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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!

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From the President

In keeping with the Military Police Regimental Association's (MPRA) mission of promoting the history and preserving the traditions of the Military Police Corps Regiment and on behalf of our National Board of Directors and nearly 7,000 members we proudly congratulate our great regiment on its 80th "Oak" Anniversary. On this special occasion we thank all of our Military Police serving today, our veterans, our families and others who served in our units for securing our legacy in the storied history of the United States Army. Without your service our country would not be what it is today and our regiment would not enjoy the magnificent reputation that it has rightfully earned since its inception in 1941. We also extend our congratulations to our most recent selectees for induction into the distinguished Military Police Hall of Fame Class of 2021.

While recognizing this important milestone and the unprecedented times in which we live today, the MPRA remains committed to supporting Military Police Leaders, Soldiers and Families around the world. We continue to pride ourselves in being the premier Military Police professional organization fully aligned with the Army and the Military Police Corps visions and recognized as relevant by Military Police Leaders, Soldiers and Families.

In order to align our association's vision with our regimental leadership's vision we should all understand both our history and our relevancy to the Army today. As part of our mission, we have a responsibility as an association along with our members to tell our regiment's story. In doing so it is imperative that we proactively help share the current Military Police Strategic Messaging which concisely states *"We are the Army's premier dual-purpose force. In competition, we preserve readiness. In crisis, we secure critical capabilities, assets, and activities. In conflict, we support maneuver with security and mobility support, police, and detention operations. Our actions mitigate strategic risk, all day, every day."* Our regiment's unique value to the Army is grounded in the Military Police competencies of Policing, Soldiering, Investigations and Corrections which enable us to perform successfully within the Security and Mobility Support, Detention Operations, Police Operations and Police Intelligence Operations disciplines.

The rich heritage, history and traditions of our regiment are cemented in the legacy of many generations of Military Police Soldiers, Families and Friends of the regiment both past and present. We have much of that history



Dorsey L. Newcomb
Command Sergeant Major (Retired)
President
National Board of Directors

chronicled in our Military Police History Book and captured in our world class Memorial Grove and Regimental Walkway. These are just two examples of how our history is recorded and told. Our history also lives on in the countless stories we tell about our respective service in Assisting, Protecting and Defending. It is, however, just as important for us to understand how our history is being written today and how our relevance will enable our Army to continue to deter and defeat our adversaries just as we have done since 1941.

Our programs, initiatives and member benefits are the primary means by which we support our regiment; however, we acknowledge that our association and its members have a role in preserving and promoting our history by expertly telling our story to our fellow Army Leaders, Soldiers and the American people. We encourage you to take great pride in telling our story and articulating the unique competencies and capabilities we bring to the Army's mission each and every day.

As we embark together on another year and the next chapter in our history, we welcome your feedback on how we can continue to remain relevant as an association in support of our regiment. We invite you as Leaders, Soldiers and Family Members to remain or become active members in the MPRA. We hope you will do so because you proudly recognize that our association exists to give back to our regiment. The future of our organization and the strength of our programs are driven by our membership and, therefore, I humbly challenge you to help us grow our membership. We are proud of our support to the regiment and look forward to hearing from you on how we can continue to improve your association.

Assist, Protect, Defend.

From the Commandant

Greetings! Here at the U.S. Army Military Police School we have a lot to be excited about this summer and fall. First, we celebrated the Army's 246th birthday - since its establishment in 1775, U.S. Army Soldiers and Civilians have supported our nation, bearing true faith and allegiance to the nation, U.S. Constitution, the Army, their units and fellow team members. We're very proud of our service as Soldiers and Military Police, and we love highlighting our contributions on our social media platforms. Check them out! On Facebook United States Army Military Police Corps, on Twitter: @USArmyMPCorps, and on Instagram: usarmy_mpcorps. The second thing we're excited about is that the installation was able to loosen up some of its COVID restrictions, so we now have families attending our graduations and we can hail and farewell our great teammates in person. Although virtual platforms have been helpful, it's so much better to have those ceremonies and events in person. Third, we had the opportunity to recognize our great instructors and have selected four new instructors of the year (ISOY), and one of them won in the TRADOC category! Congratulations to SSG Joseph Mullett, CW4 Steven "Matt" Geniuk (also TRADOC WO ISOY), CPT Lindsay Modero, and Mr. David Brown. Finally, we have selected our Hall of Fame inductees. Thanks so much to our panel; they tackled twice the number of nominations we normally receive. And we encourage the field to continue with the great nominations. Of the over 1 million MPs that have served in the MP Corps' 79 years, just 99 are in our Hall of Fame, about .01%. We are thrilled to announce that the following MPs will join them:

- LTG (Ret.) David Quantock
- BG (Ret.) Mark Spindler
- COL (Ret.) Robert Abernathy
- COL (Ret.) Arnold Daxe
- COL (Ret.) Thomas Keller
- COL (Ret.) Alexander Mascelli
- COL (Ret.) Herman Williams



➔ **BG Niave Knell**
51st Commandant
and Chief of the Military Police
Corps Regiment

- LTC (Ret) Thomas Blair
- CSM (Ret) Brenda Curfman
- MSG (Ret) Daniel Andrews
- MSG (Ret) Natalie Kindrick
- SFC (KIA) Wentz Shanaberger
- SSG (Ret) Gene Baxley

We've also been working on our strategic messaging, and our overall top line message. When we think about Who We Are, our answer is:

**We are the Army's premier
dual purpose force.**

**In competition, we preserve
readiness.**

**In crisis, we secure critical
capabilities, assets, and
activities.**

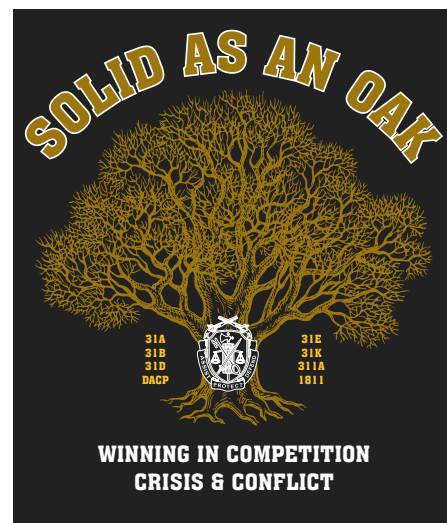
**In conflict, we support
maneuver with mobility and
security, police, and detention
operations.**

**Our actions mitigate strategic
risk, all day, every day.**

The summer was also a time of transitions, and many of our outstanding brigade commanders and command sergeants major have changed out very recently. Congratulations and well done to COL Omar Lomas, 42d MP Bde; COL Jon Myers and CSM Dawn Knapp, 16th MP Bde; COL Tim MacDonald and CSM Shawn Klosterman, 18th MP Bde; COL Rob Arnold, 14th MP Bde; and COL Kevin Hanrahan, 6th Group. Thanks to their families, too, for their support of both the command teams and the units' families. And congratulations to our new commanders and command sergeants major and their families: COL Chad Froehlich and CSM Michael Cordery, 18th MP Bde; COL Rob McNellis and CSM Matthew Thompson, 42d MP Bde; COL Sharon Lyght and CSM Christopher Allison, 16th MP Bde; COL Kirk Whittenberger, 14th MP Bde; COL Travis Jacobs, 6th Group; and CSM Jose Shorey, 701st MP Group.

I'll close out with our 80th anniversary symbol. The 80th is normally recognized as an oak anniversary. This is very appropriate as we now have a thick, solid trunk with lots of strong branches growing from it.

**ASSIST
PROTECT
DEFEND**



From the Regimental Command Sergeant Major

Military Police Corps Regiment, today I write my final message as the 14th Regimental Command Sergeant Major. Additionally this will be my last address as an active duty Soldier. The last 26 years have been some of the most rewarded experiences of my entire life. This September the Military Police Corps celebrated the 80th year of support to the greatest Army in the world. In my own opinion this regiment is simply the best because of the Officers, Warrant officers, Non-commissioned officers, Soldiers and DA Civilians that routinely achieve excellence at everything they do to support our Army.

[The pandemic] has not broken the support that our community has with the newest members of our team who raised their right hand and sworn an oath to the principle freedom. Our future is bright!

As the Army comes out of the other side of all things COVID we are once again greeted by the large numbers of family members that descend upon Fort Leonard Wood on a weekly basis to show their support to their graduating Soldier. This pandemic might have thrown off track a number of things across this nation, but it has not broken the support that our

community has with the newest members of our team who raised their right hand and sworn an oath to the principle freedom. Our future is bright!

My family and I will not be too far away from the Regiment as we transition out of the Army in the Fort Leonard Wood area. This was my fourth assignment to Fort Leonard Wood and by far one of the most humbling assignments. Watching the commands work to support senior mission commanders across the globe in support of both BG Bisacre and BG Knell priorities was truly amazing. It is at this time I want to thank all of the teammates that helped me work towards a more educated NCO Corps and those that helped facilitate a more level communication process with the National Guard and Reserve formations. Within TRADOC, time is not on your side and to accomplish even the smallest task, takes significant amount of effort from many different elements. Eventually those little wins will result in NCOs being more tactical and technical focused at the conclusion of professional military education (PME).

Last and most importantly I want to welcome Command Sergeant Major Shawn A. Klosterman, his wife, and his family to Fort Leonard Wood. Arriving from the 18th Military Police Brigade, CSM Klosterman is no stranger to the depth and reach that the regiment has on the MPs role in LSCO and will continue to improve the capabilities of the regiment. Congratulations Shawn, we are all extremely proud of you and excited to see what you accomplish during your time at the Home of the Regiment!!

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➔ **CSM Michael P. Bennett**
Military Police School Command
Sergeant Major



From the Regimental Chief Warrant Officer

Greetings from the Home of the Regiment! As you all know 2021 marks the 80th year of the Military Police Corps and I would like to wish a "Happy Birthday!" to all who have served in our great Regiment. Even as we continued to operate in a COVID-19 environment, you have answered our Nation's call to service and I am extremely proud of you all. The recent world events demonstrated the need to maintain our readiness. We do this as leaders by taking care of our Soldiers,

The recent world events demonstrated the need to maintain our readiness.

but we also do this as organizations. I would like to remind you that the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command provides a resource (CID Lookout) to assist in preventing, reducing and reporting such crime (preserving readiness). CID Lookout is an initiative to partner with the Army community by providing a conduit for members of the Army family to help prevent, reduce and report felony-level crime. CID Lookout provides the latest information to the Army community aimed at helping Soldiers protect themselves, their families and to

reduce their chances of becoming a victim of crime. A bulletin published in January 2021 warned that government impersonator scams were on the rise and asked the Army community and American public to help the Army maintain its readiness by reporting any and all scams or suspicious activity believed to be a possible scam. Scammers count on everyday distractions to prey on unsuspecting people. Scammers are getting creative and finding more opportunities for creating fake offers and phony fraud alerts by using the reputation

of official government officials or agencies. The scammer impersonates a trusted source or vendor to send convincing and malicious emails to individuals in the

hopes of gathering personal and financial information. Knowing the warning signs will help to reduce vulnerability, and prevent the consumer from being scammed. This bulletin and other informative bulletins can be accessed at <https://www.cid.army.mil/cid-lookout.html>.

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OF THE TROOPS AND FOR THE TROOPS**



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





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DOD Post Commission Grants Accreditation to Three USAMPS Law Enforcement Training Courses, ACA Reaccredits Corrections Specialist Course for Third Time

STORY BY BRIAN HILL

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. The Department of Defense Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, or POST, awarded accreditation status on May 27 to the U.S. Army Military Police School's 31A Basic Officer Leader Course, 31B Military Police One Station Unit Training and U.S. Army Civilian Police Academy.

The DOD POST Commission is the accrediting body for all federal law enforcement basic training courses in the DOD. In addition to the Army, defense and service agencies with DOD POST Commission accreditation include the Defense Health Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, Defense Logistics Agency, National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency, Pentagon Force Protection Agency, along with the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps.

Scott Cheek is chief of the Office of Accreditation and Credentialing and executive secretary of the DOD POST Commission. He said having this accreditation means a course's core law enforcement curriculum is aligned to international standards and best practices.

For graduates of these courses, it also means going between accredited agencies is easier.

"Different agencies have different specific requirements, but the core curriculum is the same for all of those agencies," Cheek said.

Currently, 17 states also have reciprocity agreements with the Military Police Corps, Cheek added, meaning agreements to honor each other's training requirements have been reached.

"And that number is growing," Cheek said. "Every state in the country is going to be interested in someone who's certified by standards such as this."

To achieve accreditation, agencies submit to an independent review of their academy, policies and programs to ensure compliance with DOD Instruction 5525.15, Law Enforcement Standards and Training in the Department of Defense. The reviewers look over the core curriculum, instructor qualifications, training development and delivery, and training management.

Accreditation is a cyclical process occurring every three years, and each year, agencies must submit annual reports in preparation for reaccreditation, which is a new and independent review of the training course.

"We look at everything like we looked at it the first time," Cheek said. "We look at all of the lesson plans, slideshow

presentations, all of the training aids, instructor qualifications — we go through the whole list again and we make sure that everything is still at that standard."

It was an eight-year process for USAMPS to achieve DOD POST Commission accreditation, said Brig. Gen. Niave Knell, USAMPS commandant. She added that she's "incredibly proud" of the team's efforts, including pilot programs run by the 14th Military Police Brigade and the Basic Military Police Training Division; adaptations to the program of instruction by the USAMPS Director of Training, instructors and drill sergeants; and the accreditation team's coordination and determination.

"Everyone at USAMPS believes our great MPs deserve recognition for the training completed here," she said. "They were willing to do the hard work to ensure that can happen. With over 39,000 Army law enforcement officers, USAMPS is leading the DOD in police reform and professionalism."

In addition to the accreditation of the 31A, 31B and USACPA courses, the 31E Corrections Specialist Course was reaccredited for the third time by the American Corrections Association Aug. 14.

The course received maximum ratings when audited in June, Cheek said.

During an awards ceremony, Cheek said USAMPS was told "by a very senior assessor" that they had "the best corrections academy in the nation."

About the Three Newly Accredited Courses

The 22-week MP 31A BOLC trains and educates officers to apply and sustain the core competencies of the MP Corps Regiment. Its mission is to provide the operational force with trained, combat-ready MP commissioned officers instilled with Army values and ethics, and exemplify the highest standards and practices of Army law enforcement.

The 400-hour 31B MP OSUT Course trains and





educates Army enlisted MP Soldiers to perform specific technical and tactical skills necessary to successfully maintain law and order at Army installations, perform security and mobility support missions in forward-deployed environments, and to sustain the core competencies of the highest standards and practices of Army law enforcement.

The 10-week USACPA trains and educates Army civilian police officers to perform specific technical and tactical skills necessary to successfully maintain law and order at Army installations and to sustain the core competencies of the highest standards and practices of Army law enforcement.

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ABOUT FORT LEONARD WOOD

Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post more than 75 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains more than 80,000 military and civilians each year.

Fort Leonard Wood is home to the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and three U.S. Army schools: the U.S. Army Engineer School; U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear School; and the U.S. Army Military Police School. In addition to training engineer, CBRN and military police specialties for the Army, Fort Leonard Wood also provides gender-integrated in-processing and Basic Combat Training for new Soldiers.

Fort Leonard Wood also hosts and trains with the largest Marine Corps Detachment and Air Force Squadron on any Army installation as well as a large Navy construction detachment.

More information about Fort Leonard Wood is at: <https://home.army.mil/wood/index.php/about/mission>



RETIRED U.S. ARMY COL. BILL BLACK PERFECT FIT FOR WVU MEDICINE'S EMERGENCY AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT, COVID-19 RESPONSE

STORY BY JOHN G. MILLER, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (WV News) — You might say retired U.S. Army Col. Bill Black has a knack of being in the right place at the right time. Or at least knows how to chart a path to get there.

That may sound odd to say about a person who began his military career jumping out of airplanes, has served in Saudi Arabia and Iraq in support of Operation Desert Storm and Shield, in Bosnia during the height of that conflict, walked the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea and served two different tours in Afghanistan.

Black, who now serves as assistant vice president of WVU Medicine's Critical Care & Trauma Institute, Emergency & Safety Management, is no stranger to being thrust into dangerous situations and then stepping up to major challenges, like the one WVU Medicine and all health-care providers faced in March of 2020, when the COVID-19 virus began to unleash its silent but deadly fury on the Mountain State.

WVU Medicine was at ground zero of the pandemic as most, if not all, of the critical COVID-19 cases found their way to one of its facilities. But its impact was far more reaching, affecting every one of the system's facilities and to some degree its chief asset — its people.

The health-care system was on the leading edge of the response, setting up a command center at Ruby Memorial in Morgantown to begin assessing and solving the many problems that soon surfaced.

From staffing, to personal protective equipment, to having enough hospital beds, Black was involved in establishing the logistical support to provide health-care workers the tools needed to care for patients, combat the virus and stay safe.

"We pretty much lived in the Command Center from March to October," Black said of the work to help plan, organize and establish policy in regards to the virus.

Black was involved in twice daily briefings with "the bulk of hospital

leadership" determining "what projects needed to be completed," how they would be handled and how soon they could be accomplished.

"There were so many things to consider, options for going outside the hospital, establishing ways to handle the surge of COVID-19 patients. We looked at so many different venues, including the Coliseum," Black said.

Fortunately, part of what Black and the team planned for wasn't needed. But there were some close calls.

"During the early stages, we had lots of capacity," Black said. "During the fall (surge), we were struggling day to day to find beds for all the patients we needed to take care of. There was basically no room at the inn."

FROM THE ARMY TO HEALTH CARE

While Black has no medical care experience, he first came to WVU Medicine in 2017 to work with emergency preparedness.

His 27-year career in the U.S. Army Military Police, where he served in various roles including military police leader, battalion commander, chief of operations of the Army Threat Integration Center, senior advisor to Afghanistan Minister of Interior and liaison to the DEA, provided him with ample skills in identifying problems and effectively communicating solutions.

"Bill is an exceptionally talented and capable team member who, with many others, provided us critical leadership during the height of the COVID pandemic," said Dr. Ron Pellegrinio, MD and chief operating officer of WVU Medicine J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital.

"We leveraged Bill's nearly 30-year experience as an Army leader and officer to ensure we were fully prepared to meet the pandemic head on. We are grateful for both his service to our nation, as well as his service to our patients," Pellegrino said.

Black admits his military experience and leadership skills were helpful to him as he helped to provide the response need for COVID-19.

"There were similarities," Black said. "The operational aspect of running a combat zone, the planning, logistics (are similar) to what's needed to keep a hospital running (during the pandemic)."

But Black was quick to point out the major differences, too.

"No one was shooting at me and I got to go home every day and sleep in my own bed," Black said. "And on the drive home, no one was trying to blow me up."

He also said he was proud to play a small role in the WVU Medicine response to the pandemic.

"My job was making sure we had what we needed and when we needed it," Black said. "The ultimate goal is to take care of sick people in West Virginia. ...

"And our clinical staff, our dedicated COVID unit and others ... the way they responded. They made it happen."

But Black's role played a pivotal part in providing the proper response, according to those who served around him in the hospital environment.

"Bill is a remarkable leader who possesses intelligence, excellent judgment, and high ethical values," said Dr. Alison Wilson, MD, FACS, professor and chief of trauma, acute care, and surgical critical care; Skewes Family Chair for Trauma, and executive chair, WVU Critical Care and Trauma Institute.

"His previous leadership in the U.S Army brought insight into critical operational components, plan development and execution and an acute eye for anticipation of the next set of needs," Wilson said.

"He has been a pillar of leadership for the emergency response during COVID and the now the expansion of Critical Care programs through our system. I am honored to work with him every day."

HOW DID HE GET HERE FROM THERE?

While Bill Black's military career has taken him across the globe, he is firmly rooted in West Virginia, first growing up in Moundsville and then attending and graduating from Fairmont State University.

It was while he was at Fairmont State that he first considered the military.

"Believe it or not, I needed money for college," Black said. "I never really considered (the military) until I got to Fairmont. I didn't have much money and my buddy was in the ROTC.

"Seemed like an interesting thing, so I enlisted in the Reserve, did basic training, three years in the Reserve and 27 years active duty.

"At the time, it seemed like a good fit and I just kept going," he said.

Black said having grown up playing sports helped prepare him as "the Army is the ultimate team sport."

"I really enjoyed it," Black said. "I had a great experience in my first assignment at Fort Bragg (North Carolina), and it planted seeds to what the Army could do for me."

Black says he wouldn't trade the experience he gained.

"It was a life experience unlike any other," Black said. "You learn more about yourself than four years of college could ever teach you.

"At this stage, the Army shaped me and made me the decision-making person that I am now. We have our core values and personalities ... 30 years of real-world experience, decision making, leadership; it certainly has made me who I am today."



Left: Bill Black has a reunion with his family members.



Above: Bill Black began his Army career jumping out of airplanes and serving in the Military Police.

Left: Bill Black is greeted upon his return by his wife from an overseas deployment.

He said the military helps you to learn how to analyze situations and develop the process to determine the optimum outcome.

"It teaches you the thought through in step process from A to Z," Black said, "where that process becomes almost automatic in your mind.

"What are the facts, assumptions? What is the goal? Bringing some of that thought process into the COVID-19 response really helped," Black said.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

For a guy who specializes in planning, Black says he's never been one to sit and plan out his life.

"I got some great guidance as a young officer: Do the best you can in the job you're currently in and the future will take care of itself," Black said. "I want to keep that mantra going."

For now, he has found his purpose.

"I don't miss the military," Black said. "But I miss all the people. It's a different world and lifestyle. You create a bond with those folks. It's just different than your standard work relationships."

While he highly recommends the military, it is important to realize the sacrifices made. During his 27 years of active duty, Black and his wife figured out he was stationed overseas away from them for 5 1/2 years of that time.

Still, there is something about knowing you're making a difference and having a positive impact. That's why he's found his new mission at WVU Medicine so rewarding.

"It's said to truly get focused you have to have buy-in on the 'why,'" Black said. "The 'why' is easy to find here.

"It's great to be able to support an organization that does the work that WVU Medicine does," Black said. "We are doing some great things and Albert Wright and the whole team has that focus to provide the very best in health care to the people of West Virginia.

"They work hard every day to make that happen. All you have to do is look at the work being done in Morgantown or drive to any small town in the state to see their impact.

"It's an easy mission to support. I love what I do."

2021 Military Police Corps HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Each year the Military Police Corps Regiment solicits nominations for the U.S. 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 Lieutenant General David E. Quantock, Brigadier General Mark Spindler, Colonel Robert Abernathy, Colonel Arnold Daxe, Colonel Thomas Keller, Colonel Alexander Mascelli, Colonel H. Tracy Williams III, Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Blair, Command Sergeant Major Brenda Curfman, Master Sergeant Daniel Andrews, Master Sergeant Natalie J. Kindrick, Sergeant First Class Wentz Shanaberger and Staff Sergeant Gene Baxley. This year's inductees bring the total number of distinguished leaders enshrined in the Military Police Hall of Fame to 112.



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 the MPRA is proud to maintain a current place on our website where you can view the names, pictures and citations for all 112 Hall of Fame members. We invite to you to visit the site at 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 re-view the outline of the prerequisites, process, and regulatory requirements and consider nominating those you feel to be deserving of consideration for this great honor.

The 2021 induction ceremony has been postponed to May 2022.



**Lieutenant General
David E. Quantock**
Service Career 1980–2018



**Brigadier General
Mark Spindler**
Service Career 1982–2017



Colonel Robert Abernathy
Service Career 1979–2004



Colonel Arnold Daxe
Service Career 1963–1992



Colonel Thomas Keller
Service Career 1974–2004



Colonel Alexander Mascelli
Service Career 1979–2005



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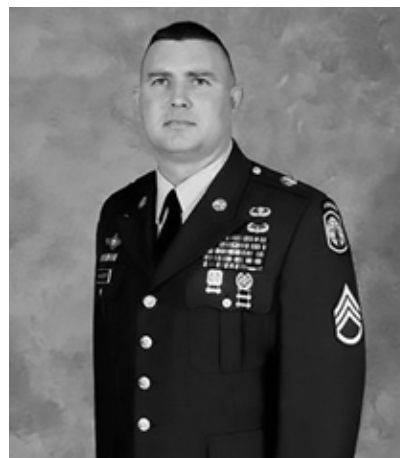
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Daniel Andrews**
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Wentz Shanaberger**
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FIRST CIVILIAN DIRECTOR TAKES HELM OF U.S. ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

STORY BY U.S. ARMY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Special Agent Gregory D. Ford assumed responsibility as director of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division (CID), during a Transfer of Authority ceremony at the Pentagon, in Arlington, Va., Friday.

Ford is the first civilian special agent assigned as the director for the organization since it was established as a major command on Sept. 17, 1971. Ford assumed authority from Brig. Gen. Duane Miller, who served in the position since August. Miller will remain as the Provost Marshal General of the Army and the commander of the Army Corrections Command.

"It is my great privilege to lead the organization through this time of unprecedented change," Ford said during his remarks. "CID has a long proud history of service to the Army and the nation. The transformation occurring now is not meant to erase or minimize that history, but rather to build upon it to ensure CID is ever-ready to provide superior criminal investigative support to the total force across all domains and in all locations



Christopher Lowman, left, administers the Oath of Office to SA Gregory Ford, swearing him in as the first director of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division.

around the globe in order to maintain the readiness of the United States Army."

As Ford becomes director, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is being renamed the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division. A name first associated with the organization in 1918, when Gen. John Pershing directed the Provost Marshal General of his American Expeditionary Forces to organize a criminal investigation division within the Military Police Corps for the purpose of detecting and preventing crimes within the territory occupied by the American Expeditionary Forces.

Previously announced by the Army in May, the CID restructure follows recommendations from the Fort Hood Independent Review Committee. The restructure effort splits the duties that were previously assigned to one person, dual-hatted as both the CID Commanding General and the Army's Provost Marshal General, to focus the new civilian leadership solely on the criminal investigative process. Ford's selection as director is an important step forward and one of several changes to come as the restructure process continues.

Ford said the transformation "will require a shift in how CID views itself and how it is viewed by others. Historically, the organization was viewed as an Army command tasked with law enforcement duties. We must now clearly establish CID as an elite federal law enforcement agency that operates within and in support of the Department of the Army."

"I would like to encourage every member of CID to be a part of the change and to actively contribute ideas to the discussion," said Ford during his first address to the newly named Division. "While the organization is comprised of active duty agents, civilian agents, and a variety of professionals who support those agents, we are one CID and need to remain focused on the criminal investigative mission. The organization has many talented and dedicated people who are committed to ensuring CID meets the unique needs of the Army and sets the bar for the military criminal investigative organizations."

Under the restructure, CID will feature a higher ratio of civilian criminal investigators to military special agents in order to increase investigative experience, stability and grow effective partnerships with local



SA Gregory Ford, left, accepts the CID colors from Christopher Lowman, during the CID Transfer of Authority ceremony at the Pentagon, Sept 17.

and regional law enforcement agencies.

“To bring about that change, CID leadership will focus on four complementary lines of effort: operational excellence, talent management, modernization, and partnerships,” said Ford. “Additionally, the organization will commit to a culture of multi-tiered internal oversight and continuous assessment.”

Christopher Lowman, the senior official performing the duties of the Under Secretary of the Army hosted the ceremony and thanked Miller for his leadership and contributions during his tenure at CID.

“General Miller, thank you for your hard work over the last three years,” Lowman said. “We look forward to your continued efforts in synchronizing Army law enforcement across the enterprise.”

Lowman stressed his confidence in Ford as he assumes the position as the first civilian director of CID.

“Greg will undoubtedly shepherd us from this initial starting point to the aimpoint of our redesign,” Lowman said. “I am convinced that he will be supported by those agencies and working groups that have already brought us this far.”

“This ceremony is only the beginning Director Ford. You have a challenging task ahead of you. Rest assured, you have the full support of the leaders in this room and across the Army,” Lowman said. “You

have an outstanding group of special agents and investigative professionals hard at work.”

In his last official act as CID commanding general, Miller addressed the law enforcement professionals he has known for the past several years.

“Today marks an important change within the Military Police Corps and our Army,” Miller said.

“Great organizations continuously seek ways to improve and in some cases those changes can seem daunting. However, if we never realize the new possibilities that loom on the horizon, we may never reach excellence, but that’s not the case for CID nor is it the United States Army way.”

Miller said he is fully confident Ford will deliver CID to the next level.

“When I look to the future of CID, I see nothing but continued professionalism and increasing capabilities for the Military Police Corps and our Army,” added Miller. “The role that CID plays in the Army’s story is ever evolving. Now, Greg and his team, have the honor of guiding us through the next phase of its journey.”

During the ceremony, Ford thanked his family and circle of friends, and Miller “for the open and candid discussions we’ve had over the last several weeks and for



turning over such a professional and dedicated team.”

He also expressed his gratitude for the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff of the Army for their faith and confidence to appoint him to this position stating he is “honored to have been selected as the first civilian director of Army CID.”

“We have an important mission; first to prevent crime and protect life and then to investigate criminal allegations to uncover the truth,” said Ford. “We cannot succeed if we don’t hold ourselves to a higher standard than others would hold us to.”

A veteran federal law enforcement officer with a skillset of more than 20 years’ at both the local and federal level, Ford was promoted to the Senior Executive Service in December 2018. His experience includes 16 years at the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) where he most recently served as the deputy director of operations. Ford joins CID as it reaches its 50th year as the Army’s independent investigative agency.

Ford began his career with NCIS in 2004. Prior to that he served in the IRS-Criminal Investigation Division, Washington, D.C. and on the FBI Washington, D.C. Field Office’s Joint Terrorism Task Force.

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Ghosts of the Valley // Author: Sean Tobias Ambriz

Ask around your local VFW about what a military police soldier does for a living. The answers will make you laugh, cringe, and sometimes simply lean back at the nonsensical tales we evoke from our comrades in arms. Even to the standard military police soldier, their experiences from one to the next are largely different depending on any number of influences. Whether that is duty station, deployments, specific type of military police. In this book, you will see the far edge of the combat spectrum for a military police soldier. Every so often, military police get training that enables them to be attached to units conducting missions well outside the purview of a standard military police soldier. For those soldiers, their story goes largely untold. Whether due to the incredulity of the story, or because some stories are hard to talk about. The events in this book are told exactly as they happened. Some have been modified due to security concerns and for the privacy of comrades. Ghosts of the Valley gives a full spectrum recount of the incidents that took place in Afghanistan, and the recovery process that became necessary upon return to the peace of home. The book itself will hopefully serve as a benefit to soldiers who have not yet deployed, civilians who struggle to understand the average combat veteran, and the soldiers who have redeployed that still struggle in their recovery process. The book is not meant to glorify war, but to expose the horrors of it. Ghosts of the Valley also provides a comprehensive, and up-to-date as of the publication, list of resources for those struggling with PTSD, or those who simply need help.

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MP Soldier Reenlists on 9/11 20th Anniversary

COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE – HORN OF AFRICA

STORY BY SMSGT JAMES STEWART; AFRICOM STUTTGART ACCS MAILBOX PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Who: SFC Nathan Phelps reenlisted on the 20th anniversary of Sept. 11th in the skies above Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. SFC Phelps's re-enlistment occurred during a day-long event that memorialized the lives lost and impact of the attacks 20 years ago.

Why: U.S. forces at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, commemorated the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11th attacks on America. Among the many memorial events was a re-enlistment for Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Phelps, a military police officer serving in the U.S. Army. Phelps's re-enlistment was a unique event as he recited the Oath of Enlistment onboard a KC-130J Super Hercules as it flew over a formation of joint service members honoring the Sept. 11th attacks. U.S. Army Col. Timothy MacDonald, Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa's operations director, administered the Oath of Enlistment.

MacDonald and Phelps are both veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and Sept. 11th continues to play a distinct role in their lives while deployed to Djibouti. Camp Lemonnier is the only permanent U.S. military installation in Africa and is a strategically significant location to the U.S. and our allies and partners who work every day to stop violent extremist organizations like those that perpetrated the Sept. 11th attacks 20 years ago.

Unit Background

The histories of both Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa and Camp Lemonnier are inextricably linked to the fateful terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and on United Airlines Flight 93. Following those attacks, the United States established an expeditionary mission that was the precursor to



U.S. Army Col. Timothy MacDonald, operations director, Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa, re-administers the Oath of Enlistment to Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Phelps, military police officer, CJTF-HOA, from Locke, New York, while aboard a KC-130J over East Africa, Sept. 11, 2021. The reenlistment occurred while flying over a Patriot's Day ceremony at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. Phelps extended his enlistment indefinitely while completing his third overseas deployment in support of the Global War on Terror. The ground ceremony included a joint formation, a multi-aircraft flyover, presentation of colors and the playing of Taps. Camp Lemonnier held multiple events in honor and remembrance of those who lost their lives both on that day and over the past two decades fighting the Global War on Terror. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael Cossaboom)

today's Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa. CJTF-HOA is comprised of multiple U.S. armed services coupled with foreign armed service personnel from various allied and partner nations. From Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, CJTF-HOA works against malign actors to strengthen our collective security forces and respond to crises that advance U.S. national interests and promote regional security, stability, and prosperity in East Africa and back home, in America.

Q1: Where were you on Sept 11, 2001?

A1: I was in my 9th Grade Spanish Class. We watched the news as the towers were hit and continued to watch the rest of that day. Our entire school stopped that day and watched as the towers fell.

Q2: You joined the Army in 2008. What inspired you to serve knowing the impacts of 9/11?

A2: I felt a calling to serve, and I still feel that calling today.

Q3: What was your motivation to reenlist?

A3: I decided to continue serving because I have pride in what I do as a Soldier, and I am fortunate to be able to do what I do. I wanted to continue to provide a better life for my family and lead the next generation of Soldiers and prepare them for the future.

Q4: Describe the significance of reenlisting on the 20th anniversary of Sept. 11th.

A4: My thoughts of 9/11 are remembering the lives lost that day because of the actions of terrorists. I will never forget the sacrifices made that day or those made since by my fellow Americans who have paid the ultimate cost. I remember my brothers and sisters who have come home injured or forever changed. I remember that day as the day the United States of America stood together, united as we took the fight to those who wish to do us harm. That is the America I defend, and will continue to defend.

Q5: Can you describe your feelings and shared experience with SFC Phelps today?

A5: It is an honor and a humbling experience to have shared today with SFC Phelps. Our Oath of Enlistment is a solemn bond between every service member and their country. The significance of his initial enlistment, knowing he would likely deploy in to harm's way, and his re-enlistment today cannot be understated. In 2001, on the day of the Sept 11th attacks, SFC Phelps was sitting in his high school Spanish class. Today, the effects of those attacks 20 years ago continue to resonate in both our lives as SFC Phelps commits himself once again to the principles of freedom and liberty



Service member with Joint Combined Task Force - Horn of Africa, stand in formation during a Patriot's Day ceremony at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, Sept. 11, 2021, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. The memorial ceremony included a joint formation, a multi-aircraft flyover, presentation of colors and the playing of Taps. Camp Lemonnier held multiple events in honor and remembrance of those who lost their lives both on that day and over the past two decades fighting the Global War on Terror. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Andrew Kobialka)



U.S. Marine Staff Sgt. Roberto Bravo with Marine Air Refuel Transport Squadron 234, holds the American flag during a Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA) Patriot's Day ceremony at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, Sept. 11, 2021, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. The memorial ceremony included a joint formation, a multi-aircraft flyover, presentation of colors and the playing of Taps. Camp Lemonnier held multiple events in honor and remembrance of those who lost their lives both on that day and over the past two decades fighting the Global War on Terror. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Dwane R. Young)

while in the air over Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. From Africa, SFC Phelps' resolve and determination to continue to defend our nation from those who mean to do America harm is an inspiration for us all. I am humbled to have been part of his

continued dedication to our country. As a veteran of both Iraq and Afghanistan, I personally have felt the impacts of Sept 11th, and I admire every Soldier who chooses to serve and defend our great nation.

New Garrison Provost Marshal Shares the Secret to Their Partner Relationships

STORY BY RICK DUTKIEWICZ, U. S. ARMY GARRISON WIESBADEN DIRECTORATE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Recently Lt. Col. Jon Jackson, the new U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden Director of Emergency Services and Provost Marshal, shared his thoughts regarding partnerships with host nation first responders.

Jackson stated, "The USAG Wiesbaden Directorate of Emergency Services continues to enhance strong working relationships with a wide variety of law enforcement organizations both on and off post. These relationships are critical to the safety and security of the Wiesbaden Military Community, which is comprised of over 15,000 personnel and their dependents operating at over a dozen separate sites."

"The DES continuously builds on the foundation of existing relationships and forges new commitments with key organic and non-organic emergency services organizations."

– Lt. Col. Jon Jackson

Jackson explained his directorate is charged with the safety and security of the Wiesbaden Military Community. He emphasized that partnerships and communication are key to maintaining existing relationships. "The DES continuously builds on the foundation of existing relationships and forges new commitments with key organic and non-organic emergency services organizations," he said.

By incorporating law enforcement leaders from all jurisdictions surrounding the USAG Wiesbaden Community, Jackson explained that the DES can better support community readiness through enhanced emergency

response, joint training events, and positive partnerships through regular engagements with various first responder and law enforcement agencies.

On post partners include: 529th Military Police Company, 709th Military Police Battalion and the 18th Military Police Brigade, 571st Military Police Company on rotation from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, 522nd Military Police Military Working Dog Company, the Wiesbaden Field Office (Counter Intelligence), USAREUR-AF Provost Marshal and G3/4 Protection, US Forces Customs–Europe, US Army Criminal Investigation Command and POND Security.

Off post US Agency partners include:

The U.S. Consulate Frankfurt (State Department), U.S. Secret Service, FBI, U.S. Marshal Service and The Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms.

Host Nation partners include: Polizeipräsidium Westessen, Polizeidirektion Wiesbaden, Polizeipräsidium Darmstadt,

Polizeipräsidium Mainz, Autobahnpolizei, Ordnungsamt, Verkehrspolizei and the Zoll.

Jackson was quick to point out, "The most important relationship the DES has is with the Polizei. The Polizei critically support USAG Wiesbaden on a daily basis and are an integral part of the overall protection response plan. The DES and Polizei are integrated at many different levels (operational, administrative, training, and on a personal level)."

The DES and Polizei conduct monthly meetings, alternating between the MP Station, 2nd Polizei Precinct and the

Polizeidirektion Wiesbaden. Typical discussion topics often include current threats and planned mitigation, Aukamm and Crestview security, policing statistics, problem areas/trends, planned demonstrations, Polizei patrol schedules of U.S. bus routes, abandoned pets, drones, laser incidents, joint patrol efforts, training opportunities, communication challenges, best practices, and ongoing investigations.

Jackson further stated, "In addition to monthly meetings, the Military Police and Polizei conduct several training events and drills throughout the year. The two agencies could not work effectively together without regular training. Recent training events included the annual Force Protection Exercise, K9 training and Active Shooter training at the High School."

Military Police also routinely team with Polizei Officers at various on and off-post events, some of which include nightclub patrols, fest patrols, Halloween in the USAG Wiesbaden Housing areas, the German-American Friendship Fest on Hainerberg, the annual Holiday Concert, 4th of July, Berlin Airlift Anniversaries and High School Graduations.

The Polizeifliegerstaffel Westessen fly regular patrols over Clay Kaserne as part of their protection measures in support of the USAG Wiesbaden Community.

The DES and Polizei not only have a strong operational relationship, but they also rely on each other administratively. Requests for information are submitted daily from the Polizei to DES and from the DES to the Polizei.

Examples include speeding tickets, police reports, witness statements, toxicology reports, and court records. The DES Desk Sergeant, the Installation Access Control System Office, Vehicle Registration Section, Translation Team, Police Liaison and Police Records Section play a pivotal part in this process.

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200TH MILITARY POLICE COMMAND HOSTS DETAINEE OPERATIONS TRAINING EVENT

THE 200TH MILITARY POLICE COMMAND HOSTED THE DETAINEE OPERATIONS TRAINING EVENT IN SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS FROM JUNE 14 TO 17, 2021. THE EVENT BROUGHT TOGETHER A VAST ARRAY OF SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS ON THE TOPIC OF DETAINEE OPERATIONS TO **SHARE LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE PAST AND GIVE THE PARTICIPANTS A CHANCE TO ENVISION POSSIBLE CHALLENGES IN FUTURE LARGE SCALE COMBAT OPERATIONS.**

STORY BY MAJ. OLUWOLE OSIBODU
PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. ANDY YOSHIMURA



Speakers along with the host and commanding general of the 200th Military Police Command, Maj. Gen. John Hussey (right), sit as a panel answering questions on the importance of the relationship between the media and detainee operations during the Detainee Operations Training Event in Southbridge, Massachusetts. The 200th Military Police Command hosted the event inviting keynote speakers discussing past detainee operations and the opportunity to train Soldiers on future missions in detainee operations.

Maj. Gen. John F. Hussey, commanding general of the 200th Military Police Command, conceived the idea after learning that his subordinate commanders did not have an appreciation for the complexity of the subject. "I noticed during a quarterly training brief when I started talking about detention operations, I kind of got that 'deer-in-the-headlights' look from many of my battalion commanders," said Hussey. He added that the puzzlement reminded him of his own experiences at that stage of his career and felt it was important to ensure that such would not happen again when his young charges were called on to run detention operations.

The DOTE consisted of teaching, mentoring, briefings, and highly interactive exchanges that no doubt left attendees better understanding the challenges faced by units tasked to run detainee operations. The DOTE featured presentations from senior military leaders, DoD officials, and seasoned civilians who have dealt with detainee operations while working for different agencies.

Notable presenters at the DOTE included: Gen. (Ret.) David Petraeus, former Commander of United States Central Command and former CIA Director; Gen. (Ret.) Vincent Brooks, former Deputy Director of Operations during the War in Iraq and later Commander of U.S. Forces Korea; Lt. Gen. (Ret.) David Quantock, former Inspector General of the Army and Commanding General of Task Force 134, a unit constructed in 2004 in response to the Abu Ghraib scandal; Lt. Gen. Laura Potter, Deputy Chief of Staff, G2, U.S. Army; and Maj. Gen. (Ret.) William Brandenburg, former Deputy Commanding General (Detainee Operations) and Commanding General of Task Force 134.

Civilian speakers also brought fresh perspectives to the attendees. The command also hosted professor Helio Fred Garcia, a crisis management expert and adjunct professor at New York University and Columbia University, and Mr. Jim Michaels, a former Marine and later senior war correspondent for USA Today.



Lt. Gen. (Ret.) David Quantock discussed the importance of senior level command and staff planning of detainee operations at the Detainee Operations Training Event in Southbridge, Massachusetts. Quantock spoke on host nation support and the conducting of detainee operations with joint partners. The 200th Military Police Command hosted the event from June 14 to 17, 2021, inviting keynote speakers to discuss past detainee operations lessons and opportunities to train Soldiers on future missions in detainee operations.

"The scandals involving detainee operations in the last wars highlighted how detainee operations can have a significant effect on national security and foreign policy interests of the United States," said Professor Garcia, an avid lecturer on the media response to Abu Ghraib. "As a citizen, I was deeply impressed that the U.S. Army and the 200th Military Police Command are so thoughtful and forward-looking to be ready to get detainee operations right in the next war."

Bringing experience from time in uniform as well as with the media, Jim Michaels added, "The DOTE conference was a terrific opportunity to exchange ideas and absorb the most current thinking regarding detainee operations. The conference gathered experts in a range of fields--military and civilian--to talk about everything from real-world experiences



Left: Professor Helio Fred Garcia discusses the role of the media during theater operations.



Right: Gen. (Ret.) David Petraeus discussed the strategic level of detainee operations.



Maj. Gen. John Hussey, commanding general of the 200th Military Police Command, hosted the Detainee Operations Training Event from June 14 to 17, 2021, inviting keynote speakers to discuss past detainee operations lessons and opportunities to train Soldiers on future detainee operations missions.

to the latest thinking regarding crisis management and the media." Michaels called detainee operations "an area of critical importance going forward."

One highlight of the DOTE was the presentation by former Air Force pilot Guy Gruters, who spent over five years in captivity during the Vietnam War. Gruters gave harrowing accounts of the inhumane treatment he and his fellow POWs endured at the hands of the Viet Cong. At the conclusion of his speech, all present gave him a standing ovation, and many waited back to salute him and shake his hand. The lesson attendees gleaned from his talk was how the lack of humanity to detainees sows bad blood for generations to come. However, when a professional military maintains good order and discipline by adhering to the Geneva Conventions, that military and the



Maj. Gen. (Ret.) William Brandenburg discussed the operational and tactical levels of detainee operations in Iraq during the aftermath of Abu Ghraib here at the Detainee Operations Training Event in Southbridge, Massachusetts. The 200th Military Police Command hosted the event from June 14 to 17, 2021, inviting keynote speakers to discuss past detainee operations lessons and opportunities to train Soldiers on future detainee.

country it represents earn respect for generations.

"The Detainee Operations Training Event was an opportunity for me to train my Soldiers," said Maj. Gen. Hussey. "I believe the DOTE was a great success. We are planning to have one next year, even larger in scope. We learned about detainee operations from the strategic level of war all the way down to the feeding of detainees at the tactical level. Experts and stakeholders who will be part of this operation on a future battlefield joined together to learn how to do this in a more effective and humane way."

As the senior military police command of the U.S. Army Reserve, the 200th Military Police Command trains and prepares four brigade headquarters, 22 battalion headquarters and 53 companies dispersed across the continental U.S.

From a remote location, Gen. (Ret.) Vincent Brooks discussed the consideration of strategic and operational detention operations in large-scale combat operations to the Soldiers of the 200th Military Police Command during the Detainee Operations Training Event in Southbridge, Massachusetts. The 200th Military Police Command hosted the event from June 14 to 17, 2021, inviting keynote speakers to discuss past detainee operations lessons and opportunities to train Soldiers on future detainee operations missions.



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Vietnam-era Military Police Officer Recalls Service at Yuma Proving Ground

STORY BY MARK SCHAUER

IT WAS EXACTLY THE SAME, YET TOTALLY DIFFERENT.

The key landmarks from then-Sgt. Thomas Zielinski's tenure at U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) were still mostly present, though occasionally with different uses and cosmetic changes.

The hotel and fitness center weren't here then, but the theater and school were, and the street they lived on is still called Hardy, even if it has new houses on it. Today, the former post headquarters is YPG's Heritage Center, and former Sgt. Thomas Zielinski, accompanied by wife Joan and their friend from YPG days Mary Donnelly, recently visited the post, getting special tours of the Heritage Center and YPG's police station.

"This has really been an incredible experience," he said. "Many people don't appreciate how important this is. I'm proud of it."

When Zielinski first reported for duty at Yuma Proving Ground in the late spring of 1969, nearly half a million of his countrymen were

fighting half a world away in Vietnam as a deeply polarized American public watched the war on television.

"When I came here, I was told point blank, 'in three months you're going to Vietnam,'" said Zielinski. "So, every month we'd wait for the levy from Washington. The hardest part about it was the waiting and anxiety: that year we lost 6,000 or 7,000 people, and the year before that we had 16,000 or 17,000 casualties."

Shortly after he arrived, Joan gave birth to their eldest son at what was then called Parkview Baptist Hospital in Yuma, and was hospitalized with complications for several days.

"I was awaiting orders, I had a wife and child, and was unsure of what was going to happen day to day," he said.

It was conscription that had made Zielinski, a South Bend, Ind. native recently graduated from Indiana State University with an accounting degree, a Soldier. He was sent to basic training at Fort Bragg, which was a culture shock in terms of its sheer size, but not for its military discipline.



From left, former Sgt. Thomas Zielinski, his wife Joan, and their friend Mary Donnelly show U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) Heritage Center curator Bill Heidner the former locations of their post housing when they were stationed at YPG from 1969 to 1971. Photo by Mark Schauer U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground

"I was raised by Catholic nuns and a policeman father, so I was ready for the discipline," he said with a laugh.

He completed basic training and was assigned his military occupation specialty.

"I called my dad and told him I was going to be a 95-Bravo, and he said 'what's that?' I told him, 'military policeman,' and there was silence. My dad didn't want me to be a policeman, and growing up with a policeman I understand why he didn't want me to be one."

He felt like an unlikely candidate for service as a military policeman, but at YPG found that many of his colleagues were in similar circumstances.

"One of the guys I was stationed with had a PhD in history, and they made him an MP," he said.

Another MP, Daniel Donnelly, was a teacher who, along with wife Mary, would become lifelong friends with the Zielinskis.

"He was on duty one day and he and his partner in the truck got a call on somebody in a conflict carrying a rifle," Zielinski recalled. "Dan's first comment was, 'you'd better call the police!'"

Yet such calls were rare at YPG. Zielinski recalls his primary duties as patrolling downrange and monitoring Imperial Dam Road for speeders. The YPG MP shop had 15 to 20 men on duty at a given time, and as each month passed without Zielinski or Donnelly getting deployed to Vietnam, the friendly couples settled in to life at a small, relatively informal Army post with an important mission. Joan got a job in the post nursery, and Mary, recently graduated as a registered

nurse, worked at Parkview Baptist Hospital.

"I learned obstetrics here," she said. "The doctors took you under their wing and showed you what was acceptable."

After duty hours, Tom moonlighted as a bartender in the officer's club. Never paid much, the young couples strived to survive on their \$100 a month in BAQ and food money they received.

"We all had little red clickers with white knobs and we'd go to the store and make sure we didn't go over \$25 a week," said Joan. "Even our older son remembers the little red clickers."

As a treat, sometimes the young couples splurged for dinner at longtime Yuma icon Chretin's, still the best Mexican restaurant they have ever eaten at.

"We palled around with other people in the same situation and fed off each other," said Joan. "We had a good time."

When his enlistment was up in 1971, Tom and Joan returned to Indiana. They had another son, and Tom worked for various companies as an accountant and chief financial officer. Retired now, he wanted to visit YPG again and have a sense of closure from the hard feelings many former Soldiers experienced from their civilian fellow citizens in the tail end of the Vietnam era.

"In retrospect, it was a real education," he said of his time in uniform. "I think meeting so many people of different backgrounds—different educations, different cultures, different races—was probably one of the biggest things I got out of the service."



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STORY BY SGT. 1ST CLASS SHANE KLESTINSKI | PHOTOS BY SGT. 1ST CLASS SHANE KLESTINSKI

Soldiers from the U.S. Army's 116th Military Police Company patrolled with Polish soldiers from Military Police Outpost Powidz on August 6, 2021, in Powidz and Gneizno, Poland.

That weekend's patrols together represent one of the latest forms of partnering between American and Polish forces in Atlantic Resolve, this time between military law enforcement organizations.

"Patrolling together helps bridge the gap between Polish and American Soldiers so that we know we can rely on each other and work together because we're familiar with each other's tactics," said Sgt. 1st Class Veronica Scott, provost sergeant deployed with the 116th MP Company from Fort Riley, Kansas. "I want our relationship to go further where we can do joint training on ranges and practice other skill sets together."

Going forward, joint patrols between deployed

American MPs and Polish zandarmeria wojskowa (Polish for "military police," commonly known as "ZWs") are scheduled to continue on weekends in the latest effort to improve interoperability between American and Polish allies.

"I'm very happy that this is actually happening," said Polish army Master Sgt. Kamil Cukier, a ZW assigned to Military Police Outpost Powidz. "These patrols help share our experience and improve our coordination to work better with each other in the future."

Soldiers from both sides also got to know each other personally while patrolling, in ways that law enforcement officers usually get acquainted with new partners. Conversation ranged from personal workout routines, to food, to impromptu language lessons.

"Being able to work together was a great experience," said Spc. Soyde-Yahve Reales-Medina, a

patrolman assigned to the 116th MP Company. "We got to learn a lot about each other and our training – and in certain ways, it's not that different."

The first night of that weekend's joint patrolling involved a vehicle-based familiarization with different areas of Powidz and Gneizno during an orientation of both towns. On the second night, the MPs and ZWs walked the streets of Powidz on foot together, as the 116th MPs received a more specific introduction to local lakeside and nightspot areas from their Polish counterparts.

"Patrolling together is a good start to an ongoing relationship," Scott said. "That weekend's patrols helped teach us where we have our hot spots and showed a united presence of American and Polish law enforcement to help deter crime. I look forward to seeing how our partnership develops in the future and how our relationship with the ZWs will grow as other units deploy here."

Top left: (L to R) U.S. Army Pfc. Paul Santillo, U.S. Army 1st Lt. Joshua Bogle, Polish army Master Sgt. Kamil Cukier, and Polish army Cpl. Mitosz Siwinski, U.S. Army Spc. Soyde-Yahve Medina-Reales.

Top right: (L to R) Polish army Pvt. Marek Kazmierczak, U.S. Army Pfc. Paul Santillo, U.S. Army Spc. Soyde-Yahve Medina-Reales, U.S. Army 1st Lt. Joshua Bogle and Polish army Cpl. Krzysztof Kaspercyak. Bottom left: (L to R) U.S. Army Spc. Soyde-

Yahve Medina-Reales, U.S. Army 1st Lt. Joshua Bogle, U.S. Army Pfc. Paul Santillo (in front), Polish army Master Sgt. Kamil Cukier (in back), and Polish army Cpl. Mitosz Siwinski.

Bottom right: (L to R) Polish army Cpl. Mitosz Siwinski, U.S. Army Pfc. Paul Santillo, Polish army Master Sgt. Kamil Cukier, U.S. Army 1st Lt. Joshua Bogle, and U.S. Army Spc. Soyde-Yahve Medina-Reales.

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MP SOLDIER LAUGHS

HIS WAY TO A LIFE WELL-LIVED

STORY BY SPC. ERIC ZEDALIS



Spc. Sean Reed (at left) enjoys some downtime with fellow Soldiers in the 366th Military Police Company at Fort Hood, Texas June 19, 2021. "You can't have this much fun while working anywhere else...yea, there'll be times that suck, but those times just make the good times better," said Reed. (Photo courtesy of Spc. Sean Reed)

Soldiers react to adversity in many ways. Some panic. Some just grin and bear it. Spc. Sean Reed of the 366th Military Police Company has his own method —

HE LAUGHS.



"Whenever life gets really, stupid hard, I'll just look over at a buddy, we'll both be sucking air...and all of a sudden we just start laughing at each other," said Reed.

The 29 year-old Shawnee, Oklahoma native wanted to be a professional football player "since the 3rd grade." An Offensive Lineman (Center), he played one season at NCAA Division II East Central University in 2010, but suffered a career-ending shoulder injury during the team's spring camp preparing for his sophomore season.

"It was the last day of camp, I didn't have any pads on, and we were doing pass sets," he said. "I snapped the ball, took a couple steps back, and jammed the [opposing player] in the chest. I had my shoulder flexed, and he pushed it up while it was still flexed, and [my shoulder] just went the wrong way. There was a very audible pop," he said with a chuckle.

He had torn his labrum in two places and pulled the bone right out of its socket in his right shoulder.

"They tried to salvage it. They had me doing ice and [stimulation] every day, which I hated," he said. "It's freezing cold and half your body's twitching from the shocks going through. I couldn't stand it."

Reed then opted to get surgery, and accepted his football career was over.

This unfortunately meant his NCAA Division II partial scholarship for football was gone, and Reed was left to finance his education on his own. Over the next four years, he worked various part-time jobs to pay for a few scattered college courses.

Meanwhile, his older brother, Brian (35), commissioned as a Chemical Officer in the U.S. Army in 2012. This prompted Reed to explore opportunities in the Army.

"I figured, well...now that sports isn't paying for my school, and I can't find a job that pays well enough to put me through school while also attending school...I'll just join the Army. My brother seems to enjoy it pretty much," he said.

Grinning ear to ear, Reed acknowledged that his brother is "a little more brains" than him, but he too wanted to find challenge and meaning in his Army profession.

"My brother and I are not the same person. I think I scored like an 80 on the ASVAB [Army Services Vocational Aptitude Battery], and he scored like a 99...he's one of those guys," he said, laughing. "But I was thinking, ya know, if I'm gonna join the Army, I really want to do something."

Reed was about to select an infantry position until he found out about cavalry scouts.

"It seemed like a more high-speed infantry. At the time, I thought, 'I'd be really proud of myself if I was able to get through Fort Benning and do the things in the cavalry world that they expected of me,'" he said.

Getting through basic training in spring-through-summer 2014 at Fort Benning, Georgia was just the challenge he had been yearning for. He soon discovered how the Army forges bonds between fellow Soldiers the same way football bonds teammates.

"You get in tight-knit relationships with people in the Army, because you're forced to be around them all the time. You get to know everything about them," he said. "It's just like with football in college...you go through three-a-days with these guys - you don't know any of them

going in, and they're from all over the country. But then you have to just go through all this stuff with 'em...and you just make the best of it."

Reed said he will never forget one particular moment at basic training he shared with a Soldier from New Jersey who he still considers one of his best friends to this day.

"We'd had an awful day...been drug through the dirt since about two o'clock that morning, and we finally got a little pause in the day to eat chow. It's sunny, 100 degrees, 90-percent humidity...we're walking up in line with our trays to get our food, and it just starts pouring rain," he laughed. "By the time we get our lunch and sit back down, all our containers and plates of food are just filled with water. And we look at each other and just start laughing...like, 'yea...this is life right now.'"

After basic training, Reed spent six years with the cavalry scouts. He particularly enjoyed house-clearing drills, classes on camouflage and sleeping in the woods - sometimes for up to a month at a time.

"I was so happy when I started my career in the military. I was doing all this high-speed stuff," he said. "The only downfall was, I just kept thinking, 'I can start school back up again next semester.'"

Reed regrets not taking advantage of the Army's education benefits sooner, but in the meantime, he was at least filling his resume for a future civilian career.

"When I would go on any job interview before I enlisted, all I could say was, 'I'm currently going to school, and I played college football.' That was all I had," he said. "Now I'm able to fill out an entire rap sheet of stuff I've done just from the Army."

Having decided a few years ago that he wanted a career in law enforcement, he has noticed a military background gives him a leg-up.

"There's going to be people that are your bosses or that are interviewing you that have been in the military," he said. "And when they see you've been in the Army, they know that you can be fun and professional. That tells them you're the kind of person they can hang out with outside of the job and have fun, but that you're also capable of tightening up and doing your job when you need to."

About a year ago, Reed took a pause with the cavalry scouts and joined his current U.S. Army Reserve military police unit. His work with the Army Reserve involves relevant law enforcement experience to aid his future civilian career; plus, he is taking advantage of extra training courses offered by the Army Reserve. Reed is also just two semesters from earning his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Oklahoma State University.

"I'm pretty happy with how things turned out," he said. "I'm about to finish my degree all paid for, and I'm in a good position to land a good law enforcement job on the civilian side."

Reed also completes his initial eight-year enlistment contract next year and is excited to re-enlist and start fresh. Thus far, he considers his Army experience a "win-win."

"When I consider what the Army has done for me...I mean, school paid for, so many outlets and opportunities on the civilian side, the networking...you can't beat it," he said. "Plus, you can't have this much fun while working anywhere else. Yea, there'll be times that suck. But those times just make the good times better."

IF ALL ELSE FAILS, HE CAN ALWAYS JUST LAUGH.



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« In addition to the 905th Military Police Detachment, officers from Kentucky State Police and the Louisville, Frankfort, Lexington, Richmond and Shepherdsville police departments were in attendance at the training seminar Aug. 2-5, 2021. The training was instructed by High Drive K-9, Inc.



Part of the Advanced Bite Building seminar at Fort Knox included training dogs to scale obstacles to get to suspects.

The 905th Military Police Detachment hosted an Advanced Bite Building seminar Aug. 2-5 for the K-9 units of multiple area law enforcement agencies.

Kennel master Sgt. 1st Class Richard McNulty said by inviting outside officers to bring their dogs and participate in the training, something unique can be achieved.

"It's shared learning," said McNulty. "While we do real missions, we focus a lot more on training. They go on a lot of real world calls that we don't necessarily see in this area."

The difference between what we do on Fort Knox versus metro areas is night and day."

Along with K-9 handlers and dogs of the 905th, McNulty said officers from Kentucky State Police and the Louisville, Frankfort, Lexington, Richmond and Shepherdsville police departments were all in attendance of the seminar instructed by High Drive K-9, Inc.

High Drive owner and head trainer Scott Clark said after more than 30 years working as a K-9 officer and training others, he's developed a way of teaching that doesn't only help everyone become more proficient, it also puts their future development in their own hands.

"It's training on training," said Clark. "We're training the handlers to be better decoys, which is in turn training the dog to become a better athlete and performer. We're not just training the dog or the handler, we're doing both at the same time."

Over the course of the four-day seminar, Clark said handlers and their dogs were subjected to a wide variety of scenarios they might run into while working in the field, such as going after suspects hiding inside vehicles, on the other side of barriers, or carrying weapons. The dogs are taught how to overcome obstacles to overtake a suspect.

Clark said while a lot of focus is on the dogs, it's just as important to



Dogs practice chasing down and attacking suspects at the 905th Military Police Detachment training facility during a multi-agency training seminar Aug. 2-5, 2021.

give those who work with them the tools to improve their roles in the training process.

"We're basically teaching the handlers how to be better decoys," said Clark, "meaning working with the dogs, getting in the bite suit, and teaching them how to properly catch the dog so everybody's safe."

McNulty said he was impressed with what was achieved over the course of the seminar.

"All the dogs advanced significantly throughout the week," said McNulty. "[They went] from not wanting to jump over barriers to having no issues."

Both McNulty and Clark agreed that having multiple agencies attend trainings like this together is beneficial to everyone.

"It's nice when you bring in different levels of training, knowledge and backgrounds," said Clark. "They have such diversity from the different types of areas where they work, and they come in and share with each other. It's nice to see what different agencies are doing so they can modify, take ideas, and help each other along the way."

According to McNulty, there's another advantage to working closely together and training with agencies from the surrounding areas.

"There's a lot of benefits for the future," said McNulty. "If something ever occurs on [the installation] where we need more dogs, we already have a working relationship with them."

Clark pointed out the K-9 working dog community overall is very small. For that reason, he said, it's important they share training experiences and know how one another operates.

"Agencies, whether they're military or law enforcement, federal or state, have a brotherhood in K-9," said Clark. "They're all really passionate about it. I always tell them K-9 is more about what you give than what you get."

Clark explained 90% of all K-9 unit operations are spent on training because it's all about being ready. By training, working hard and preparing for any possibility, the officers and their dogs will be able to handle anything.

"The bottom line is we want everybody to go home safe to their families at the end of their shift," said Clark. "That's the main goal."

506TH MILITARY POLICE FOCUSES TRAINING ON DEVELOPING NEW SOLDIERS, NEW SKILLS

STORY BY JOSEPH SIEMANDEL

For the citizen-soldiers of the 506th Military Police Detachment, this year's annual training was a chance to return to collective unit training, as well as develop the skills of new soldiers in the formation.

"As a large percentage of the formation comprised of new soldiers, we utilized the first week of annual training to conduct training centered on the fundamentals of police and patrol work," said Capt. Daniel Lamothe, commander, 506th Military Police Detachment. "We have a wide range of experience in both the military and civilian sectors. We utilized this experience to conduct a comprehensive week-long training."

During the first week soldiers received classroom instruction on the elements of a crime, report writing, search and seizure, patrol tactics and use of force policy. The unit also trained on fundamental skills through a series of demonstrations and applied skills practice stations, centered around compliant and high risk suspect contact, traffic stops and high risk traffic stops and structure clearing.

"Applied skills practice stations are designed to provide soldiers with multiple repetitions on basic, yet crucial fundamental skills and are limited in scope so that soldiers focus on one piece of the larger task per station," said Lamothe.

Following the applied skills training, the unit took part in multiple exercises on routine traffic stops that led to high risk situations and structure clearing while locating and apprehending suspects. The unit then began a two-day law enforcement exercise which was designed to fully simulate a patrol shift to include opposing force role players and scenarios. These scenarios were designed to test a soldier's ability to be problem solvers and think critically while identifying and responding to calls for service.



Soldiers with the 506th Military Police train on a high risk traffic stop as part of their annual training on June 14, 2021 at Camp Murray, Wash. The 506th Military Police focused their annual training this year on developing the skills of newer soldiers. Photo by Joseph Siemandel

"The focus of this training was to immerse soldiers into thinking and responding as Military Police officers," said Lamothe.

Following the completion of the training week, the 506th moved to Joint Base Lewis McChord where they conducted law enforcement operations with the base Directorate of Emergency Services. Soldiers worked alongside active duty military police from the 42nd Military Police Brigade conducting 24-hour patrol operations. Soldiers also worked within their area of specialty shadowing soldiers with the desk section handling and processing of reports and documentation, as well as investigations.

"Our soldiers performed exemplary during this time period, conducting traffic enforcement emphasis, responding to domestic violence calls and assaults and multiple other calls for service," said Lamothe.

BUILDING SELF-CONFIDENCE

STORY AND PHOTOS BY BLAIR DUPRE, SENTINEL SPORTS/LEISURE EDITOR



Darien Diaz-Ochoa, 14, pulls himself up a wall, using a rope, during the Austin PD Camp, July 27.

Christian Mendoza, assistant coordinator for the event with Austin PD, said the program has partnered with Fort Hood for approximately five years and he believes it's important for the kids to see exactly what career opportunities the military offers them.

"I think it is important for our youth to see how things work in the military in order for them to see the numerous jobs available to them within the military," he said. "Furthermore, expose them to the opportunities that exist after their 1st, 5th, 10th or 20th year serving."

Staff Sgt. Nathan Akridge, 89th Military Police Brigade, showed the kids around the installation, beyond just MP facilities.

"I think the kids enjoyed getting to see some of the careers that both the military and civilian sector offer and the equipment that's used for that particular job," he said. "They had a chance to

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tour the air traffic control tower, try out the helicopter simulators, explore Military Police equipment and hear, first-hand from our Soldiers and civilians, about what Fort Hood, the Army and the world offers."

Mendoza believes the kids had a more enriching experience being here, in person.

"This did not only allow them to ask them questions related to their respective field, but also witness the culture, linguistic and race diversity at Fort Hood," he said. "Especially since this was the first time visiting a military base for some of them."

He added, "Our youth are continuously exposed to what social media and cultural norms are emphasizing regarding the military, so it was great for them to first-hand hear and directly ask questions to self-educate and clarify. We are thankful for the strong partnership between Fort Hood and the APD OCL Youth

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Akridge was also glad to have them at the Great Place in person, so they could experience not only the diversity in careers, but the people as well.

“It is important for them to see Fort Hood and our facilities because it gives them a view of the Army and the world. We have an incredibly diverse team in the Army, with people from all walks of life and many different nations coming together for a common goal,” he said. “It is a great experience for the kids to meet our team, see what it takes to make the Army function on a daily basis and to also get some one-on-one time with a Soldier.”

Esmeralda Benitez, 17, and Darien Diaz-Ochoa, 14, participated in the three-day camp and both learned a whole lot about the military.

“It opens up your eyes and you can see that it’s not really as easy, as you think it is, to join the military,” Benitez said. “You have to do so many things before you actually are able to do what you actually want to do.”

“The military is a lot more complicated than it (looks). It’s not just like, alright your strapped in a boat and now you’re off to war,” Diaz-Ochoa said. “They do a lot more stuff. They have a bunch of things from so many careers.”

The kids were put to the test on the Veteran’s Field obstacle course and Benitez and Diaz-Ochoa both found the monkey bars to be the most challenging.

“The fact that they were spinning, (and you’re) trying to grab on (made it challenging),” Diaz-Ochoa said.

Akridge said the visit was designed to challenge the kids mentally and physically to allow them to build up their confidence in themselves, their peers and their mentors.

“I think for some of the youth the biggest challenge was believing in themselves and trusting their ability to accomplish a task they may not have been comfortable with,” Akridge said. “I really enjoyed watching the kids conquer their fear on the confidence course. Many of them told me, ‘I can’t do it.’ After they finished a portion, they were afraid of, I asked, ‘What couldn’t you do?’ It was awesome to see them smile and say, ‘What I just did.’”

He was grateful to 3rd Cavalry Regiment., 1st Cavalry Brigade, 89th MP and Soldiers civilians and organizations across



Esmeralda Benitez, 17, smiles as she attempts to make it across the monkey bars during the obstacle course portion of the Austin PD Camp.

post for all of the help he received from them.

“The camp wouldn’t have been successful without them stepping up to the plate,” he said.

“I hope these young men and women got a chance to see the career opportunities that are out there for them in the world. I know for a fact that many of them gained a good bit of confidence following our camp and the challenges we presented them,” he concluded. “I hope they take the knowledge and confidence they received here and apply it in their lives. They are tomorrow’s leaders and can accomplish their goals if they believe in themselves.”

Benitez had one big takeaway from her experience.

“The military is a big family and I know if I joined, I’d be in good hands,” she said.



The Austin PD Camp participants had to make their way across the wooden stumps by balancing on top of them.



Leylani Medellin, 15, makes her way down off an obstacle, July 27 during the Austin PD Camp.



Ochoa, 14, begins to climb up the ropes to a platform during the course portion of the Austin PD Camp.

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Brian Tang, 15, manages to pull himself up a wall on the Veterans Field obstacle course, during the Austin PD Camp. The camp lasted three days and they toured multiple Fort Hood facilities.



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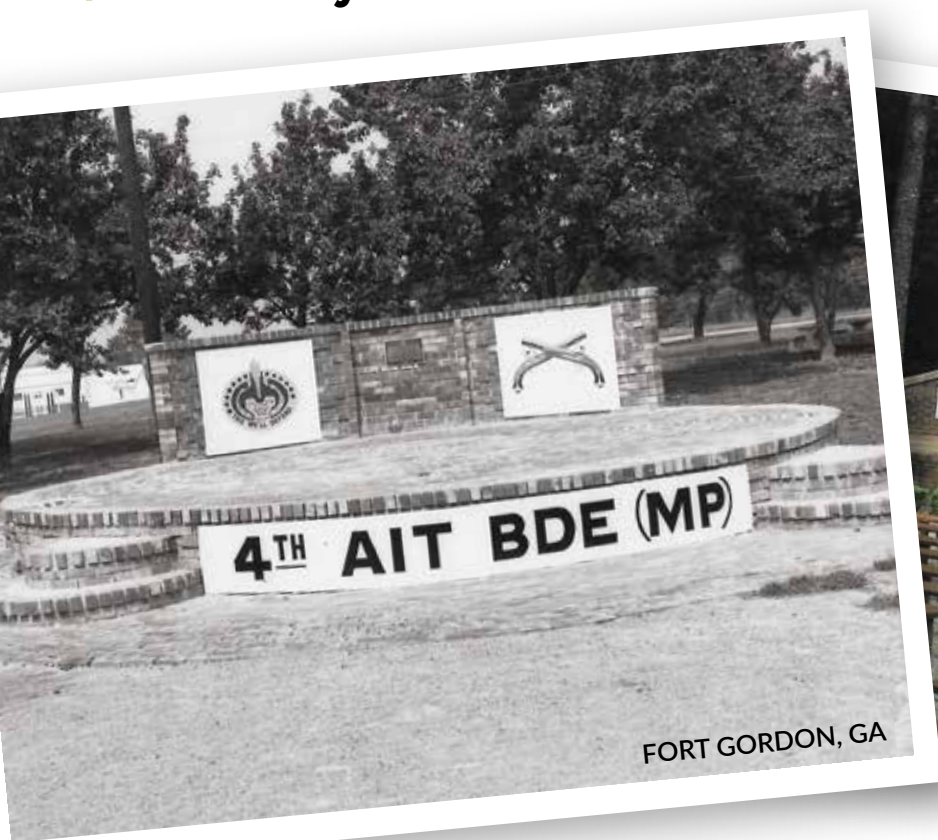
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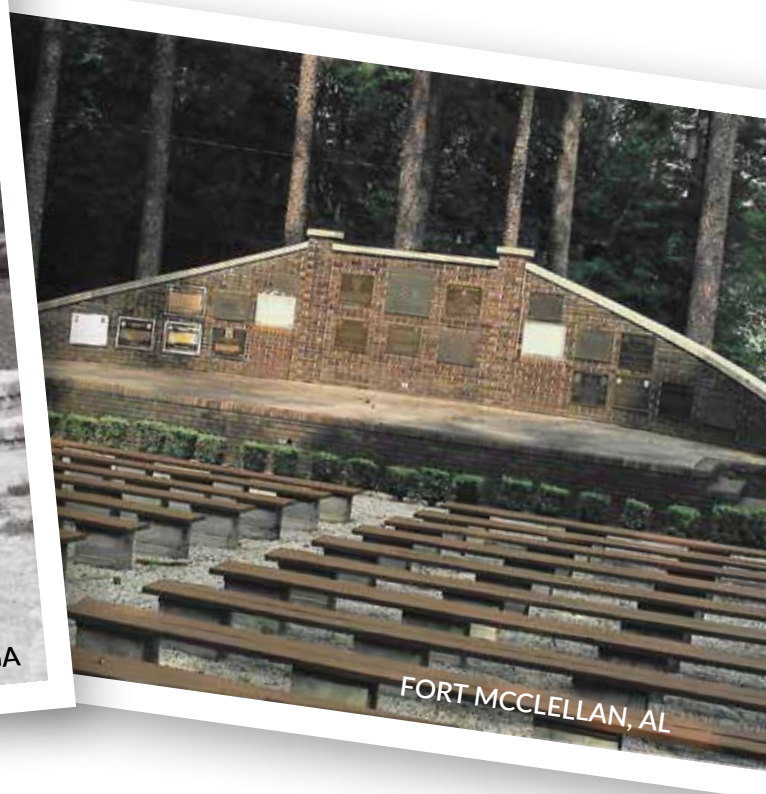
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MEMORIAL GROVE



On 29 June 1969, the original Memorial Grove was
officially dedicated at Fort Gordon, Georgia.



BY RONNEY Z. MILLER, USAMPS HISTORIAN

Appropriately, Colonel Louis O. Giuffrida, Commanding Officer of the 4th Advanced Individual Training (AIT) Brigade, provided the welcoming remarks; Major General John Tillson III, Commanding General of Fort Gordon, delivered the dedicatory address; and Major General Karl Gustafson, Provost Marshal General of the Army, accepted the memorial on behalf of the Military Police Corps. Previously, Colonel Giuffrida and other members of the 4th AIT Brigade (Military Police) had discussed the initiative to establish and preserve a piece of “hallowed ground” unique to the Military Police Corps and in 1968, Giuffrida submitted a recommendation to erect a memorial to honor those Military Police that had paid the last full measure of sacrifice in the defense of our nation. A site near the 4th AIT Brigade area was designated and a semi-enclosed, simple wooden structure was built. In 1972, a circular brick platform replaced the wooden enclosure and this new and improved incarnation was officially dedicated in August 1972 with Major General Harley Moore, Commanding General of Fort Gordon, presiding over the ceremony. This upgrade witnessed a substantial increase in the number of memorial plaques donated by US Army Military Police units for permanent display at the memorial.

When the US Army Military Police School (USAMPS) was transferred to Fort McClellan, Alabama, on 11 July 1975, plans to reestablish a Memorial Grove became even more ambitious. Colonel Clarence D. Barry, Assistant Commandant of the MP School, selected a site on 23rd Street, across from Gullion Field, and construction began immediately. The new memorial was officially dedicated during a ceremony held on 18 October 1976 and it was at Fort McClellan that the memorial achieved universal esteem, becoming a prominent feature on the post and inspiring other branches of the US Army to construct their own memorial groves. Ever since then, Memorial Grove has served as a permanent repository for memorial plaques to commemorate the sacrifice of individual soldiers and to highlight the significant accomplishments of Military Police units. Currently, four statues, 60 memorial plaques, more than 2,300 bricks, 32 benches, and six trees are located within the grove – collectively, these tributes serve as visible reminders of the rich and colorful history of our branch.

On 20 May 1999, USAMPS and the US Army Chemical School relocated to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, integrating with the US Army Engineer School to form the US Army Maneuver Support Center (later redesignated as the US Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence). Thus, construction on another iteration of Memorial Grove was completed on 1 July 1999 and on 20 September 1999, USAMPS Commandant Brigadier General Donald Ryder and Regimental Command Sergeant Major Harold Burleson hosted a rededication ceremony with Master Sergeant Bruce Bell providing the memorial tribute and dedication. Located next to stonework created by German prisoners of war who were interned at Fort Leonard Wood during World War II, the memorial is also conveniently located in the vicinity of the 14th Military Police Brigade training area.

On 25 September 2008, the “Crossed Pistols Sculpture” was officially dedicated at Memorial Grove. It has since become known as the “Gateway to the Regiment” and in 2010, a second statue was dedicated. “Of the Troops and for the Troops” depicts a WWII era Military Policeman. On 19 September 2016, Brigadier General Kevin Vereen, USAMPS Commandant, hosted a ceremony in which a statue of a Revolutionary War soldier of the Marechaussee Corps was officially dedicated and on 21 September 2020, a 5-foot tall bronze statue honoring Military Working Dogs was formally unveiled. Today, the Military Police Corps Regimental Walkway and Memorial Grove serves as the center of gravity for memorial tributes, passage of rites ceremonies, and other significant observances related to the Military Police Corps Regiment – “Of the Troops... For the Troops.”



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BEHIND THE SCENES AT MILITARY POLICE MUSEUM

WHAT'S IN A NAME...

Exploring a Recent Accession

STORY BY AMANDA WEBB



In a typed list, nothing stood out:

- One OG-107 Utility Uniform
- M1951 Field Jacket and Trouser Shell
- A miniature medal rack
- A few folders of incomplete service records

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But this seemingly unremarkable grouping represents a rarity within the Army Museum Enterprise and, more specifically, for the Military Police Corps Regimental Museum. This collection, the tangible memories of Lieutenant Dabney C. T. Davis, Jr., tells the story of a young Soldier who operated in an era of post-World War II occupation. The war had been over for almost a decade, the war crimes trials were completed, and the role of the MP in occupied Germany had shifted towards maintaining law and order with the American troops as they lived and worked amongst the Germans.

Perhaps surprisingly, much of that information is supported by the detailed inspection of those uniform components. On the epaulets of the jacket, near microscopic threads in golden yellow highlight where the "butterbars" of a Second Lieutenant were once sewn, only to be carefully unpicked and pulled off when Davis was promoted. Similar ghosting occurs on the collar of the utility shirt, where a square rank patch was replaced with an embroidered white bar of a First Lieutenant. The right sleeve is bare, while the left has only the shoulder sleeve insignia of United States Army Europe. But the standout for both is the bright, kelly green nametape sewn down with olive drab thread above the right breast pocket. In gold thread, the bold "DAVIS" is centered, a close but not quite match to the more yellow "U.S. ARMY" on the standard black tape over the opposite breast pocket.

Those two pieces of green nametape, each under six inches long, immediately define the time period of the uniforms they are stitched to, as well as where the Soldier had them made, long before one reads the contract number and manufacture date on the label inside. During the



Davis' well preserved M1951 Field Jacket, complete with green nametape. >>

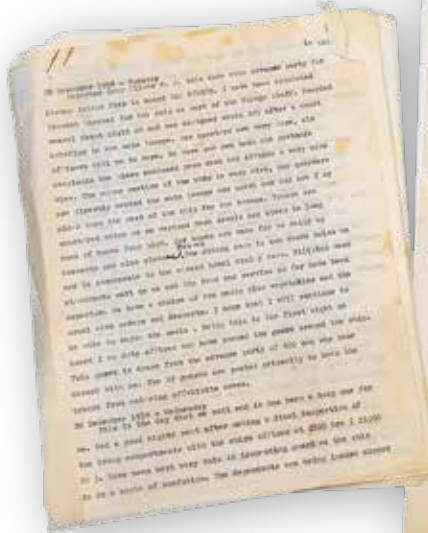


Davis kept the telegrams he exchanged with his parents upon his arrival to his unit in Germany.

early to mid-1950s, under much more lenient uniform guidelines than today's Army, Soldiers experimented with nametape variations, moving away from the then standard black font on white tape, particularly in Korea and Germany. Korean nametapes highlighted heavy embroidery work, with small designs often added above the name (insignia, for example) while German-made tapes were most often embroidered names on ribbon style tape. As a means of esprit de corps, tape and font colors were derived from the branch of service colors: blue with white font for Infantry, brick red with gold font for Transportation Corps, and green with gold font for Military Police Corps. While not every Soldier had their tapes swapped, it was not uncommon during this period.

However, while the MP Museum has seen photographic evidence of this customization, this grouping represents the first objects ever accessioned that have German-made, customized nametapes in green. Furthermore, across the Army Museum Enterprise, few uniforms have such colored nametapes from this time period, making these items a rarity not only to the MP Museum but also the Army's artifact collection as a whole.

By themselves, the three-dimensional items in this collection already tell a story, but the inclusion of archival documents enriched the picture. For example, within the incomplete service records, Davis had retained his typewritten 10 page diary of his trip aboard USNS Upshur, a troop transport vessel that ran from Staten Island to Europe; Davis was appointed the Provost Marshal and was responsible for POWs, commanding the MP Guards, and providing general oversight of troop behavior. Upon his arrival to Germany, where he was stationed with the 793d Military Police Battalion as the Platoon Leader of A Company, Davis exchanged telegrams with his parents, letting them know he had safely arrived, and they responded in turn with the short, blunt sentences typical of correspondence where each character adds to the cost. He kept copies of his special orders, where he was assigned as investigating officers for vehicle accidents and other Soldier related incidents. He completed specialty defense courses and took on additional duties like Unit Fire Marshal. In early 1956, Davis received a temporary promotion, took responsibility of classified matter for the Provost Marshal Ansbach Office, was assigned "Custodian of Property of Evidencery Value," and served as interim Provost Marshal until the replacement, a Captain, could arrive to relieve him.



Typed on onionskin, Davis retained a ten-page diary of his time aboard the USNS Upshur, along with copies of the ship's newspapers.

For the MP reading this, these papers and documents may seem rather dull; after all these are the day-to-day activities in a busy office, and these documents stack up quickly. In fact, these types of paper goods have a classification of "ephemera" because they represent printed materials not intended for long term-retention. However, because of that very caveat, primary source documents that reflect the day-to-day operations of these offices in an overseas environment rarely survive to present day, and even more rarely are they cohesive enough to create a history of an individual's daily work life as a Soldier.

If this collection had only been presented as the list above, this grouping could have landed at a surplus store. By examining the uniforms and reading through the haphazard folders of documents, the MP Museum uncovered a typological rarity—

pieces that are significant simply for what's on them—and a great representation of a young Soldier during the mid-1950s operating in Germany. The material culture tells a story, and the accompanying paperwork supports the evidence hiding in the artifacts. Suddenly fragmented pieces complete a story, and the artifacts have value both for what they are, as well as what they represent.



Davis' custom OG-107 Utility Shirt shows signs of age, with rusting buttons and loose stitches. But the insignia remain as vibrant as when first applied.

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MEMBER OF THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BATTALION

BY RONNA M. WEYLAND, PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST, U.S. ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COMMAND

Protective Services Battalion's Protective Intelligence Branch (PIB) Chief, Mellissa Ward, was presented the Order of the Marechaussee in Bronze June 29, by CID's Deputy Commanding General, BG Duane Miller.

Ward was nominated in part for making “a profound operational and strategic impact, aligning on-going real world requirements with projected future support needs to ensure the best intelligence support and timely investigations.”

“It was an honor to be nominated and later being selected for the Order of the Marechaussee,” said Ward. “I feel lucky to be part of this unit and the larger organization and to be recognized for the hard work and efforts of all those Soldiers and civilians whom have helped to grow the protective intelligence program.”

Ward became a civilian for the Department of the Army in October 2007 as a Criminal Intelligence Analyst (1801), for PSB. In 2009, she was chosen to take over the Protective Intelligence Branch office and has successfully fostered its growth and fine-tuned its craft in support of the PSB's mission requirements. Since 2009, Ward has been responsible for the PIB and ensured the office provided a multi-layer approach to its intelligence collection that mirrors the Department of State, U.S. Marshals Service and U.S. Secret Service.

“Being awarded the [Order of Marechaussee] means that my efforts and those of my subordinates, peers and leaders is appreciated,” she said. “That we have made an impact on the MP Corps as a whole and are now part of a group of skilled professionals whom made impacts in their own way throughout their careers.”

Over the years, Ward has grown the PIB not just in size but in the capabilities and support to the protective intelligence mission.



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“Her team at the PIB ensures while teams on the ground reactively get the principal off the X, the PIB proactively keeps the X off the principal avoiding an undesirable outcome,” said MAJ Robert Fales, executive officer, Protective Services Battalion (CID). “No protection mission can be done without the protective intelligence and the proactive management of threats provided by the PIB. Our protection teams rely on the PIB 24/7 to support their mission and they always get the information and intelligence they need to be successful.”

According to the Military Police Regimental Association, the Order of the Marechaussee was officially established in 2000 to “recognize exceptional dedication, competence, and contribution to the Military Police Corps Regiment over an extended period of time.” This highly regarded military police award is named after the Marechaussee Corps formed by GEN George Washington at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, in 1778, with a mission to secure fugitives and to police the Army. The first Marechaussee awards were presented on Sept. 29, 2000, at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

GOVERNOR PARSON SPEAKS AT FORT LEONARD WOOD GRADUATION, RECEIVES MP AWARD RECOGNIZING HIS ARMY SERVICE

STORY BY BRIAN HILL, FORT LEONARD WOOD PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Missouri Governor Mike Parson visited Fort Leonard Wood Aug. 26, where he provided remarks at a Military Police One Station Unit Training graduation ceremony and then was honored with the Order of the Marechaussee in steel by Brig. Gen. Niave Knell, U.S. Army MP School commandant, for his service in the Army as an MP.

At the graduation for Company E, 701st Military Police Battalion, Parson spoke about his hometown of Wheatland, Missouri.

"There were two flags that flew in that little town," he said. "One over the post office, one over the school house. I said the Pledge of Allegiance every morning."

Parson said he didn't really understand the importance and the meaning of the flag of the United States of America and the Pledge of Allegiance until he "wore the uniform in the Army."

"At 19 years old, I soon realized it wasn't so much about me," he said. "It was about all the people who served this country before I did. They sacrificed everything for us to be here today. They sacrificed for people they would never know."

After completing Basic Combat Training here in 1975, Parson attended

MP Advanced Individual Training at Fort McClellan, Alabama.

"I stood in that exact spot many years ago taking my basic training right here at Fort Leonard Wood," he said to the graduates and their family and friends at the graduation.

After serving six years as an MP, Parson eventually became the sheriff of Polk County, Missouri, before entering politics, first as a member of the Missouri House of Representatives, later as a Missouri Senator before becoming Governor. He credits his military service as the jumping off point for his career.

"I literally would not be where I am today if I hadn't been in the same shoes as these men and women who are behind me," he said. "That's how much it changed my life."

Parson said his military uniform still hangs in his house "for my grandkids to see, and I fly the flag of the United States of America and the State of Missouri in my yard," he said.

"It means everything in the world to me," he added. "It reminds me every day of who I am and what it is I represent."

Parson received his Order of the Marechaussee award in the MP Foyer at the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence's Thurman Hall.

The award is one of the highest honors bestowed upon a military policeman in the MP Regimental Association. It is named after the Marechaussee Corps, formed in 1778 at Valley Forge by Gen. George Washington to police the Army and secure fugitives.

There are four categories of the Order of the Marechaussee: Gold, Silver, Bronze and Steel — the latter created in 2019 to recognize those who have served in the MP Regiment less than 10 years, but demonstrated "a degree of professionalism, high standards of integrity and morality, and esprit de corps consistent with the long-standing history and traditions of our regiment," the order reads.

Before presenting the award, Knell spoke on the roles service members play during and after their service, noting Parson's service to the country extended beyond his time in the Army.



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"Our impact is not only to the military, but it's to the communities throughout our country. All that you've accomplished since then, we'll take credit for it," she joked.

Parson said he felt "humbled" to receive the award.

"If it hadn't been for my military service, the dedication I learned, the discipline I learned, and what it means to be a real team player — we hear that term, we throw it around a lot, but you know and I know, you guys depend on one another to come together as a military," he said. "I never forgot those core values of what I learned here at Fort Leonard Wood at basic training."

Parson added he would shake his drill sergeant's hand today if he could.

"I'd tell him, 'you made me a better son; you made me a better husband; you made me a better father; and you made me a better grandparent.' If it hadn't been for him, I wouldn't be the Governor of the State of Missouri," he said. "My heart's always with our service men and women, where ever they are. They've always got an ally here in Missouri in the Governor's Office."



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142nd MP BDE Spouse Speaks Out on Receiving the Order of the Vivandieres

The Order of the Vivandieres is an award presented by the Military Police Regimental Association that recognizes spouses who voluntarily make significant contributions to the morale, welfare, and spirit of Soldiers and family members in their units of the Military Police Corps Regiment. The receipt of this award recognizes their tremendous sacrifice and support for Soldiers and Families through volunteerism. This is an awesome award to present and we love seeing Military Police Spouses receive this honor.

Last week, we received a message from MAJ Patrick Martel, Reserve Component Mission Support Office Project Officer- AMC, 142nd MP Brigade, regarding his wife's (Mrs. Jennifer Martel) recent Order of the Vivandieres award presentation. He wanted to share her words from a social media post she made and some pictures she shared.

This past Friday, the 142d Military Police Brigade had their first dining out! We have not been to one of these in YEARS! Patrick was the primary organizer of this spectacular event of 200ish soldiers, spouses, family, and friends. He has put in many months, late nights, trips to the venue, orders, emails, phone calls, and on and on. These events

are very structured and include traditions including toast for the President all the way down to the ladies and the fallen comrades. A table is set in remembrance of the fallen soldier. The cake is cut using a saber jointly by the soldiers with the most and least military experience. A regimental punch is concocted using an interesting array of symbolic ingredients. Awards are also presented. I humbly must declare that I received the Order of the Vivandieres medal. This is an award for spouses of Military Police. Currently there are less than 500 men and women who have received this honor and there were only two others in attendance. It was very overwhelming to stand in front of this many highly dedicated soldiers and receive a standing ovation. Thank you for this great honor! The "ball" ended with everyone standing while everyone sang along to the Anthem of the United States Army. To be in a room primarily filled with men in their most formal dress blues SINGING was a surreal chill bumps moment. I will remember this night forever!

We are thankful for the Martels for sharing this with us and allowing us to share this with our members and supporters. Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Jennifer Martel on receiving this award!





SETAF CARABINIERI OFFICERS RECEIVE THE MILITARY POLICE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION'S FRIEND OF THE REGIMENT AWARD

On Aug. 12, two SETAF Carabinieri officers received the Military Police Regimental Association's Friend of the Regiment Award in recognition of their dedication and support to the Military Police Corps Mission in support of the garrison. Lt. Col. Vaughan Byrum, commander, Directorate of Emergency Services, presented the awards to Lt. Col. Francesco Provvidenza, commander, and CW5 Federico Brigo, Criminal Investigations commander, during a ceremony held on Caserma Ederle at the presence of U.S. Army Garrison Italy Commander Col. Matthew Gohlak.

The Military Police Regimental Association's Friend of the Regiment Award was officially established in 2018 to recognize individuals who voluntarily make significant contributions to the morale, welfare, and spirit of Soldiers and Family members in various facets of the Military Police Corps Regiment.



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MPS CELEBRATE 80TH ANNIVERSARY DURING REGIMENTAL WEEK

STORY BY BRIAN HILL, FORT LEONARD WOOD PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

The U.S. Army Military Police Corps celebrated its 80th anniversary as the U.S. Army Military Police School here hosted Regimental Week events.

The theme this year, “Military Police winning in competition, crisis and conflict,” was echoed by Brig. Gen. Niave Knell, USAMPS commandant, as she thanked the MP Soldiers and civilians across the Army, who “take care of the mission and our people.”

“As we tackle the challenges ahead, never forget that we are the Army’s premier dual-purpose force,” she said. “In competition, we preserve readiness; in crisis, we secure critical capabilities, assets and activities; in conflict, we support maneuver with security and mobility support, police and detention operations. Our actions mitigate strategic risk, all day, every day, because of our MP Soldiers, civilians and families, who stand ready to do our nation’s bidding.”

“The challenges allowed us to highlight the efforts of our troops and light the fire for some friendly competition within the regiment,” Brown said. “Despite the constraints, participation was at an all-time high. We are a multi-purpose force, able to adapt and overcome new challenges while still preserving readiness.”

Also on Sept. 20, senior Fort Leonard Wood MP leaders gathered at the MP Memorial Grove to pay tribute to fallen MP brothers and sisters.

Invited guests of honor at the ceremony included local Gold Star families of fallen MPs, and music was performed by former MP Christiana Ball. At the event, MP Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Bennett spoke on the importance to the MP Corps of the memorial grounds.

“For all of us in this regiment, this is where it all starts, and this is where, ultimately, it ends,” he said. “It serves as a rally point for those who have served, but more importantly, it serves as a waypoint for the regiment to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.”

Following remarks, Col. Steven Yamashita, USAMPS assistant commandant, Regimental Chief Warrant Officer 5 Mark Arnold, and Bennett laid a wreath in honor of fallen MPs before a 21-gun salute and a rider-less horse passed the grove while bagpipes were played.

Events on Sept. 21 included a bass fishing tournament at the Lake of the Ozarks Recreation Area and an 80-mile regimental motorcycle ride.

A total of 23 motorcyclists participated in this year’s regimental ride, which, along with promoting esprit-de-corps and pride in the MP Corps, also provided another opportunity to ensure compliance with all motorcycle safety policies here. The ride included stops in Osage, Missouri, and a visit to the bass tournament.

On Sept. 23, USAMPS held a change-of-responsibility ceremony on Gammon Field, where Bennett relinquished responsibilities to Command Sgt. Maj. Shawn Klosterman. The event also included a retirement ceremony for Bennett, who served 27 years in the Army.

Yamashita presided over the ceremony in place of Knell – who was on a temporary duty assignment. He called the change of responsibility a “public demonstration of the continuity of leadership for the unit’s Soldiers.”

“The reason we are successful is not any more complex than it was in the days when our nation was first born,” he said. “It’s because of the men and women in uniform, those who go out every day and become involved — not for power, not for glory, not for money, but because they love our country, believe in freedom, and they are willing to give whatever it takes to help us succeed.”

To Bennett, Yamashita offered his thanks for 27 years of hard work and dedication.



Incoming Military Police Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Shawn Klosterman (left) takes the colors from Col. Steven Yamashita, U.S. Army Military Police School assistant commandant, during a change-of-responsibility ceremony Sept. 23 on Gammon Field, as outgoing MP Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Bennett looks on. The ceremony took place during MP Regimental Week – the MP Corps celebrated its 80th anniversary on Sept. 26. (Photo by Ryan Thompson, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office)

“The hard work and untiring efforts of you and your teams have made a significant and measurable contribution to our nation,” he said. “Without a doubt, you made every formation you stood in or in front of better.”

Yamashita also offered a congratulations to Klosterman and welcomed him to USAMPS.

“You were chosen to lead our school and shape our regiment, and we have the utmost confidence in your abilities, leadership and simple know-how to get the hard jobs done,” Yamashita said.

After thanking family, friends and colleagues, Bennett said the MP Corps sets itself apart from the rest of the Army.

“When we are not directly supporting combat operations, we stand a watch over our communities, day and night,” he said. “We guard the most dangerous criminal offenders and conduct felony-level investigations around the world, just to make our Army safer.”

Bennett spoke on the full confidence he has in Klosterman’s ability to thrive in his new role.

“If my son was to join today, I’d want him in (Klosterman’s) formation,” Bennett said.

Klosterman, who comes to Fort Leonard Wood from the 18th Military Police Brigade, at Grafenwoehr, Germany, said he is “excited for the voyage ahead.”

“I will lead with energy and optimism, striving to do the common things uncommonly well,” he said. “I’ll be the best servant leader I can, and never lead based off the piece of cloth I wear on my chest, but the heart underneath it.”

The week’s events concluded with a golf tournament Sept. 24 at Piney Valley Golf Course. Out of more than 100 participants, the team of Mike Abram, Jeff Caquelin, Tim Thorne and John Wales finished in the top spot.

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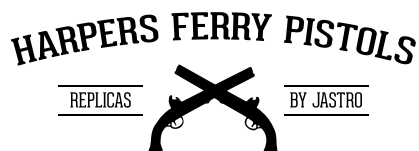
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