One Station Unit Training (OSUT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) Family Days and Graduations, as well as briefs individuals at the company level. Over the 10 year span of providing this service, he has assisted over 192,000 family members and 45,000 Soldiers through the power of information and providing them with the tools of being educated consumers.



By MAJ John T. "Tom" Burch



## New Award! The Order of the Marechaussee in Steel

The MPRA has added a new award to our portfolio — the Order of the Marechaussee in Steel. The field made us aware of a need and the MPRA along with the United States Army Military Police School collaborated to establish a new level. The Steel Level award is designed to recognize Military Police Soldiers that do not meet the minimum requirements for the Order of the Marechaussee in Bronze (10 years of service). Steel awards are approved by the Chief of the Military Police Corps Regiment, the Regimental Command Sergeant Major and the Regimental Chief Warrant Officer just as the other levels of the Marechaussee are approved. Nominees must have demonstrated

exceptional performance of duty; made significant contributions to the success of the Military Police Corps Regiment; or accomplished a special achievement that warrants Military Police specific recognition in the view of the recommender and endorser. Nominees must be a member of the MPRA and endorsed by a Military Police Colonel, Deputy Commandant, Nominative Command or Staff Sergeant Major or above who must also be a member of the MPRA. The Order of the Marechaussee in Steel will be unveiled and presented during the Military Police Senior Leader Forum later this month. Visit our website for details about each of the Regimental Awards.



## FORT LEONARD WOOD MPS SUPPORT TO

# SPECIAL OLYMPICS, MISSOURI

BY JOHN P. BARNHILL, SGM, U.S. ARMY

**O**n 18 May, the Fort Leonard Wood Military Police community along with local law enforcement agencies partnered with Special Olympics, Missouri (SOMO) and executed its annual Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR). Led by Regimental Command Sergeant Major Michael Bennett the run was an eight mile, non-competitive run to raise awareness for the athletes of Special Olympics.

The LETR is a torch relay conducted by law enforcement officers. It's the largest grassroots fundraising event benefiting Special Olympics and is endorsed internationally by the International Association Chiefs of Police. The intent of the SOMO Torch Run is to assist the Missouri Special Olympics in their pursuit of year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities providing them opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

Back to the run, although world records weren't broken this year for the number of participants it was still the largest regional torch run in the state with over 1100 runners. Participating units and agencies included the 14th MP Brigade, 701st, 795th, and 787th MP Battalions, 1-58th Infantry Regiment, 252nd MP Detachment, FLW Marine Corps Detachment, FLW Department of Emergency Services, FLW Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Advanced Law Enforcement Training Division, MP Investigation Division, MP Basic Officer Leader and

Captain Career Course, Department of the Army Civilian Police Academy, and Saint Robert Police Department.

Though the number of participants was astonishing, what really made this year exceptional were the four Olympic athletes from the Waynesville R-VI School District that also provided their support and participated in portions of the torch run. Logan Rehm, Brayden and Ryder Washington showed their support at the beginning of the run, however Logan remained with the formation of runners for the duration rejoining Brayden, Ryder and Layton Woods as the formation made to the last turn to the finish line. Upon completion of the run, these Olympic athletes were then formally recognized and presented a United States Army Military Police School Recognition Award.

As you know events like this, do not happen on their own. Many thanks to the Basic Military Police Training Division specifically SFC Gilbert Guzman and SSG Chad Hardenburgh who spearheaded the event. Thanks also to the St Robert

Police Department, St Robert Walmart, and FLW DES for their support to ensure it was a safe and enjoyable run. Special thanks to the Waynesville R-VI School District Director of Special Services, Dr. Elizabeth Washington, Ed.D.; our Region Coordinator SGT Tony Lauth, Rolla PD; and Ms Crystal Schuster, SOMO LETR Liaison for their support. And last but not least, thanks to MPRA. We were able to conduct this event under the umbrella of MPRA and in doing so we were able to raise over \$11,000.00 for SOMO.

One final note, if you have never attended or supported a Special Olympic event in your area I encourage you to give it a try. To watch these athletes compete at any level is inspiring and you'll walk away with a real appreciation for the effort they give to what comes so easily for most of us. So in honor of Special Olympic athletes around the world, let's remember their oath that they recite before each event, "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."





# MPRA Checks In on University of Phoenix Scholarship Recipient

BY MS. ERIN YOUNKIN

Last year, we were honored to partner with the University of Phoenix to offer one full-tuition scholarship for a family member of any MPRA standard member. After applications were submitted, Kelsey Johnston was named the recipient of that scholarship.

Johnston has been attending the University of Phoenix since the fall of 2018, so we thought we'd check in with her to see how classes were going and how she's progressing through her degree program. Here's what she had to tell us:

**MPRA:** How have classes been going?

**Kelsey:** Great! I'm just finishing up my 6th class and I haven't taken any breaks yet. I have one class right after another and I'm about 30% through my courses for my degree program. So far, I've been able to maintain a 4.0 GPA.

**MPRA:** Last time we talked, you mentioned how supportive your family has been. Now that you're in the middle of the program, what can you tell us about their support?

**Kelsey:** It's all been a lot of fun so far. My kids know that if mommy's on her laptop, she's doing homework. I try to relate what I'm doing to what they know, so I often compare my coursework to what they're doing in preschool. My husband continues to be very supportive and I've been able to maintain

a strong study schedule with his help. I use study rooms at the library a lot to complete the required group coursework, too.

**MPRA:** Tell us about how the classes are structured and some of the typical activities that are involved with a strictly online degree program.

**Kelsey:** As I mentioned, there are a lot of group projects. Typically, in my classes, I'm in the same group throughout the 6-week course, though sometimes we do have a new group every week. We use a chat forum to communicate and we're typically assigned a PowerPoint presentation or a paper to complete for the course. Last week was really cool because we got to create a podcast.

**MPRA:** Though it sounds fun to work with a group, the communications part of that must present a small challenge.

**Kelsey:** There are some challenging points, but with good time management and using a variety of communication tools, I've really been able to learn a lot from my classmates, as well as my professors.

**MPRA:** Remind us again what degree you are working toward.

**Kelsey:** I'm working toward my Master of

Science in Psychology with a concentration in industrial-organizational psychology and right now if I do not take any voluntary breaks, which I do not plan to do, I am scheduled to graduate in October 2020. I have 12 courses left.

**MPRA:** Which class has been your most favorite so far?

**Kelsey:** Developmental psychology has been my favorite so far because it is interesting to see how people think and how its different between men and women in different life phases and how their personal experiences mold them.

We'll continue to follow Kelsey on her journey. University of Phoenix is pleased to collaborate with the Military Police Regimental Association to offer another scholarship. Through this scholarship one (1) full-tuition scholarship will be offered. The scholarship will allow a prospective student the opportunity to complete an undergraduate or master's degree program at University of Phoenix. Recipients may choose to attend a University of Phoenix campus or online. Visit our website for specific details.

## CHAPTER NEWS

### Award Ceremony for MPRA Flint Hills Chapter Scholarship

On 9 May, 2019 the Flint Hills Chapter, MPRA, a contributor to the Fort Riley Combined Scholarship Fund, presented a scholarship of \$250 to military spouse Vera Gaer. This is the third year the Flint Hills Chapter has offered a scholarship through the CSF to a spouse or dependent stationed at Fort Riley.

During the 2019 Regimental Week, the MPRA will be recognizing the Flint Hills Chapter as the Chapter of the Year. Contact the MPRA to learn how your chapter could be selected for 2020.





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## 2019 MPRA Scholarship Recipients

Each year the MPRA offers scholarship opportunities to family members of our Standard Membership. Below we would like to introduce 6 of the 32 overall selected recipients. Throughout the year, we will be introducing our additional recipients.



**McKayla Andersen** GA  
Music Therapy  
The University of Alabama  
\$2,500



**Emma Dutton** WI  
Psychology and Pre Med  
The University of South Carolina  
\$1,000



**Darren McKenzie** MO  
Political Science and  
Public Communications  
Truman State University  
\$1,000



**Katherine McKinney** MI  
Neuroscience  
College of William and Mary  
\$1,500



**Shannon O'Harran** MD  
Political Science  
Long Island University  
\$1,000



**Elizabeth Stevenson** SC  
Computer Science  
University of South Carolina  
\$2,500

On behalf of our members, our Board of Directors, and our Senior Advisory Council, the MPRA would like to congratulate this year's scholarship recipients. We wish them well as they continue pursuing their academic and professional goals.

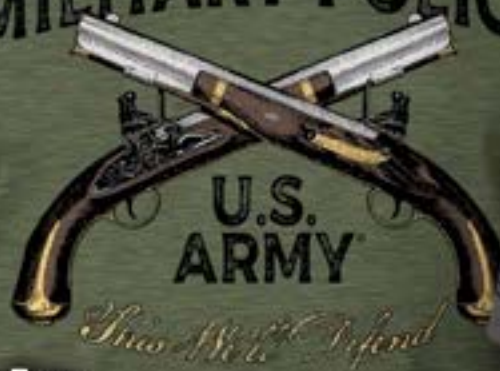


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# 701<sup>ST</sup> MILITARY POLICE BATTALION: SHAPING FUTURE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS

BY 1LT GREGORY WIGGINS, ALPHA COMPANY, 3RD PLATOON LEADER

The 701st Military Police Battalion hosted the National Law Enforcement Explorer Academy (NLEEA) on Fort Leonard Wood from 16 to 21 July 2019. Spearheaded by Alpha Company, the inculcation of aspiring law enforcement professionals consisted of a brief Basic Training Red Phase and a plethora of complicated individual and team events which challenged Explorers to practice innovation and utilize prior Law Enforcement experience. These tasks included Weapons Marksmanship at multiple Engagement Skills Trainers (ESTs), rappelling down the Warrior Tower, team obstacle courses and MP self-defense tactics. Explorers were exposed to Military Police weapons, vehicle capabilities, and Standard Operating Procedures for installation Law Enforcement, Detention Operations, and Special Reaction Teams operating on Fort Leonard Wood.

Upon arrival, the Explorers were divided into two platoons and familiarized with Army standard Drill and Ceremony and mess hall procedures. Explorers were expected to demonstrate acquired knowledge under stressful conditions. This experience gave them a brief taste of life during Basic Combat Training. The completion of their intense week-long program consisted of a tour of the Military Police portion of the John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex followed by a graduation ceremony. During the ceremony, the 701st Military Police Battalion recognized top male and female performers for physical fitness, weapons proficiency, and overall resiliency during NLEEA. Explorers also conducted comical skits of training scenarios including both Cadre and themselves. Mrs. Heidi



Tien, the lead adviser for the NLEEA Explorers, commented on the professionalism and efficiency of the Cadre training and mentorship. "This week challenges them mentally, physically, and emotionally past limits they didn't think were possible." Mrs. Tien wrote, "The leadership and guidance provided by Alpha Company 701st was extraordinary and made a lasting impression on these young adults and I got the distinct feeling these young adults left a lasting impression on Alpha Company, especially the Drill Sergeants. We look forward to this continued partnership." While NLEEA aimed to give the explorers the best possible experience of MP duties, it also had second-hand effects for leadership in the Battalion.

NLEEA benefited both Drill Sergeants and Cadre alike. All training was carried out according to its

appropriate Program of Instruction (POI), maintaining Drill Sergeant and Cadre proficiency while on cycle break. Explorers were more than eager to learn and execute their demanding challenges. Drill Sergeant Emmett, a 3rd Platoon Drill Sergeant, was elated to train with NLEEA participants stating, "The Explorers were a highly motivated group that were excellent to mentor. They not only rose to the challenges in front of them, but performed at a level that exceeded the Cadre's original expectations." NLEEA presented an excellent opportunity to expose aspiring law enforcement professionals to the relevancy and necessity of the Military Police in today's Army, successfully increasing overall awareness of the possibility of a career as a Military Police Law Enforcement Professional.



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