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A NOTE FROM THE

BUSINESS MANAGER

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



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From the Executive Director

On behalf of our members, families, and friends, I would like to welcome you to this edition of the Dragoon. We have many upcoming events to include the 83rd Military Police Anniversary in September with many exciting things planned. Stay tuned for the calendar of events.

I wanted to say a personal thanks to a soon to be retired Ron Miller, USAMPS and Military Police Corps Historian. If the Army and Corps ever got a hiring action correct it was this man. He has spent a lifetime studying, serving, and sacrificing his time to make us all better and much smarter regarding our history. The passion with which he does his job should be emulated by all. I have seen him come in on days off to teach, take his personal time to speak with the many reunion groups we host each year, and engage with the newest Soldier to the most senior leaders we have. The MPRA thanks Ron for this tremendous service. We thought it only fitting to feature his story in this edition including the cover.

This year the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood will host a Protection and Maneuver Support Senior Leader Forum and Industry Exhibition July 22-26. For our MPRA team this means there will be only one industry exhibition on Fort Leonard Wood in 2024! This has allowed the associations (Army Engineer Association and Chemical Corps Regimental Association along with the MPRA) to put their experiences together to plan and produce a great exhibition in support of this inaugural event. Regimental activities such as the Memorial Tribute, Golf Tournament, Hall of Fame, and Military Police Ball will still take place in September as stated earlier.

We would like to welcome our 2 newest board members. COL(R) Oliver Saunders and CSM(R) Mike Weatherholt. These leaders bring a few decades of leadership at the highest level and today are still serving in different aspects in the civilian world. We look forward to seeing what new and fresh ideas they bring to the board and our members. We also wish 1SG(R) Dave Ross, who has served as a board member and senior advisor to the MPRA, a happy retirement. His many years of insight and ideas have made us a better organization. We wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

We recently conducted our first Professional Development Session, MP Corps Force Structure Modernization, with BG Sarah Albrycht. COL(R) Gerald Mapp and Erin Younkin, the MPRA Marketing Representative, coordinated this online session with many from around the world joining in. You can see the entire webinar at many of the MPRA's social media outlets. We thank BG Albrycht for the insight on the future of the MP Corps!

In closing, I want to thank the Board of Directors, Senior Advisory Council, and our great staff. We are always welcoming your questions, comments, and even complaints! Visit our website and social media platforms often to see some of the latest happenings from around the world and the great work our regiment is doing.



➔ Rick Harne

First Sergeant (Retired)
MPRA Executive Director

From the Commandant

The Future of the Military Police Corps Regiment

Over the past 2 years, I have spent most of my time focused on the future of the U.S. Army Military Police Corps Regiment. As the Army made cross-cutting decisions about structure and propensity that will have deep impacts on our Military Police Corps Regiment, it was time to reset our foundations.

The tremendous professionals at the U.S. Army Military Police School (USAMPS), Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, enabled by broad engagement from leaders throughout every corner of the Regiment, dug deep into the pillars of our history and worked on constructing the blueprints of our future. If you have been relegated to longingly peering in the rear-view mirror, you are missing the progress the Regiment is making and the chance to help build our future. The transition will not be easy; nothing worth doing ever is. We will lose storied units; premier capabilities; and experienced, combat-hardened leaders in the process.

The question is: Will we build a Military Police Corps Regiment that is prepared to assist, protect, and defend the Army of 2040 while simultaneously safeguarding the people, places, and assets that we need today—and every day—between now and then?

To borrow the U.S. Army Engineer Regiment motto, Essayons!—Let us try (with the emphasis on us)! Let US try. There is no one else to do the work—or anyone else as vested in the process as we are. The success of the Military

Police Corps Regiment is not on the work of the Commandant, Regimental Command Sergeant Major or Regimental Chief Warrant Officer, nor the work of USAMPS; the Regiment rises and falls on the efforts and reputation of its people. Never before has there been a greater need for us to be on message as a Regiment. All components, all levels of command, and all ranks must understand where we are going and must work together to move the Regiment forward. We will not all agree—nor will we get it perfect. But we cannot let our pursuit of perfection become the enemy of our progress. It is with that spirit that USAMPS has been making necessary changes.

As I reflect on the hard work and accomplishments of our team over these past 2 years, three key themes stand out—protected logistics, new military police company design, and policing professionalism.

PROTECTED LOGISTICS

The Army is undergoing transformational change in preparation to win the next fight, forcing us as a Regiment to holistically contemplate how we will support the Army of 2030 and 2040 by enabling sustained operations in large-scale combat operations. When logistics are contested, the logic of efficiency through predictive and precise logistics rules until we get to the brigade support area; then, the focus must be on effectiveness of the close combat force to prevent early culmination. Military police extend the commander's operational reach through protected



➔ BG Sarah Albrycht
52nd Commandant
and Chief of the Military Police
Corps Regiment

logistics of key sustainment nodes and priority resupplies. As the force structure of Component 1 becomes smaller, we can no longer provide the same level of service to support every brigade combat team; however, we can enable sustainment through protected logistics to extend the commander's operational reach.

Protected logistics ensures the prompt arrival of priority supplies to frontlines, which increases endurance and prevents culmination. Small, dispersed units on a future battlefield will have no emergency supply reserves with which to continue operations in case of a missed resupply window. For sustainment to provide predictive and precise logistics, protected logistics must ensure that priority supplies reach the frontlines.

In World War II, military police extended the operational reach of the division and assisted the commander in increasing the tether between the forward line of troops and the base of operations. In 2030 and beyond, military police will prioritize supporting sustainment by enabling the corps commander to balance the tension among endurance, momentum, and protection.

NEW MILITARY POLICE COMPANY DESIGN

Based on discussions at a recent strategic conference and recommendations from the operational force, I approved a four-platoon military police company design to enable mission command with small-unit leadership on the expanded and dispersed battlefield. The new design increases the number of platoons in a company (from three to four) while right-sizing squad size (from four to three teams per squad) and potentially decreasing the size of company headquarters (which must still go through further analysis). The additional platoon retains unit cohesion and provides mission command when dispersed in a potentially degraded, denied, intermittent, and limited-communications environment requiring small-unit initiatives.

The four-platoon company design directly supports the proposed Army Warfighting Concepts and Framework for 2040, which optimizes military police for a distributed and less predictable battlefield. This design contributes to the Secretary of the Army design principles and will enable the Army of 2040, as a member of the joint force, to defeat military peers on a transparent battlefield. The efficiencies gained with the new design will generate more capacity for large-scale combat operations through platoon task organization for different missions sets in a dispersed environment across the expanded battlespace, as the close area could potentially extend up to 300 kilometers in depth.

POLICING PROFESSIONALISM

As our Regiment becomes smaller as a result of the directed divestments from the optimization of people, we must increase our investment in training and programs to refine our policing enterprise and to ensure that military police Soldiers are ready to police in an innovative and standards-based manner.

During March 2022 meetings about future force structure, USAMPS recommended a low-risk divestment. We received a directed course of action

to divest 3,000 spaces. To maximize capability and mitigate the loss of capacity, we prioritized no risk to law enforcement by making the following recommendations:

Standard divisions will include one military police company and one law enforcement company organized as a table of distribution and allowances unit to perform specialized garrison missions. Priority divisions will have a military police battalion headquarters, two military police companies, and a law enforcement company organized as a table of distribution and allowances unit.

Each law enforcement company table of distribution and allowances will be tailored to each installation to meet baseline requirements. Any additional requests to task a military police company above baseline support will degrade readiness.

CONCLUSION

Over the past 2 years, we, as a Regiment, have accomplished amazing feats that are critical to remaining relevant and ready in support of future large-scale combat operations. Through a blend of historic research and experimentation for the future, our concept of protected logistics is resonating with senior leaders. Our new four-platoon military police company design, which provides an additional command and control node on the expanded battlefield, is the first step in modernizing our force. As technology matures, the capacity of future military police formations will increase due to autonomous-capable systems that will remove military police from hazards and reduce Soldier labor. We are enhancing our policing professionalism with a stalwart focus on improving the quality of our military police as (standards-based) problem solvers.

War is a uniquely human endeavor that demands a resilient force that can as easily fight off a determined enemy as it can reroute displaced civilians—a force that can as deftly protect logistics as it can protect people struggling to flee

from the effects of war. Remember—military police have always served as the humans in the loop at the greatest points of human interaction and operational friction. No matter when or where, as we solve people problems for the Army, we must always be professional, do what is right, and give a damn.

We are excited to welcome Colonel Charlie Green, the 53d Commandant of USAMPS and the Chief of the Military Police Corps Regiment, and his Family to Fort Leonard Wood. The depth and breadth of Colonel Green's experience are perfectly suited to build on the foundation that the last few commandants have faithfully laid. The Regiment is ready to move into the future, and I am confident that Colonel Green and his team will move rapidly and inculcate positive change as we build the Military Police Corps Regiment of 2040.

Thank you for allowing me to be your commandant. It has been a tremendous honor for Rob, Catherine, and I to represent our Regiment. I extend my deepest appreciation to the home team here at USAMPS. You are the true face of the Military Police Corps Regiment as you instruct, lead, and build our people, our structure, and our future. Our Soldiers, Civilians, and Families deserve our care, our efforts, and our professionalism—and any faults in delivering those things to the best of our ability lie solely with me.

**ASSIST, PROTECT, DEFEND!
NO MATTER WHEN
OR WHERE . . .**



From the Regimental Command Sergeant Major

Greetings from the Home of your Regiment. Summer transition is in full swing here at Fort Leonard Wood, and we have said farewell to a few of our teammates over the last few months. BG Albrycht and family began their transition to the national capital region where she will assume duties as the next Provost Marshal General and Commander of the Army Correction Command. BG Albrycht has led the regiment with distinction and grit over the last two years, she has guided us through a complex transition and modernization period and positioned the regiment to meet the needs of Army 2040 and beyond. Without a doubt BG Albrycht was the right leader during this pivotal time in our history. I want to extend my sincerest thank you to our outgoing Assistant Commandant COL Kirt Boston and family for nearly three decades of service to the Army and the Military Police Corps Regiment. Team Boston you will be missed, and we are all excited for you as you begin your next chapter. In July the regiment will welcome COL Charlie Green and family to Fort Leonard Wood, as he becomes the 53rd Chief, Military Police Corps Regiment and Commandant, U.S. Army Military Police School. COL Green is a proven leader, warfighter and police professional; he is the right leader at the right time to lead our regiment. In July we will also welcome COL Phill Warren and family as he assumes duties as the 46th Assistant Commandant.

A common phrase heard throughout the halls of the USAMPS is "Transformation in Contact", after 20 plus years of GWOT the Army refocused efforts to win in large scale combat and multidomain operations. This pivot required the Army to make tough decision on force structure to ensure competitive dominance over

our near peer adversaries. Over the next few years, the regiment will restructure and realign to best support Army requirements. Although smaller, the regiment will remain the Army's premier dual-purpose force. Lethal and agile from the strategic support area to the forward edge of the battlefield our formations will provide maneuver commanders a decisive advantage on the modern battlefield simultaneously protecting our families and installations across the world with expert police professionals.

The USAMPS team has placed a premium on modernization, doctrinal and leader development updates to best posture the regiment for the Army of 2040. In the past year multiple modernization efforts have gain momentum from the fielding of new combat platforms to the integration of artificial intelligence and machine learning to enhance military police capability across all domains and operational environments. FM 3-39 and DA PAM 600-25 are under revision to capture immerging capabilities and requirements. DA PAM 600-25 updates will address key leader and developmental positions across our combat support and law enforcement formations

Although modernization is key, our talented men and women that serve in our regiment remain the competitive advantage. The regiment remains globally active with Active, Reserve and National Guard military police formations deployed across the world in support of national and Army interest. From the island chains of the Pacific, the southwest border, to Eastern Europe MP Soldiers and leaders prove daily through competence and professionalism why we are and will remain the force of choice. I want to thank you and your families for your service and sacrifice... you make a difference all day, every day.



➔ **CSM William M. Shoaf**
Military Police School Command
Sergeant Major

This September, the regiment will celebrate 83 years of honorable and dedicated service to our Army. USAMPS will again host the regiment for our anniversary week. This year we will reenergize our competitive challenge, it's back to the future teammates, we are bringing back our team competition. Our teammates at the 14th MP BDE have planned a tough and realistic challenge for all competitors. The week will consist of our traditional events with a few minor changes. A very special thank you to our MPRA team. Their dedication ensures every Regimental Week is a huge success. As always it will be a great week to honor our regiment past, present and future. Looking forward to seeing all of you here at Fort Leonard Wood, MO this September. Until then, Assist Protect, Defend!



From the Regimental Chief Warrant Officer

Seems like yesterday I was coming into the new role, and now I am preparing a farewell message. I will say my time as the Regimental Chief Warrant Officer, the team here at USAMPS and in the field have been one of the best teams to work with and for. The amount of dedication and passion the Soldiers and civilians, have for the MP Corps never cease to amaze me. The teamwork from all echelons come together to assist policy and training to make day to day MP/Law Enforcement operations succeed in their mission.

As DACID transforms, the role of the RCWO will also transform to the Senior Military Advisor to the DACID Fort Leonard Wood training facility. The RCWO was historically the senior CID advisor to the Military Police Commandant and recognized across the Army as the RCWO due to the commandant's dual status as the Chief of the Military Police Corps Regiment. The role of the RCWO existing long before the title was ever conveyed and recognized some of the very best special agents with whom I have had the pleasure of serving.

Brigadier General Stephen Curry established the position of Chief Warrant Officer of the Military Police Branch on 18 March 2004. The chief warrant officer is the principal advisor to the U.S. Army Military Police Commandant on all warrant officer issues with the Department of the Army, serves as a member of the Army Senior Warrant Officer Advisory Council, provides mentorship to all branch warrant officers, and assists on the developing issues for the Leader Development Decision Network.

Brigadier General Donald Ryder, USAMPS Commandant, Fort McClellan, Alabama, established the chief warrant officer of the regiment position on 10 March 1999. Assigned to the Directorate of Training as the senior manager for investigative

courses and investigative programs of instruction. The chief warrant officer of the regiment supervised all investigative instruction, development of investigative training, and approved all changes to the investigative courses and programs of instruction prior to final approval by the assistant commandant. The senior military advisor to the Director of Training of the Department of the Army CID will serve in a similar capacity.

Throughout its history, CID has undergone considerable change in organization and investigation and crime prevention techniques. Throughout the changes, common principles remain the same—CID agents and the Military Police Corps continuously sacrifice and strive to keep our Soldiers and Army communities safe from crime. Historically, CID has been on the forefront of innovation with tremendous contributions to forensics, polygraphy and investigative techniques. DACID is again leading the way in innovation partnering with law enforcement agencies across the spectrum of jurisdictions to train and equip special agents for its vital mission. We should never forget our history and how far we have come.

The following special agents have performed the roles as the RCWO and left a legacy of their own, while serving under many Military Police Commandants over 20 years, as the Regimental Chief Warrant Officer:

1st RCWO – Chief Warrant Officer Five Philip Tackett (Retired), March 2004 - October 2008

2d RCWO – Chief Warrant Officer Five T. L. Williams (Retired), November 2008 - June 2010

3d RCWO – Chief Warrant Officer Five David Albaugh (Retired), July 2010 - June 2012



CW4 Angela J. Rulewich
Regimental Chief Warrant Officer

4th RCWO – Chief Warrant Officer Five Leroy Shamburger (Retired), July 2012 - October 2016

5th RCWO - Chief Warrant Officer Five Joel Fitz (Retired), October 2016 - August 2019

6th RCWO - Chief Warrant Officer Five Mark Arnold (Retired), August 2019 - May 2023

7th RCWO - Chief Warrant Officer Four Angela J. Rulewich, May 2023 - present

Thank you to all Military Police Corps leaders from the past and present, for your support and leadership and thank you all for your support as I transition into a new role to support the future of the Department of the Army Criminal Investigation Division and the Army.

***Do What Has to Be Done!
Of The Troops and For the Troops!***



CSM Astorga presents SSG Ansley a 385th MP BN print to thank him for his Military Police legacy of decades of service to fellow veterans and the community.

VETERAN OF THE YEAR RECEIVES TOUR OF MILITARY POLICE CAPABILITIES

STORY BY CPT NICHOLAS MERVA | US ARMY PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER RICH FORT STEWART PAO

The 385th MP Battalion recently took an opportunity to give Chatham County's veteran of the year a tour of current Military Police Capabilities. Mr. Tim Ansley welcomed the invitation, resulting in a thorough update and walk through of the Fort Stewart Directorate of Emergency Services and the 385th MP Battalion footprint. Tim Ansley's unique perspective and background provided current Soldiers with perspective from their predecessors in the Military Police Corps.

Tim Ansley was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but his family moved to Savannah, Georgia and it became his home very early in his life. Tim attended Benedictine Military School which is an all-male Catholic predatory school in Savannah, Georgia which would set him on a course for a lifetime of service. Tim graduated from Benedictine in 1964 and just two years later entered the Army to be a Military Policeman.

Tim started his military career at Fort Jackson, South Carolina in 1966 with Basic Training. He then returned to Georgia for Advanced Individual Training at Fort Eisenhower. Fort Eisenhower was home to the Military Police School until 1974 when it was relocated to Fort McClellan, Alabama. After completing his Military Police training Tim was sent to South Vietnam. Tim would then patrol Vietnam with his .45 caliber M1911A1 pistol at his side and 7.62MM M60 machine gun mounted on a ¼ ton "Willys" jeep. During his time in Vietnam Tim would be promoted to Sergeant.

SGT Ansley completed his tour in Vietnam in 1967 and after redeployment returned to the continental United

States to complete his term of service. Tim Ansley would then make Staff Sergeant in just three years while assigned in the Military District of Washington area. Tim's time as a military police patrolman and later as a desk sergeant would come to an end in 1968. SSG Ansley completed his four years of service and returned home to Savannah, Georgia.

Tim Ansley's transition to civilian life saw him doing work in the construction field and continuing his service to others in his community. He became a member of the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee and would continue for the next 55 years to today. Tim continued to seek out ways to serve his community and especially his fellow veterans. This included small things like assisting others by volunteering his time to drive them to medical appointments. Tim is also active in the annual sale of the VFW "Buddy Poppy" around Memorial Day.

Tim later organized a Veteran's Mass and breakfast at his church the Sunday prior to Veteran's Day. He continues to serve others through the church and would



SSG Ansley receives a brief about current investigative equipment used by military police investigators from SSG Figueroa and SPC Elliott.

eventually be recognized by the Savannah Diocese for his service within the church to others by receiving the Bishop Gartland Service Award. Tim's work with the St. Patrick's Day Parade would transition to also assisting in the planning, organizing and running the Veterans Day Parade in 1986. In 1988 he would begin serving as adjutant to the Parade for the next several years. Finally in 2012 he was recognized for his contributions and was selected as the 2012 Grand Marshal of the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Having served in numerous elected positions in various veterans organizations such as post commander and treasurer over the years, Tim was recognized by the Veteran's Council of Chatham County as their 2023-2024 Veteran Of the Year. After Tim was recognized publicly for his contributions to the community his long story of service came to awareness of the leadership at the 385th Military Police Battalion of Fort Stewart Georgia.

LTC Kristopher Gardner and CSM David Astorga III sent a letter inviting SSG Ansley to see how the Military Police Corps has advanced in the 56 years since he left the service. On 25 March 2024 aligned with National Vietnam War Veterans Day, observed on 29 March, Military Police leaders gathered to recognize the legacy of service of SSG Tim Ansley.



SSG Ansley eats at a 3rd Infantry Division Dining Facility with the Commanders and First Sergeants of 385th MP BN.

SSG Ansley started by eating at one of the dining facilities on base with the commanders and first sergeants of the 385th Military Police Battalion. SSG Ansley then went to the 93rd Military Working Dog Kennels and conducted a tour of their facility and saw a demonstration of how Military Police dog handlers employ their dog for patrol, explosive detection and narcotic detection. After the demonstration SSG Ansley went to the Fort Stewart PMO for a tour of their facilities. While at the PMO SSG Ansley recounted his time as a desk sergeant and doing guard mount inspecting uniforms and the serviceability of patrols .45s and



SGT Ell of the 93rd Military Working Dog Detachment conducts a demonstration of MWD Riki's detection ability.

wooden batons with SSG Gordon who was on shift at the time.

SSG Ansley was then briefed by Military Police investigators on the scope of their capabilities and how they use

a combination of modern technology and investigative techniques for their work. Conservation Law Enforcement then briefed how they patrol the 275,000 some acres of Fort Stewart most of which is available for to the non-military community members to respectfully enjoy. This includes education programs on wildlife safety, conservation management, and how to report unexploded ordnance while using an available training area for recreation purposes. The Traffic Accident Investigators of the traffic section then briefed how they patrol much of the 400 miles of roads to ensure the safety of the motor-ing public which includes two major Georgia highways outside of the main cantonment area.

SSG Ansley then stopped by the 385th MP Battalion Headquarters which has a M706 Armored Car on static display. The M706 was the predecessor to the M1117 Armored Security Vehicle (ASV). The M706 had been fielded by the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) forces while SSG Ansley was in Vietnam but they were not largely in circulation with United States Army fielding until after he redeployed. SSG Ansley briefly provided a solemn statement on how he wished he had both protection and the firepower of the M706 while recalling situation where he and one of his team took fire in an unprotected Jeep.

SSG Ansley completed his visit by going to the motorpool and seeing modern armored vehicles like the M1165 HMMWV (High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle) and the M1240 M-ATV (MRAP All-Terrain Vehicle) and Soldiers in their standard gear. Both vehicles were equipped with a piece of equipment that SSG Ansley was familiar with from his time in the service, an updated variant of the prolific M2 .50 caliber machine gun. CSM Astorga then recognized SSG Ansley by presenting him a special numbered print for the 385th MP BN. The print shows the duality of the MP Corps showing the difference in uniform and vehicles from garrison police operations to the tactical security and mobility support mission. The print in a way represents SSG Ansley's life of service in and out of uniform, starting at Benedictine Military School, to Vietnam, and finally back to Savannah continuing to serve veterans and the community for the last several decades.



SSG Ansley shares the MP Desk with SSG Gordon nearly 56 years after he last worked that assignment.

FORT LEONARD WOOD MP COMPANY RECEIVES PRESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

STORY BY BRIAN HILL, FORT LEONARD WOOD PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

The President's Volunteer Service Award is presented to the command team of Company B, 787th Military Police Battalion – Capt. Thomas Robbins (center, left) and 1st Sgt. Clinton Morrison (center, right) – on behalf of the President by Col. John Copeland, 14th MP Brigade commander (left), and 14th MP Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Neikirk (right) May 15 in the MP Regimental Room at the John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex. The Soldiers of Bravo Company volunteered more than 1,000 hours at Fort Leonard Wood community events over the past 12 months. (Photo by Brian Hill, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office)



The President's Volunteer Service Award. The award comes with a thank you letter from President Joe Biden. (Photo by Brian Hill, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office)

Waynesville High School Junior ROTC Drill and Raider competitions, Wreaths Across America, Armed Services Blood Program drives and Night at the Museum — what is something all these events have in common?

Volunteers from Company B, 787th Military Police Battalion, helped make them all possible.

For their efforts over the past year, the Soldiers of Bravo Company were awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award, which was presented to the company command team — Capt. Thomas Robbins and 1st Sgt. Clinton Morrison — on behalf of the President by Col. John Copeland, 14th MP Brigade commander, and 14th MP Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Neikirk May 15 in the MP Regimental Room at the John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex.

Speaking at the presentation, Copeland called the Soldiers' volunteerism "phenomenal."

"You came together as a team, and you gave back to the community," he said. "Thank you so very much."

After the award was presented, Maj. Gen. Christopher Beck, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood

commanding general, and MSCoE and Fort Leonard Wood Command Sgt. Maj. Jorge Arzabala presented a coin to Robbins as well, in recognition of the company's efforts.

The President's Volunteer Service Award was established in 2003, and honors individuals and groups who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to volunteer service over the course of 12 months. The award comes with a thank you letter from President Joe Biden, which noted the company's Soldiers volunteered more than 1,000 hours in that 12-month period.

Robbins, who has commanded Bravo Company since July 2023, said it's an honor to receive the award, "as it highlights the dedication that the company has toward the Fort Leonard Wood community."

"We have truly bought into the belief that each of us can make a difference in the community that we belong to," he said. "It is an honor as a commander to receive a leave request from an NCO, so they can take children battling cancer fishing. I am humbled daily that I get the privilege to lead such an outstanding group of Soldiers."



Maj. Gen. Christopher Beck, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, presents a MSCoE coin to Capt. Thomas Robbins, commander of Company B, 787th Military Police Battalion. (Photo by Brian Hill, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office)

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Retired 1st Sgt. Michael Jones leads a tour group through the grounds of the Old U.S. Disciplinary Barracks May 21, starting outside 12th Brick Grille.

On May 21, the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks, the oldest Federal correctional facility, celebrated the 150th anniversary of the United States Congress approving the establishment of a military prison located on the military reservation at Fort Leavenworth.

The anniversary was commemorated with a three-day reunion full of events May 19-21, with more than 200 current and former staff participating.

More than 190 alumni attended a welcome reception May 19 at the VFW Post 56 in Leavenworth.

Peter Grande, USDB historian and former USDB chief of staff, kicked off the program with a presentation, “The History of the USDB: Changes Over Time,” May 20 at the Lewis and Clark Center. Grande cited the USDB’s worldwide reputation of being the “Military Center of Corrections Excellence” and traced the military prison’s 150-year history, highlighting significant events by decades. The USDB was temporarily transferred to the Federal Prison System twice in its history to relieve crowding. Between 1895-1906, prisoners from Fort Leavenworth built the U.S. Penitentiary – Leavenworth, the first federal prison. The presentation also covered the expansion of the inmate population during wartime, the execution of soldiers and prisoners of war, infamous inmates, and the decision to build the new U.S. Disciplinary Barracks because the “Castle” was no longer structurally sound.

The 56th and current USDB Commandant Col. Kevin M. Payne thanked former USDB commandants, command sergeants major, and staff who returned for the celebration and told them they were the reason why the institution has such a reputation. Eighty-one-year-old retired Col. Forrest Chilton IV, former USDB Battalion commander, was recognized as the oldest USDB staff member attending. Don Jauquet, who also attended, served as a first lieutenant, military personnel officer from 1967-1969.



U.S. Disciplinary Barracks Historian Peter Grande welcomes guests to the sesquicentennial anniversary plaque ceremony May 21 at the Lewis and Clark Center.

A windshield tour of Fort Leavenworth was provided by George Marcec, Garrison Public Affairs Office. A tour of the recently renovated USDB Sales Store was a treat for those who remembered the small sales store where the current ITR office is located. The new products produced by the inmates in the vocational training shops are per the guidelines of the Bureau of Apprenticeship, Department of Labor. Products from welding, embroidery, textiles, wood and graphic arts have been made to include the USDB 150th theme design.

Facility tours of both the Old U.S. Disciplinary Barracks and the new facility, which opened in 2002 on

A WALKING TOUR OF THE OLD USDB WAS CONDUCTED BY FORMER SENIOR NCOS WHO WORKED BEHIND THE WALLS.

land that was once the USDB Farm, were sentimental for those returning to where they worked and being able to share the experience with friends and family members.

It was particularly special for 12 former commandants to tour and see the programs and projects they initiated and to see the vast improvements over the years. Retired Brig. Gen. Colleen McGuire, the first female commandant of the USDB, transitioned the staff, equipment and inmates to the new USDB in 2002.

A walking tour of the Old USDB was conducted by former senior NCOs who worked behind the walls. The tour was a highlight for many USDB alumni, who reminisced about working in the building known as the “Castle”.

The day ended with a dinner at the 35th Infantry Division Headquarters, featuring the famous barbecue of the Kansas City area.



Commanding General Maj. Gen. Duane R. Miller and ACC Command Sgt. Maj. Shawn Klosterman unveil the USDB sesquicentennial anniversary plaque during a ceremony May 21 at the Lewis and Clark Center. The plaque will hang in the main entrance hall of the Old USDB.

On May 21, a plaque dedication ceremony was conducted in the Lewis and Clark Center. The ceremony was hosted by Maj. Gen. Duane R. Miller, commanding general of Army Corrections Command and provost marshal general. The USDB sesquicentennial anniversary plaque will hang in the main entrance hallway of the Old USDB.

USDB retirees, staff and their families, Kansas legislators, and representatives from the Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth Garrison, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Navy Corrections and Army Corrections were among those who attended the unveiling.

Ceremony narrator Charles Davis —himself a former military occupational specialty “95 Charlie” — read a recognition letter from Kansas Governor Laura Kelly and a proclamation from City of Leavenworth Mayor Griff Martin, as well as letters of congratulations from CAC Commanding General Lt. Gen. Milford H. Beagle Jr., and CAC Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Helton, and Miller and ACC Command Sgt. Maj. Shawn Klosterman.

“We restructured an old system that hindered our core mission — corrections. This is a task uniquely suited for our MP professionals, and now they can perform it more efficiently, upholding the high standards of professionalism the Army, DoD, and our country expects,” Miller said, referencing the redesignation from the 40th Military Police Battalion (Detention) to the USDB Battalion (Corrections) in March 2023.

A tour of the Lewis and Clark Center was eye-opening for those who attended the Command and General Staff Officer Course in Bell Hall. The state-of-art classrooms and historical displays were reminders of the important of military education.

The final event was a reception hosted at the USDB commandant’s quarters, which has been the quarters for all 56 former commandants.

FORT DRUM MILITARY POLICE UNVEIL A LASTING TRIBUTE TO MILITARY WORKING DOGS

STORY & PHOTOS BY MICHAEL STRASSER, FORT DRUM GARRISON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers from the 91st Military Police Battalion, Directorate of Emergency Services civilians, and community members gathered May 8 outside the 8th Military Police Detachment kennel for the William F. Eddy Military Working Dogs Memorial dedication ceremony.

Dedicated to the memory of the 8th MP Detachment military working dogs, the memorial includes a paved walkway with wreaths placed on top of stone tablets bearing the names of the fallen. The entrance stone leading to the memorial reads: "I Will Always Be By Your Side."

Lt. Col. Richard T. Sposito, 91st MP Battalion commander, spoke about the history of military working dogs and their unique service to the nation.

"As a military police officer, I have spent almost 17 years working with these incredible dogs and their handlers, both in combat and in garrison," he said. "We often talk about



Soldier living the Army values, and you will find no Soldier more selfless, more dedicated to duty, or loyal, than these MWDs."

Sposito said MWDs serve nobly, without need for recognition or reward – other than the occasional pat on the head or ear scratch.

"In moments of peril or chaos or need, they don't falter," he said. "They are just selfless servants dedicated to the mission and their handler."

The memorial is named after a Camp Drum Soldier and animal lover, who had a passion for dog training and handling.

"William Eddy, better known as Bill, was a devoted North Country

family man who served proudly during the Korean War years at Camp Drum," said retired Col. Christine Stark, guest speaker. "Never faltering in his patriotism or devotion to this nation, he spent his life giving back in so many ways."

Stark thanked everyone who contributed to the project, which she said was years in the making.

"Your unwavering commitment and generosity have made it possible for us to honor the remarkable service and sacrifice of our beloved companions in such a fitting manner," she said.

Members of the Eddy family, some of whom attended the groundbreaking ceremony almost a year ago, attended the dedication.

"It feels like Christmas morning, just seeing this finally come to fruition," said Patricia Bach. "My dad would be very proud and humbled by this, and it is exciting to see everyone here celebrating these beautiful canines."



Retired Col. Christine Stark, Patricia Bach, Joyce Eddy, and Lt. Col. Richard T. Sposito, 91st MP Battalion commander, participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony May 8 during the William F. Eddy Military Working Dogs Memorial dedication ceremony.



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ARMY CID HONORS 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

STORY BY THOMAS B. HAMILTON III

Normandy American Cemetery, Colleville-sur-Mer, France, on June 6, 2024. (U.S. Army photo by Thomas B. Hamilton III)

Department of the Army Criminal Investigation Division Special Agents from the Europe Field Office joined military partners and international dignitaries at Normandy American Cemetery to commemorate the 80th anniversary of World War II's D-Day invasion.

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participated in the Normandy Campaign as well as the Northern France and Rhineland Campaigns of World War II.

“We remember the extraordinary courage and sacrifice of the heroes who fought for the triumph of liberty over tyranny in World War II,” said Europe Field Office Special Agent-in-Charge Ryan Hall at the Normandy American Cemetery. “Alliances and partnerships make us stronger. We honor all those who came before us and all those who supported them during WWII.”

On June 6, 1944, nearly 160,000 Allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily fortified French coastline to fight Nazi Germany on the beaches of Normandy, France. More than 5,000 Ships and 13,000 aircraft supported the D-Day invasion. By the end of the initial invasion, more than 9,000 allied troops were dead or wounded. D-Day (Operation Overlord) led to the liberation of France, the eventual defeat of Nazi Germany, and the end of World War II in Europe.

CID is the Army's federal law enforcement agency with nearly 3,000 personnel in 124 locations worldwide. Army CID Special Agents in Europe partner with local, state, federal and international agencies to investigate serious crimes and keep Army communities safe.

U.S. service members assigned to commands with historic links to D-Day gathered in Normandy, France, participating in more than 100 events marking the milestone anniversary of June 6, 1944, when allied forces launched the largest air, land and sea military invasion in history. Eight decades ago, Soldiers from the U.S. Army's 5th Military Police Criminal Investigation Detachment partici-



Ryan Hall, Special-Agent-In-Charge of the Army CID Europe Field Office, and Maj. Jason Jordan, executive officer of the Army CID Europe Field Office, read a historic plaque at the Normandy American Cemetery, Colleville-sur-Mer, France, on June 6, 2024. (U.S. Army photo by Thomas B. Hamilton III)



Ryan Hall, Special Agent In Charge of the Army CID Europe Field Office, and French Army Col. Philippe Roux, liaison to the U.S. European Command, at Normandy American Cemetery, Colleville-sur-Mer, France, on June 6, 2024. (U.S. Army photo by Thomas B. Hamilton III)

MILITARY POLICE DEPLOY TO GUANTANAMO BAY

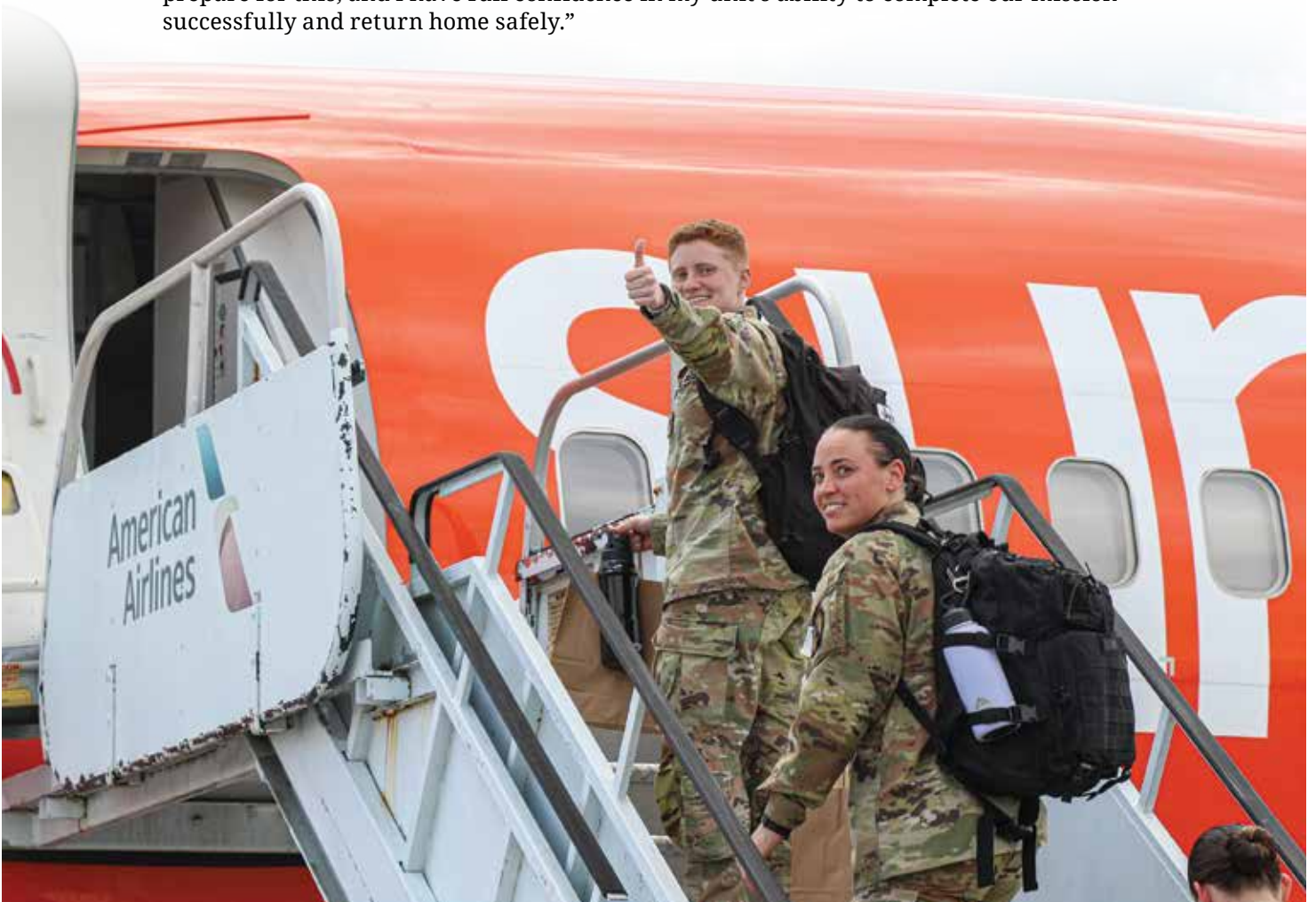
STORY BY SGT. 1ST CLASS SHANE SMITH

More than 100 Pennsylvania Army National Guard Soldiers assigned to the 28th Military Police (MP) Company, 165th MP Battalion, 55th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, 28th Infantry Division departed from Harrisburg International Airport (HIA) May 19, 2024 to mobilize to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The company is augmented by Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 165th MP Battalion, as well as Soldiers from the 1069th MP Company and the 28th Infantry Division's Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion.

A departure ceremony was held for deploying Soldiers, family and friends at Fort Indiantown Gap May 18. During the ceremony, the unit "cased" the company guidon. This time-honored tradition, typically conducted prior to deployment, symbolizes a unit's change in location, as the guidon travels wherever the unit commander goes.

"We've received ample training and are ready for the mission at hand," said Cpt. Victor Mayorquin, 28th MP Company commander. "We've been doing all we can to prepare for this, and I have full confidence in my unit's ability to complete our mission successfully and return home safely."





The unit will be conducting detention operations for the Guantanamo Bay prison. These operations will include the management, oversight and staffing of the prison's facilities. Responsibilities primarily involve ensuring the secure, humane, and orderly confinement of detainees and inmates.

According to Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Wilson, operations sergeant of the 28th MP Company, this is not the first Guantanamo Bay deployment for some Soldiers in the company.

“To our younger Soldiers on this mission, I’d say to use this opportunity as a learning experience and an opportunity to become a better military leader.”

“Several of the Soldiers mobilizing with us have been deployed to Guantanamo Bay in the past for a very similar mission,” Wilson said. “The unit will definitely benefit from the experience and expertise those Soldiers are able to offer. To our younger Soldiers on this mission, I’d say to use this opportunity as a learning experience and an opportunity to become a better military leader.”

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Pennsylvania Army National Guard leadership from the 165th MP Battalion, the 55th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade command team, the 28th Infantry Division, and the Pennsylvania National Guard command group were present at HIA to see the unit off and wish Soldiers best of luck.

The 28th MP Company will complete additional training at Fort Bliss, Texas in the coming weeks prior to arriving at Guantanamo Bay and beginning their mission.

U.S. Soldiers assigned to the 28th Military Police Company, 165th Military Police Battalion, 55th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard held a departure ceremony May 18, 2024 and disembarked from Harrisburg International Airport, Middletown, Pa. the following day. The unit is mobilizing to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to conduct prison detention operations. (U.S. Army National Guard photos by Sgt. 1st Class Shane Smith)

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FREEDOM SHIELD 2024:

REPUBLIC OF KOREA, U.S. MILITARY POLICE TRAIN TOGETHER ON DETENTION OPERATIONS

STORY BY LT. COL. JUSTIN D. ROMAN, 290TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE, S3

“Katchi Kapshida! We Go Together!”

This is the declaration of unity and cooperation between the military forces of the United States and Republic of Korea through the United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, United States Forces Korea and Eighth Army. In March 2024, Army Military Police units from both countries trained together in Freedom Shield 2024 to increase cooperation and interoperability in the discipline of detention operations, or enemy prisoner of war operations. Since the signing of the U.S./ROK Memorandum of Agreement in 1982, the application and practice of transferring care, custody, and control of simulated EPWs from U.S. MP units to ROK MP units has seldom been exercised in a modern and technologically advanced battlefield. This year’s event was the first live training event with ROK and US MPs working together, side by side, in over 20 years. The exercise marks not an end state, but rather a pivotal point for larger and more complex combined MP training events on the Korean Peninsula. The driving momentum between the US and ROK MP leadership is to escalate investment and procurement in modernization of systems and processes for both militaries.



Specialist Trenton Tupen (center) poses with a cohort of Republic of Korea Military Police trainees after a day of training at Camp Humphreys, South Korea.



Sergeant 1st Class Shane Richard trains Republic of Korea Military Police on the proper search techniques based off tactics, techniques and procedures from operational experience.

DETENTION OPERATIONS PLANNING

Historically, military planning for the care, custody, and control of EPWs has been limited in terms of the number of EPWs managed, MP Soldiers required for operations, and the lack of interoperability between other militaries and systems used to support operations. The limitations on these planning considerations are further amplified when applied to Large Scale Combat Operations (LSCO). With lessons learned from case studies from Operations Desert Storm, the Global War on Terrorism and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, LSCO presents significant challenges and opportunities for detention operations to impact operational and strategic level decisions. Emerging technologies are bridging language and culture barriers to freely track and transfer information in near real-time, while keeping the information secure and confidential.

Linear planning for EPW operations must be considered in all aspects of the multi-domain fight. The enemy will use all available resources to inhibit adherence to Geneva Conventions in providing humane medical care, sanitation, administration and security for EPWs. The enemy is anticipated to spread misinformation, use artificial intelligence to shape their own narrative about our operation, and use all accessible means to disrupt and discredit operations with EPW populations. Effective Offensive, Information, and Detention Operations have major impacts on the will of the enemy to fight or surrender and bring conflict to a fast and decisive end. The “pencil and paper” method of tracking EPWs is completely inadequate considering the projected magnitude throughout the theater and joint operational areas.

FREEDOM SHIELD 2024

The 200th MP Command’s role in Freedom Shield 2024 was to fully evolve EPW operations from conceptual planning to individual actions and applications between US and ROK MP Soldiers from the lowest echelons up. “The recent resumption of the Korea-U.S. joint detainee transfer exercise after 17 years holds significant importance. Unlike previous exercises, which were straightforward and procedural, this

iteration involved the active participation of troops from both Korean and American forces,” stated Lt. Col Hyunchu Noh, the ROK Army MP chief of policy. Live training showcased systems used to track and maintain records and demonstrate realistic processing between partner forces. Technological advancements are critical in importing biometric data, tracking EPW property, and properly titling each detainee for reporting to commanders, U.S. policy makers and the International Committee of the Red Cross. ROK-U.S. combined training on the Biometrics Automated Tool – Army and Detainee Reporting System (DRS) captured these requirements and processes with EPW role players. BAT-A, a handheld device used to collect retinal, fingerprints, and facial images during force protection screenings, and DRS are required detainee accountability databases for all DOD agencies. EPWs are generally in-processed within 14 days of capture and assigned an Internment Serial Number by DRS for all documentation, including medical records. “We culminated in this exercise when US and ROKA forces established and practiced an International Transfer Point, where notional U.S. captured detainees were transferred to ROK Army custody after thorough screening and vetting by both partners. One key takeaway is the necessity to further develop interoperable technologies, like the Javelin biometric device, and data sharing protocols that increase the speed of the processing a detainee,” said Lt. Col. Jack Gray, deputy commander of the 290th MP Brigade.

Emerging technology is becoming readily available to share EPW information in different languages to enable data accuracy and remove human error between countries and cultures. “Being a part of detention operations in multinational training with the ROK MPs provided the unique experience of watching not only MP, military intelligence, and admin functions work together to run a Detainee Service Branch, but also show the true interoperability to work an International Transfer Point... in a LSCO environment where the volume of captured EPWs will be at levels that we have not seen since World War II and the Korean War,” remarked 290th MP Brigade project officer, Capt. Christopher Maxwell.

Freedom Shield 2024 also emphasized the strategic role MP Detention Camp Liaison Detachments and Theater Detainee Reporting Center detachments play in LSCO for the Korean Peninsula. DCL detachments are comprised of only



Republic of Korea Military Police receive training on a biometrics system from Sgt. Ryan Debee and Spc. Trenton Tupen.



United States Army Reserve commander, Lt. Gen. Jody Daniels (front), Brig. Gen. Hakseung Jung (left), and 290th Military Police commander, Col. Jonathan Bennett (second from right), discuss combined joint detention operations outcomes and strategic implications.

13 personnel and tasked to ensure US government interests are protected while provisions of the Geneva/Hague Convention are honored pertaining to detainees captured by US forces post transfer to host nation or multinational force control. The Army currently has six DCL detachments, all of which are assigned to the 200th MP Command in the Army Reserve and three TDRC detachments, two under

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the 200th MP Command and one in the New York Army National Guard. TDRC detachments consist of 28 personnel and function as a theater centralized agency for the receipt, processing, maintenance, dissemination and transmittal of data and property pertaining to detainee operations.

The 200th Military Police Command progressively and iteratively performs detention operations exercises throughout the United States. Executing operations with our ROK allies has elevated considerations to new operational and strategic levels. Col Jonathan Bennett, commander of the 290th MP Brigade noted, "The relationships established, and insights mutually shared between our MPs and our fellow ROK Army MPs were even more dynamic and impactful than we expected. This type of combined training between active component, Reserve, and international allies and partners is essential to building a foundation of trust and skill that will enable us to fight and win together in the future."

CHALLENGES

A task posed to participating units for Freedom Shield 2024 was to identify challenges in the training environment and test new concepts and ideas to overcome them. The most obvious challenge was language barrier between MP formations. Korean Augmentation to United States Army (KATUSA) Soldiers offered a significant and robust solution to language and cultural barriers between the U.S. and ROK

forces. Korean men compete for selection into the two-year KATUSA program to work alongside U.S. forces and help as linguists during training or conflict.

Operationally, the ability to project EPW processing rates and identify choke points and best practices for efficiency was challenged. Using the nine-station in-processing template, the processing rate per detainee initially took approximately 15 minutes. Through iterative attempts and modifications, a compliant detainee could be processed in less than 12 minutes without contested networks, systems and connectivity. Exercise injects with non-compliant role players slowed the rate and prompted innovation by reducing to eight stations, thereby combining the functions for efficiency. EPW capture rates depend upon multiple factors such as the effectiveness of the information campaign, as demonstrated during Operation Desert Storm, and willingness to surrender to coalition forces, seen in the Pacific during World War II. The better care that U.S. and ROK forces provide to surrendered enemy, the more likely the human aspect of war will diminish the enemy's will and continue to endure the conditions of war and fight.

Another challenge identified is the ability of U.S. and ROK forces to provide long term detention and care for hundreds of thousands of EPWs. Logistic considerations for running one large stockade are akin to resourcing a small city for the EPW population and the guard force. Resourcing and logistic considerations of large stockades of EPWs and retained persons to current standards requires growth of specialized detention operations units across the components to meet the hybrid asymmetric or conventional threat.

CONCLUSION

Detention operations on the Korean peninsula are modernizing as both US and ROK forces are committing time, effort and funding to critical military structure and emerging technology for the future fight. Staff Sgt. Giovanni Manz of the 449th MP Company stated, "Participating in combined training alongside our ROK MP counterparts was truly an invaluable experience. It provided us with the opportunity to prepare for potential real-world missions we might undertake together in the event of a crisis. This training not only allowed us to gain firsthand insights into the similarities and differences in our standard operating procedures, but also fostered a deeper sense of unity with the Republic of Korean Army." The future of detention operations planning lies with both militaries and a cross section of all military services and components working together to provide standard and humane operation where all EPWs, regardless of nationality and disposition at their point of capture, are provided care and safety away from the battlefield until the end of hostilities and repatriation. Our investment in our Soldiers and leaders at all echelons will manifest in modern and functional operations, providing custody and control of all EPWs.



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U.S. ARMY MILITARY POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS COLLABORATE FOR ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

STORY BY SPC. NOLAN BREWER

U.S. Army military police officers assigned to the 216th Military Police Company and U.S. Army firefighters assigned to the 467th Engineer Detachment engaged in a rigorous active shooter training exercise on May 16, 2024 while at Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania. The training was meticulously designed to simulate real-life scenarios, providing

both units with invaluable experience managing high-stress, chaotic environments. This exercise is critical to ongoing efforts to prepare first responders for potential emergencies by ensuring they are well-equipped to handle incidents involving active shooters.

Maj. Majken Geiman, the commander of the 467th

Top: S. Army Spc. Ethan Reid, a military police officer, and Spc. Caleb Fairlie, a U.S. Army firefighter, pose for a picture after conducting active shooter training with military police and firefighters at Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania, May 16, 2024. Active shooter training aims to enhance readiness and cooperation between military police and firefighters as both entities are first responders when an emergency occurs. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Nolan Brewer)

Engineer Detachment, emphasized the importance of these exercises, stating, “Conducting drills like these helps both our MPs and Fire Department refine our processes in a high-stress, chaotic environment.” This sentiment underscores the necessity of continuous practice and collaboration to enhance response strategies and operational effectiveness. Training like this ensures military police and firefighters can operate seamlessly together, maximizing their ability to protect and save lives during critical incidents. Active shooter training exercises are vital for developing a cohesive and efficient response framework.

“IT WAS A REALLY GOOD POSITIVE TRAINING BETWEEN THE MILITARY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HERE AT MKAB.”

Staff Sgt. Matthew Wharton, the training non-commissioned officer in charge of the 216th MP Company, highlighted the collaborative nature of the training. “The purpose of the training was to work in conjunction with the fire department to make sure we put down all threats and save as many victims or casualties as possible if a situation like this occurs.”

Active shooter training exercises are vital for developing a cohesive and efficient response framework. By simulating realistic scenarios, first responders can identify potential challenges and refine their tactics, ensuring they are prepared to act swiftly and effectively in real-life emergencies. This collaboration enhances individual units’ readiness and strengthens the military community’s emergency response capabilities.

“It was a really good positive training between the military police department and the fire department here at MKAB,”



U.S. Army Military police officers, assigned to 216th Military Police Company, pose for a photo prior to conducting active shooter training May 16, 2024, at Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base (MKAB), Romania. The military police at MKAB are responsible for a variety of tasks including responding to emergencies like an active shooter situation. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Nolan Brewer)

said Spc. Caleb Fairlie, a firefighter assigned to the 467th Engineer detachment. “It is important to learn our different roles because the MPs have different roles than us at the fire department, with our primary role being the life, safety, and medical side of it.”

As first responders, the military police and fire detachment are critical in protecting lives and maintaining safety during emergencies. Regular training exercises like active shooter drills are essential for ensuring they are always ready to act swiftly and efficiently in the face of danger. This active shooter training demonstrated the commitment of the 216th MP Company and the 467th Engineer Detachment to maintain a high level of preparedness and cooperation. Through continued joint exercises, these units are building a robust foundation to handle any event that may arise.



U.S. Army military police and firefighters pose for a photo after completing active shooter training at Mihail Kogalniceanu Airbase, Romania, May 16, 2024. The exercise was intended to improve interoperability between military police and fire departments and enhance their coordinated response capabilities in emergency situations. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Nolan Brewer)



HIGH DRAG: HOW THE MTOE DETRACTS FROM THE MP COMPANY'S OPERATIONAL FOCUS

STORY BY CPT BROCK R. BALMOJA

INTRODUCTION

The Combat Support Military Police (MP) Company is burdened by the Modified Table of Organizational Equipment (MTOE). An MP Company has a mission essential task list (METL) that demands they be trained and ready to execute a wide-ranging and diverse mission set. While the current MTOE is grand in scale and boasts an equally diverse set of equipment, the same diversity prevents the individual Soldier from becoming an expert with their assigned equipment and places significant property accountability and maintenance requirements on leaders at all levels within the company. The result is an organization with an excessive amount of equipment that must be qualified on, maintained, accounted for, and deployed with, all while managing the unit's training progression and real world missions.

THE ENCUMBERSOME MTOE

Leaders at all levels within the MP company face significant challenges in managing the massive amount of equipment assigned to them. Longevity in key leader positions, domain knowledge and experience in property accountability procedures, maintaining the company training progression, and managing real-world missions are all key factors that can have drastic effects on a commander's supply discipline program (CSDP).

To company-grade leaders, especially junior leaders that have not yet experienced the rigors of thorough and precise property accountability, the primary hand receipt may be misleading. At a glance, an MP company's primary hand receipt

may not be very intimidating, however, when the contents of the 70-page document are considered, the requirements quickly become very imposing.

The MP company primary hand receipt, as of FY 23 per the approved MTOE, consists of 91 line item numbers (LIN), resulting in 2,008 total end items. Most property, however, is assigned additional components and items per their respective technical manual (TM) known as components of the end item (COEI) and basic issue items (BII) and it is here that the encumbering requirements imposed by the MTOE and the Army's property accountability requirements reveal itself. The reality for company commanders is not that they account for 2,008 end items, but over 29,000 end items, COEI, and BII.

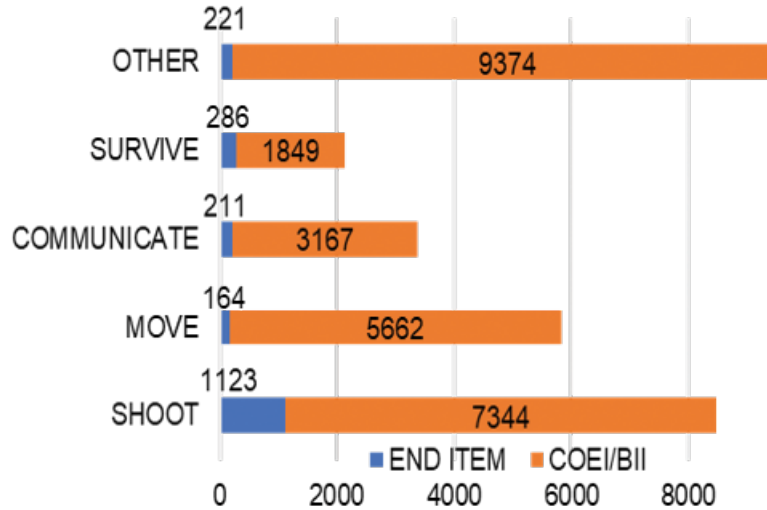
Furthermore, the Army requires these 29,000+ items be accounted for not once, but at least three times during their time in command:

- Change of command inventories.
- 100% annual cyclic inventories.
- Pre-change of command inventories.

What is not captured by these inventory requirements are the subsequent property adjustments that occur when discrepancies are identified. This also begs the question: do company-grade leaders know what tools they have at their disposal to adjust their hand receipts? It is a far cry to believe that is the case when considering who many of these leaders are, ranging from junior officers who are signing for sub hand receipts for the first time, valued at approximately \$11 million to 31B specialist armorers signed for every weapon on the commander's hand receipt. These junior leaders, who

Combat Support Military Police Company MTOE

Total Quantity of Accountable Items by MTOE (Includes BII and COEI)



CS MP CO Total LINs: 91 -> 29,401 accountable items
MP Squad Total LINs: 43 -> 1,874 accountable items

WEAPONS PROFICIENCY AND MAINTENANCE TIME REQUIREMENTS

- ❑ 8x MTOE weapon systems.
- ❑ Qualification tables include: day, night, CBRN.
- ❑ Aggregate annual firing iterations: **2,608.**
- ❑ Aggregate annual time required: **48 hours.**
- ❑ Aggregate man hours for maintenance: **269 hours.**

typically have less than three years of service, are expected to be armed with the requisite knowledge to properly account for millions of dollars' worth of equipment which their professional military education (basic officer leadership course, advanced individual training, etc.) fails to train them. This lack of experience in conjunction with annual primary and sub hand receipt holder turn-over results in these perpetual property accountability issues.

Perhaps the most glaring issue with the MP Company MTOE is the many weapon systems it is assigned. The MP Company is assigned a total of eight weapon systems:

- M17
- M4A1
- M320
- M249
- M240
- M2
- MK19
- M26

The diverse selection of weapon systems the MTOE offers is both impressive and impractical. Where this diversity offers an absurd amount of firepower to the MP company, they also face an endless challenge of maintaining the qualifications of their MTOE'd 159 Soldiers on their assigned weapon systems. Assuming all other factors (range and land availability, ammunition forecasting, Soldier availability, etc.) do not interfere, the unit still requires an aggregate 2,608 firing iterations between all weapon systems within a six-month period to maintain proficiency. This figure can also be represented by the time required to accomplish these qualifications: 48 continuous hours. In order to maintain these weapon systems, the unit must also invest an additional 269 hours toward quarterly, semiannual, and annual services, all without an MTOE'd 91F, or small arms/artillery repairer. The risk

of these weapon systems being deadlined due to delinquent services significantly increases due to the reliance on support relationships from the unit's assigned maintenance support company, rendering those weapons mission ineffective.

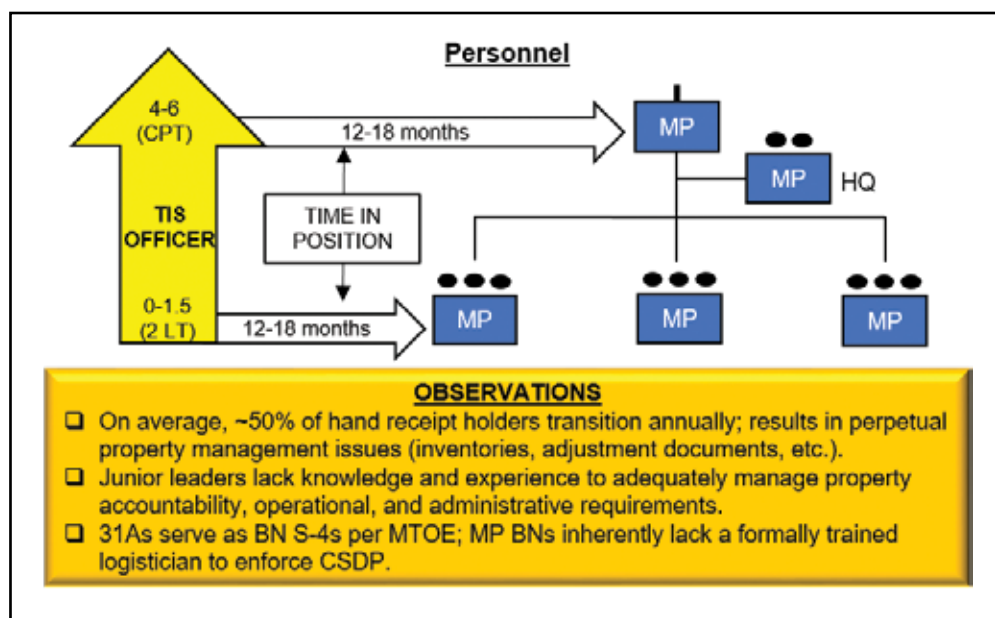
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THE 97TH MP BN EXPERIENCE

These very challenges were faced throughout the entirety of the 97th Military Police Battalion's deployment to the Eastern European Theater. From receipt of the deployment order to the end of packing and sealing containers, the deploying companies were afforded approximately 37 working days. Units were expected to fully account for their deployed equipment,

split and validate their property books between the deploying element and ready reserve, and conduct deployment operations. The effects of this short timeline were felt upon receipt of the equipment at the companies' respective forward operating sites (FOS).

100% command directed inventories revealed many discrepancies between the primary and derivative hand receipts, forcing company commanders to undergo the long, painstaking process of rectifying these issues while training and leading Soldiers to conduct law enforcement and force protection operations across nine countries. Splitting a



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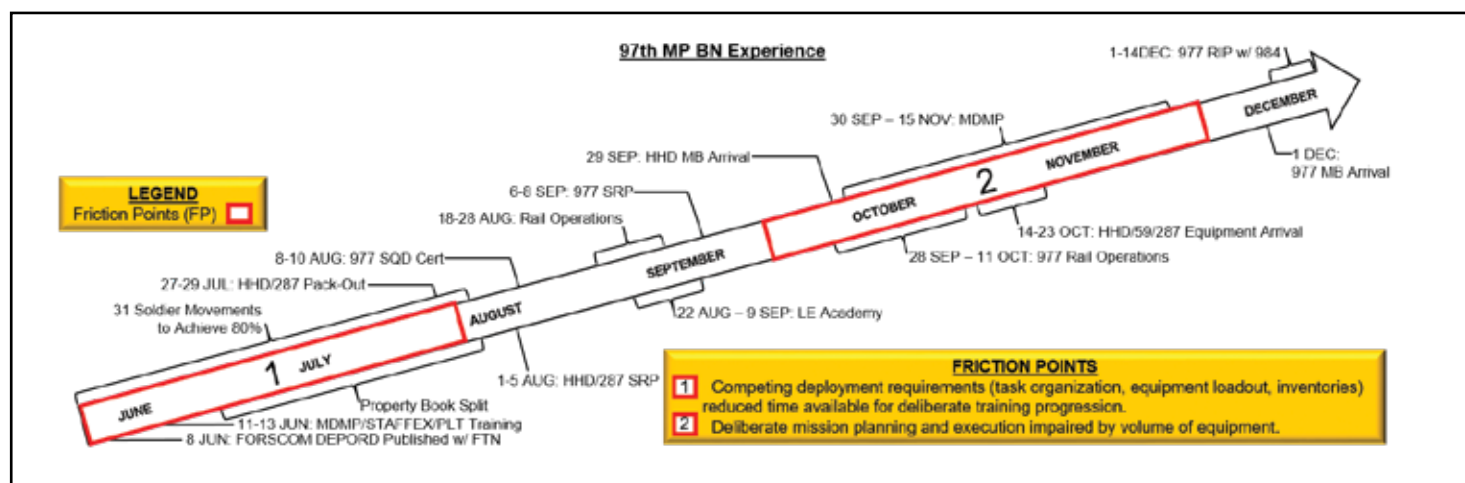
property book is a collaborative effort between the company commander and ready reserve commander and should be treated much like a change of command as all end items need to be inventoried at the component level. Accomplishing this task and overseeing deployment operations in only 37 days is simply not feasible. Failing to properly do so largely detracts from both the deployed element and ready reserve's ability to focus on their current missions when distance and time become significant obstacles to overcome.

Even after correcting the property book discrepancies, company commanders faced a new problem: servicing and repairing their assigned equipment. Without an organic 91F, companies coordinated with their supporting Division Sustainment Support Battalions (DSSB). While the battalion was able to coordinate maintenance support across the nine countries in which its downtrace units were emplaced, units quickly learned they had to diligently manage their service schedules due to support timelines, physical locations, and personnel availability by the DSSBs. A commander's ability to truly control their command maintenance discipline program

(CMDP) is significantly diminished as they are at the mercy of their maintenance support relationships. The challenges are far greater when a weapon is in need of repair; not only does the weapon need a 91F, but a repair part, which may take anywhere from two weeks to several months to arrive.

CONCLUSION

The Army has a very clear expectation for commanders: train and lead Soldiers. Commanders are responsible for ensuring they are ready and able to accomplish any mission they are assigned. The excessive MTOE that is intended to enhance an MP company's efficiency instead weighs its leaders down through time consuming and tedious property accountability and maintenance requirements. The MP Company Commander cannot expect their Soldiers to become masters of their craft when the equipment that is meant to serve them becomes a significant operational distractor.



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89th MP BDE Installation Law Enforcement Course

STORY BY MAJ ANDREW BRIGGS AND LTC BYRON GREENE
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Top: Pvt. Lakeith Walters from the 401st Military Police Company listens to his instructor at the conclusion of a simulated felony traffic stop in a training exercise for the Installation Law Enforcement Certification Course June 10, 2024, at Fort Cavazos, Texas.

For the 89th Military Police Brigade, training is a top priority. Through the 720th Military Police Battalion's Installation Law Enforcement Certification course, commonly known as ILEC, all incoming military police officers at Fort Cavazos are trained and tested on their police tactics and ability to respond to anything coming their way.

Throughout the monthlong course that takes place in June, Soldiers that need ILEC qualification have been enduring different tests and topics: defense tactics, perform first aid, deploying and enduring non-lethal weapons, active-shooter response and more.

Staff Sgt. William Armas, 720th MP Bn., the noncommissioned officer in charge of the ILEC course, discussed what tactics are used to train these Soldiers.

"Military police and Army civilian police must attend the course to obtain the baseline understanding of all the mandated task needed before they can legally conduct their law enforcement obligations, regardless of rank or experience, depending on the gaps in their career conducting law enforcement duties," Armas said.

During the training, Soldiers were evaluated on their ability to respond to various scenarios while enduring and recovering from exposure to oleoresin capsicum, or OC, commonly known as pepper spray. This training is designed to reinforce reliance on their instincts and familiarize them with the experience of OC contamination.

"Being familiar with oleoresin capsicum can help officers make more informed decisions about when and how to use them effectively, minimizing the risk of harm to both them and others," Armas said. "Additionally, training in these areas can enhance officers' confidence and preparedness in handling various scenarios they may encounter in the line of duty."

As part of their rigorous training regimen for ILEC, military police officers also undergo active shooter training. This essential training equips them with the necessary skills to effectively respond to high-stress situations. Through simulated scenarios, these officers learn to navigate complex environments, learn to rely on their training and protect both personnel and property. This training not only hones their ability to neutralize potential threats, but also highlights the importance of quick thinking and decisive action in safeguarding the community they serve.

"The simulated active shooter training we have gone through today is an excellent way to sharpen your skills," said Spc. Devon Green, 64th Military Police Company, 720th MP Bn. "I am glad to be here and retain the knowledge from my instructors so I can continue to improve and learn how to handle active-shooter situations."

The ILEC program aims to sharpen the skills of newly minted military police officers, providing specialized insight into policing procedures at Fort Cavazos. This training is vital to build Soldiers into proficient experts in their field by the time of the program's conclusion.

"ILEC equips MPs with specialized training tailored to the unique challenges they face in their roles," Armas said. "By providing instruction in areas such as law enforcement procedures, conflict resolution and community engagement, the course helps military police officers enhance their ability to effectively serve and protect the Fort Cavazos installation and their community members."



Spc. Gavin Rios from the 401st Military Police Company performs an arrest during a simulated felony traffic stop in a training exercise for the Installation Law Enforcement Certification Course June 10, 2024, at Fort Cavazos, Texas.



Pfc. Samantha Radig from the 102nd Military Police Company gives orders to a simulated suspect after being sprayed with oleoresin capsicum (OC) during a training exercise for the Installation Law Enforcement Certification course June 10, 2024, at Fort Cavazos, Texas.



Spc. Adrian Ammon from the 102nd Military Police Company performs a takedown prior to being sprayed with oleoresin capsicum (OC) during a training exercise for the Installation Law Enforcement Certification course June 10, 2024, at Fort Cavazos, Texas.

117TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION HOSTS 3RD ANNUAL HARPERS FERRY COMPETITION

STORY BY SGT. KALINA HYCHE, 118TH MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT, TENNESSEE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

The Tennessee Army National Guard's 117th Military Police Battalion, based in Athens, held their 3rd annual Harpers Ferry competition at Tullahoma's Volunteer Training Site, June 21-22, 2024.

"Our Soldiers have been preparing for this competition since they became aware of it," said Capt. Margaret Page, commander of the 252nd Military Police Company. "[The Harpers Ferry Competition] fosters camaraderie and healthy competition among the battalion."

The competition is comprised of nine events over a two-day period to resemble scenarios that military policemen would encounter in combat as a squad. These events include the Army Combat Fitness Test, an obstacle course, the Norwegian Ruck March, as well as a variety of challenging military police tasks. Throughout the competition, squads from the 252nd, 253rd and 269th Military Police Companies competed in these events, showcasing their resilience, teamwork, and expertise.

"I'm proud of every single one of these Soldiers for putting in the hard work and dedication required to prepare for this competition," said Lt. Col. Andrew Dye, commander of the 117th Military Police Battalion.

outcome in this competition, I am immensely proud of my squad," said 1st Lt. Sheridan Harrison, platoon leader of the 253rd Military Police Company. "I am exceptionally proud of their outstanding performance."

This year 2nd Lt. Thaddeaus Grothe, Staff Sgt. Jaaron Williams, Sgt. Christopher Rush, Spc. Cody Schultz, Spc. Matthew Pigg and Spc. Caleb Smith of the 252nd Military Police Company won best squad, with Grothe winning top performer overall for the Harpers Ferry Competition. This

The Harper's Ferry Competition is not just a test of physical prowess and tactical proficiency, but also a reflection of the camaraderie and esprit de corps that exists within the ranks of the 117th Military Police Battalion. Each squad pushes themselves to the limit, striving to outperform their peers and claim the title of the best squad.

"Regardless of the



From left to right, 1st Sgt. John Draper, Spc. Matthew Pigg, Spc. Caleb Smith, Sgt. Christopher Rush, Capt. Margaret Page, Spc. Cody Schultz, Staff Sgt. Jaaron Williams and 1st Lt. Thaddeaus Grothe pose for a picture after being named the 2024 Harpers Ferry Competition winners at Volunteer Training Site – Tullahoma, Tennessee, on June 22. In addition to the squad placing first overall, Grothe was awarded as the top of all competitors.

is the second year in a row that the 252nd Military Police Company has earned this title.

The title winner of the Harper's Ferry Competition holds a profound significance, as it represents a pinnacle of achievement that carries immense prestige and recognition; but what is often overlooked is the rich history behind the name, which dates to a pivotal moment in American History.

In 1920, the Military Police Corps required a new insignia and collar marks because the previous insignia, crossed billy clubs, were indistinguishable from crossed cannons at saluting range. It wasn't until U.S. Army Capt. George M. Chandler, of the War Department General Staff, had a breakthrough in 1922, that he suggested using the Army's Harper's Ferry pistols. The Harper's Ferry legacy was secured when the Army adopted the crossed pistols as their official Military Police insignia in 1923.

"This is why we chose the name Harper's Ferry Competition for our military police competition," said



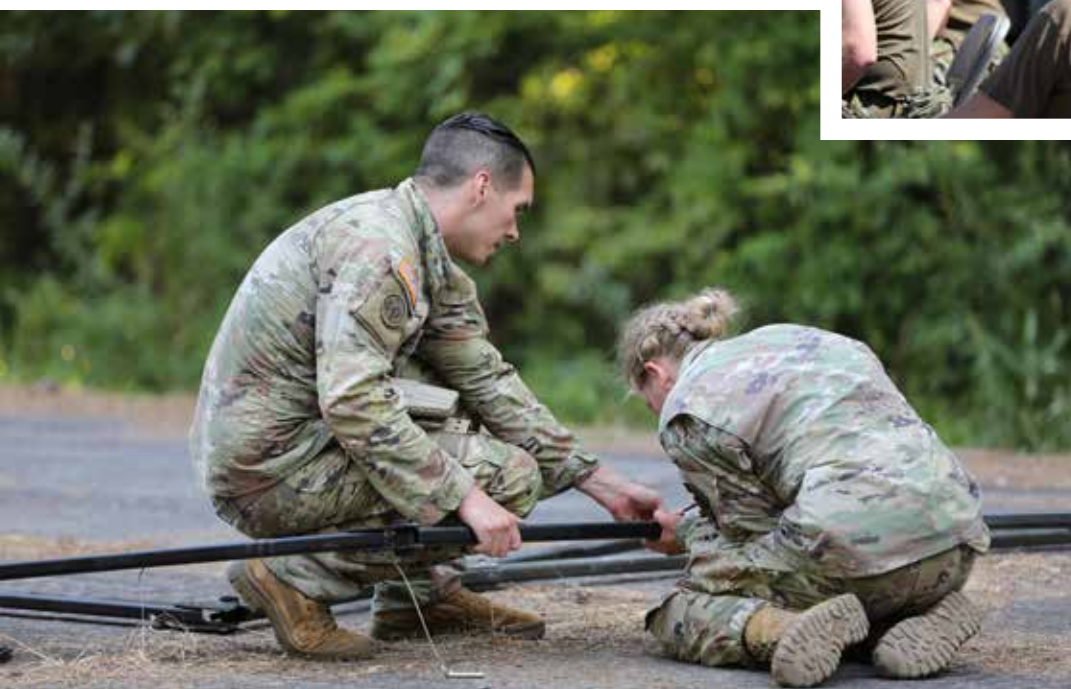
Tennessee Army National Guardsmen of the 253rd Military Police Company send a S.A.L.U.T.E. report during a communications tasks lane at the Harpers Ferry Competition at Volunteer Training Site – Tullahoma, Tennessee, on June 21, 2024. Competitors were instructed to establish a signal from their vehicle to a squad constructed OE-254/GRC antenna group and then send up a 9-line and S.A.L.U.T.E. report in order to complete the lane.

Command Sgt. Maj. Matthew Prieur, Command Sergeant Major of the 117th Military Police Battalion. “It’s to showcase our military preparedness and the Military Police motto, ‘Assist. Protect. Defend.’”

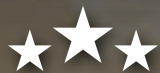
Overall, the Harper’s Ferry Competition serves as a unique opportunity for the Soldiers of the 117th Military Police Battalion to demonstrate their abilities, strengthen their camaraderie, and showcase the values of discipline, professionalism, and dedication that define their unit. It is a challenging and rewarding event that reinforces the battalion’s commitment to excellence and readiness in every mission they undertake.



Above: Sgt. 1st Class Britten Klibert, of the 269th Military Police Company, speaks to his peer from his unit upon completing the Norwegian Ruck March. The 117th Military Police Battalion opened the Norwegian Ruck March to not only competitors of the Harpers Ferry Competition, but to anyone who was interested within their battalion as well.



Left: Spc. Jonathan Morie, of the 253rd Military Police Company, helps his platoon leader, 1st Lt. Sheridan Harrison, secure a frame during the Command Sgt. Maj. Mystery Event. Each squad had to assemble and disassemble a General-Purpose Medium Tent to demonstrate the importance of cohesion, allowing them to effectively collaborate and represent a unified front.



PROVOST MARSHALS/PROVOST GUARDS

During The Civil War

STORY BY RONNEY Z. MILLER, USAMPS/MPCR HISTORIAN



Provost is derived from the Latin word 'praepositus' which is defined as "a person appointed to superintend or preside." Marshal is derived from the Teutonic, meaning "master of the horse."



Provost Guard, Washington D.C., from a sketch made in 1862.

A Provost Marshal served as a representative of authority on behalf of his commander in ensuring that law, order and discipline were maintained – whether on the campaign trail or while in garrison and/or field encampments. In September 1862, the Adjutant General's office issued General Order No. 140, appointing Special Provost Marshals for each state. This duty position encompassed numerous responsibilities, which included investigating charges or acts of treason and arresting deserters, spies, and persons deemed disloyal. With the reorganization of the War Department in 1863, an Assistant Provost Marshal General (APMG) was appointed for each state (in lieu of a Special Provost Marshal); additionally, a Provost Marshal was appointed for each congressional district and a Deputy Provost Marshal for each county. Thus, congressional district Provost Marshals were now responsible for assuming custody of prisoners and deserters, administering punishment, suppressing any depredations and disturbances caused by Army troops or individual soldiers, and maintaining troop discipline.



Four Provost Marshals of the US Army III Corps are seen at their winter quarters at Brandy Station, Virginia (December 1863 - April 1864).

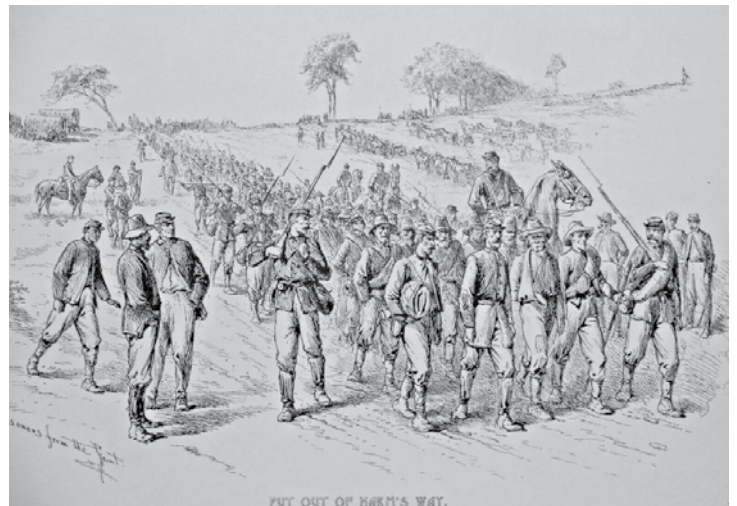
Provost Marshals were assigned regardless of the level of active warfare within a state or district. In areas of active combat, the Provost Marshal's primary duties were to limit marauding against citizens, prevent stragglers on long marches, handle prisoners of

war, neutralize guerilla fighters, and generally suppress gambling or other vices not conducive to good order and discipline. During the Civil War, Provost Marshals had the authority to regulate military and civilian life to an enormous degree; under martial law, he could jail, punish, or even execute offenders of military law. The Provost Marshal had the power to administer and enforce the law when it came to regulating public places; conducting searches, seizures, and arrests; issuing passes to citizens for movement in and out of Union lines; and recording and investigating complaints of citizens. To enable this initiative, soldiers were temporarily assigned on a rotational

basis to perform duty with the Provost Marshal and were organized as "Provost Guards." These men were readily obtained from the enlisted ranks of primarily Infantry and Cavalry units. Not surprisingly, a high proportion of veterans filled the ranks of Provost Guard detachments. Each regiment, division, and corps of the Union Army included a Provost Marshal... and the presence of Provost Guard detachments within these formations did much to prevent crimes against the civilian populace and provided a way to punish those who chose to step outside the bounds of military discipline.

Although officially regarded as auxiliary Infantry, Provost Guards were required to be horse soldiers; they were also Cavalry-oriented as far as equipment was concerned. In most cases, they were armed with as many as four pistols, a shotgun, a carbine, and a saber. Provost Guards were responsible for the movement of friendly spies in and out of Union lines, securing routes for civilian refugees, the protection of critical assets, and guarding command posts. They also investigated the theft of government property, controlled the passage of civilians in military zones and those using government transportation, provided security and escort for Confederate prisoners, guarded and confined prisoners, and maintained records of paroles and oaths of allegiance. Another function was to police the draft, meet the quotas, and get the conscripted soldiers off to camp and field. Provost Guards were often sent home with large groups of Union troops that were going on leave or furlough to ensure that they would return in a timely manner. While waiting for that leave to expire, Provost Guards spent much of their time acting as recruiters for the regiments that were on leave.

As well as performing many of the traditional duties associated with Military Police, Provost Guards also controlled passenger access to the US Military Railroad (USMRR). Every major Civil War battle east of the Mississippi River took place within twenty miles of a rail line. Railroads provided fresh supplies of arms, men,



This sketch by Edwin Forbes is titled "Put Out of Harm's Way" and depicts Confederate prisoners captured during the Battle of Gettysburg.



Provost Marshal's office, Acquia Creek Landi.ng, Virginia, February 1863.

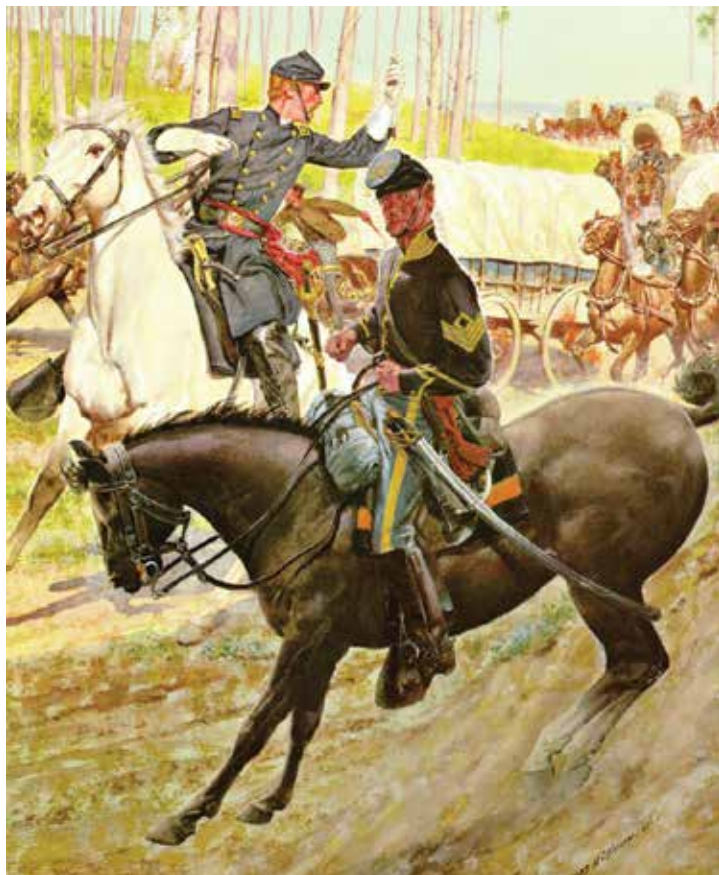
equipment, horses, and medical supplies on a direct route to where armies were encamped. Railroads were more responsive and reliable than any previous mode of transportation, and not significantly impacted by the weather. The use of riverboats, steamships, and railroads during the Civil War greatly increased the mobility of armies. However, armies in the field required still another type of transportation. Wagon trains not only had to accompany troops on active campaigns but were also employed to distribute stores brought in bulk to railway terminals and steamer wharves. The

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Army wagons and harnesses had been perfected by long years of experience and operations on the western plains. The wheels, axles, and other principal parts were made to standard measurements to permit interchangeability of parts. Early in the war, the Army procured both horses and mules for use

with wagon trains, but experience later convinced quartermasters that mules were far superior to horses for such service. During the Civil War, Provost Guards were utilized to guard railway terminals and steamer wharves and to escort convoys of wagon trains carrying supplies from these logistical centers to armies in the field. All of these transportation systems were vulnerable to ambushes and/or cavalry raids and required a substantial guard force.

Whenever necessary, Provost Guards were employed as a general reserve. The Battle of Stones River (also known as the Second Battle of Murfreesboro) was fought from 31 December 1862 to 2 January 1863, as the culmination of the Stones River Campaign in the Western Theater. Of the major battles of the Civil War, Stones River had the highest percentage of casualties on both sides. Total casualties in



This Center of Military History art print is titled "The American Solider, 1863." It depicts an Army wagon train manned by civilian teamsters and composed of white-covered wagons with "bluish-tinted" bodies and wheels of Venetian red darkened to a brown color.

the battle were 25,645: 13,906 on the Union side and 11,739 for the Confederates, or 32.7% of all troops. The Union Army's repulse of two Confederate attacks and the subsequent withdrawal of the Army of Tennessee were a much-needed boost to Union morale after the defeat at the Battle of Fredericksburg... and it dashed Confederate aspirations for control of Middle Tennessee. During the first desperate day of battle, the Army of the Cumberland was compelled to conduct a limited withdrawal. To stabilize and hold the new line of defense, Provost Guard units were committed to battle. On many levels, the Provost Guards of the Civil War were the forerunners of today's Military Police... and their duty performance did not go unnoticed. As the Civil War came to an end, our senior civilian and military leadership seriously considered establishing the Military Police as a permanent branch of the Army; however, this initiative was overcome by events. A pattern emerged that would recur again and again at the conclusion of subsequent major wars that the United States fought – a large-scale reduction in force. As a result, the creation of a permanent Corps of Military Police would not be actively considered again until the latter stages of World War I. Thus, from the end of the Civil War until America's entry into the Great War, there was a conspicuous absence of officially organized Military Police-type formations within the US Army.

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NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

TEENS IMMERSE IN HISTORY AT ARMY MUSEUM LOCK-IN

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MELISSA BUCKLEY, FORT LEONARD WOOD PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

When Fort Leonard Wood's John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex closed for the night, April 12, the party was just getting started — with 60 military children participating in a “Night at the Museum” overnight lock-in.

According to Eric Timmerman, museum complex chief, this was not only the first sleepover event at the museum, but he said it could be the first at any Army Museum.

“We belong to the Army Museum Enterprise. We have been asking around and in the 38 Army museums we currently have, we believe this has never been done before. This is a great turnout. It is very exciting,” Timmerman said. “It is important for them to learn more about the three regiments and how they all work together. It is the perfect mix — they are learning while they are having fun. We partnered with Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation to make this happen and the FMWR team have set up some fun events for the kids to experience.”

The lock-in, open to children in sixth to 12th grades, was part of Fort Leonard Wood's Month of the Military Child celebration, said Bridget Plummer, the school liaison officer for the Child and Youth Services Division of FMWR. And this event, she said, was created especially with teenagers in mind.

“I was asked if there was any way that we could spend the night at the museum, maybe take a night tour of the space. I think we did a little better than that,” Plummer said.

The three regiments that call Fort Leonard Wood home — Engineer, Military Police, and Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear — each have their regiment's history in a section of the complex. Plummer separated the teens into three teams of 20, each representing a different regiment.



“Look sad; you are in jail.” Teens complete a task of taking a photo behind bars in the Military Police section of the John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex April 12 during Fort Leonard Wood's Night at the Museum overnight lock-in. The sleepover is part of the Month of the Military Child celebration.

"There were nine activities in each section of the museum. Each team started in their own identified regiment and worked through the tasks, collecting clues before moving on to the next section. Some activities were simple group photos, others included lock boxes, fingerprint identification, spoon art and group tasks that all were developed and interacted with gallery exhibits," Plummer said.

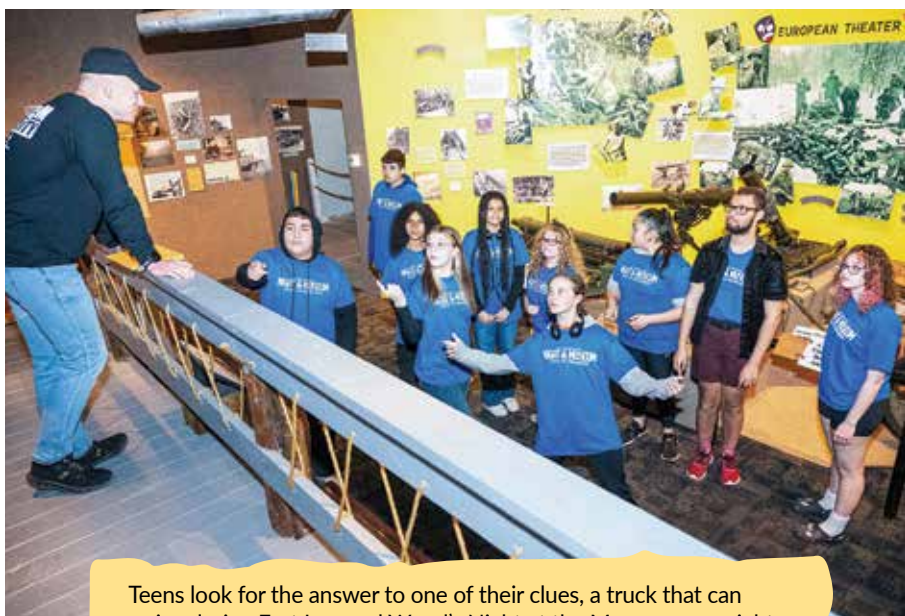
"Our history is such a core part of our corps. I hope these kids learn that we are here for them, to keep their base safe for them. Besides, what's one more night of not sleeping, right? It's for a good cause."

through the challenge breaks during bridge building. Teams were somewhat random, and it required students to get to know other teens that they didn't know," Plummer said. "By the end of the night, teams had come together and were cheering each other on through tasks."

Destany Oster, a 14-year-old military child participating in the event, said she was excited to be able to take part in the fun-filled sleepover.

The teams were also given the mission of building a bridge with popsicle sticks and play dough. As the teams made their way through the museum, they had the opportunity to earn extra supplies for their bridge, such as rubber bands, glue dots, duct tape, skewers and string.

"I loved watching the bridge building collaboration and camaraderie built



Teens look for the answer to one of their clues, a truck that can swim, during Fort Leonard Wood's Night at the Museum overnight lock-in April 12 at Fort Leonard Wood's John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex. The sleepover is part of the Month of the Military Child celebration.

"Having an event for older military kids makes me feel appreciated and like I am a part of something bigger than myself. You can tell the people that organized this put a lot of thought into every detail," Oster said. "We are having so much fun. Our team is working well together. We have had some issues with the bridge building, but we won a few challenges that got us more materials, so that evens itself out, I think."

To make the night a success, Plummer said she had 49 "amazing" volunteers from several Fort Leonard Wood units.

One of those volunteers, 2nd Lt. Avery Parker, a Military Police Basic Officer Leader Course student, said she was happy to be there for the teenagers, even though she just came out of a tiring four-day tactical exercise in the field.

"I left my child at home to come to BOLC. I think it is important to celebrate military children. They go through a lot," Parker said. "Our history is such a core part of our corps. I hope these kids learn that we are here for them, to keep their base safe for them. Besides, what's one more night of not sleeping, right? It's for a good cause."

Plummer said the event was a success and she is thankful the museum staff is willing to host the event again next year.

"I hope we are able to bring some new patrons to the museum space. There are lots of really great things on display," Plummer said.



Teens build a bridge during Fort Leonard Wood's Night at the Museum overnight lock-in April 12 at Fort Leonard Wood's John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex. The sleepover is part of the Month of the Military Child celebration.

AMC Force Protection Chief Awarded Order of the Marechaussee in Steel

STORY BY LINDSAY GRANT, U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND

Army Materiel Command's provost marshal and chief of the protection division, Ashley Stolze, was awarded the Order of the Marechaussee at a ceremony held at U.S. Army Security Assistance Command headquarters June 26. The award is the highest honor bestowed by the Military Police Corps.

Brig. Gen. Michael Izzo, assistant to the adjutant general in the Alabama National Guard and fellow member of the Military Police Corps, hosted the ceremony and presented the award to Stolze.

"The Order of the Marechaussee isn't just given out – they're earned, and they're numbered," Izzo said as he called attention to the number 299 on Stolze's medal. "It's never too late to recognize a Soldier who does a good job."

Stolze, who served in the Army for nearly eight years before joining the contract and civilian security workforce, was recognized for her contributions to the Military Police Corps and for her unwavering commitment to the safety and security of the USASAC and AMC enterprise.

She joined the AMC workforce in April after serving four years as USASAC's deputy chief of staff for G-2 security. Throughout her career, she has been on the forefront of developing and implementing innovative security and force protection strategies and tactics while also building strong and effective teams to carry out the Army's mission to secure its enterprise.

Her career with the Army began shortly after she graduated early from high school, enlisting into the Army's Military Police Corps in hopes that it would help nudge her in the right direction to one day be an FBI agent, a dream she'd held onto since childhood.

"I came to the Army because I wanted credible experience in law enforcement and to help pay for a college education," Stolze said. In the eight years she served she achieved the rank of staff sergeant and endured multiple international moves and deployments.

After leaving the Army, she joined the contractor workforce and provided security for the Army for around 10 months in Afghanistan, and then in Italy, where she met her husband and learned to scuba dive.

"Scuba diving was all about conquering my fears after a few difficult deployments," Stolze said. She was certified through the Army's Morale, Welfare and Recreation program in Italy and has traveled as far as Fiji to enjoy the underwater sights.

After returning to the U.S., Stolze achieved her goal of working for the FBI as an Associate Chief Security Officer for more than two years before returning to the Army. As Army Cyber Command headquarters moved to Georgia, she joined the Army Civilian Corps to lead the relocation effort for all



From left, Steven Stolze, Ashley Stolze and Brig. Gen. Michael Izzo. Ashley Stolze, Army Materiel Command provost marshal and chief of the protection division, was awarded the Order of the Marechaussee, the highest honor bestowed by the Military Police Corps, at a ceremony held at U.S. Army Security Assistance Command headquarters June 26.

things security and stand up a new security team, upgrade clearances and achieve security milestones.

After her time with Cyber Command, friends from the FBI encouraged Stolze to consider Huntsville for her next career move.

"We came for the rocket over Huntsville, and stayed for the mission at Redstone Arsenal," she said. She took her position with USASAC's G-2 and remained for four years, revitalizing the security mission and building another motivated team in the process.

She made a big impression on her colleagues at USASAC, according to Ralph Saorrone, a USASAC security specialist who helped nominate Stolze for the award.

Now at AMC, Stolze is using her broad experience to enhance the protection program across the logistics enterprise while leading a large team of force protection professionals.

"Right now, I'm building relationships with all of AMC's major subordinate commands and stakeholders across the world," she said. "My goal is to use my experiences abroad and with the FBI, Cyber Command and USASAC to advance the enterprise as a whole and as a team."

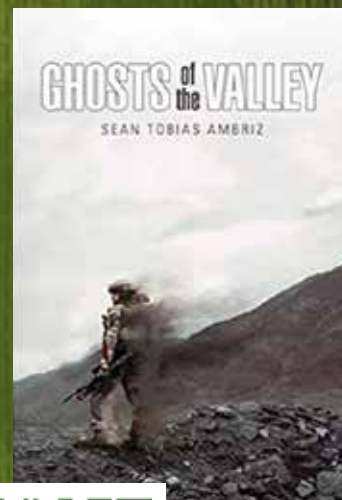
Stolze is the first woman to hold the position of force protection chief and provost marshal at AMC, a title she wears proudly. Her advice to women seeking leadership roles in the Army enterprise is to get educated, never give up and seek mentors.

"Get certifications and be a lifelong learner – do everything you can so nobody can tell you no, and keep trying when they do," she said.

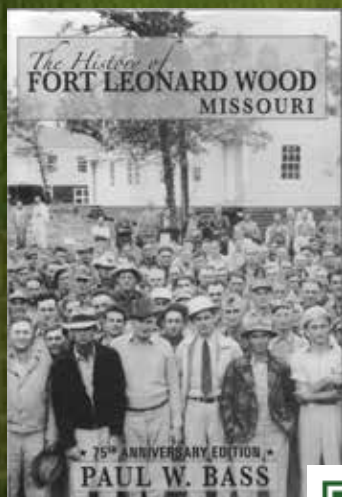
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Ghosts of the Valley

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. 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 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.



PURCHASE: <https://mpronline.org/product/ghost-of-the-valley>



The History of Fort Leonard Wood Missouri

In this exciting new book, author Paul W. Bass documents the 75-year history of Fort Leonard Wood, formed in anticipation for America's involvement in WWII and still training front line defenders today! The History of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri provides detailed information on the formation of the base in 1940 (and why it was named for General Leonard Wood), then follows base training, objectives and growth during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Cold War, plus the War on Terrorism beginning in the 1990s through today.



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Our Mission

Luke's Wings is a non-profit dedicated to the support of wounded, ill and injured service members and first responders; providing families with the means to visit during recovery and rehabilitation.

Our History

After observing the struggles of wounded warriors at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Luke's Wings was founded by Sarah Wingfield and Fletcher Gill in 2008. Operated as a strictly volunteer-based organization until 2012, Luke's Wings has quickly grown to become a go-to organization for families in need, providing over 16,000 flights and receiving recognition from the White House Joining Forces Initiative and Delta Airlines SkyWish Partnership.

Our Impact

When a service member is injured, the government often provides a limited number of flights for immediate family to be bedside in the first critical moments. After those flights are exhausted, families are on their own for continuous travel. This is where Luke's Wings steps in, providing families with complimentary airfare throughout the entirety of their hero's recovery. These flights bring emotional, physical and mental support needed to every step of the way.

Our Programs

Wounded Warrior Transportation Assistance Program (W.W.T.A.P.) - Our original program provides combat deployment or mission training wounded and injured service members and their loved ones complimentary airfare, to keep them physically connected during recovery and rehabilitation.

Special Operations Command Transportation Assistance Program (S.O.T.A.P.) - As a trusted resource of the Special Operations Command Care Coalition, this program provides flights for the families of service members who are injured while on special missions.

Veterans in Hospice Care Transportation Assistance Program (H.T.A.P.) - This program provides flights for the loved ones of veterans in hospice care so they can be together in their final days.

Fallen Officers Transportation Assistance Program (F.O.T.A.P.) - Our newest program provides emergency travel for the families and loved ones of first responders, following a catastrophic injury or death while serving in the line of duty.

Major Illness Transportation Assistance Program (M.I.T.A.P.) - This program provides flights for service members & Veterans undergoing treatment for combat deployment / mission related illnesses and cancers.



AN MP'S SUPPORT FROM LUKE'S WINGS

STORY BY GERALD "GERRY" DAVIS

My journey with cancer began with exposure to Depleted Uranium (DU) while performing Military Police missions in Iraq during OIF1. Within our multiple mission sets we were responsible for clearing old munitions from around the Baghdad area to prevent their use against coalition forces, these included Anti-Aircraft batteries.

After returning from Iraq, I had the honor to serve the citizens of California and our nation during Civil Support responses including Hurricane Katrina as well as many other regional and localized disasters.

In 2012 I was diagnosed with advanced stage kidney cancer. After a 6-hour surgery and 6 weeks of recovery I was back at work planning air mobility with the Army National Guard and USAF to ensure NORTHCOM's support of FEMA would be able to quickly move assets to federal and state disaster responses. While on deployment in 2020-2021 I was sent back to the states to be examined because I was experiencing odd sensations and pain, upon further investigation it was confirmed that my cancer was back and was now in one of my vertebrae. After multiple procedures conducted at Walter Reed including radiation, heat ablation and kyphoplasty I was again deemed "cancer free." Over the next year I traveled back to Walter Reed for scans and assessments every three months (on our own dime). In June of 2022 one of the scans showed multiple tumors throughout my ribs, spine, and clavicle. I was referred to a clinical trial at the National Institute of Health. We learned throughout this process that the specific type of cancer I have is extremely rare and makes up less than .0015% of all cancer, therefore there is not a

lot of knowledge on how to treat it other than it typically does not respond to traditional methods such as chemo. While undergoing the clinical trial I was hospitalized multiple times between Bethesda and California, and ultimately sustained a pancreatic injury that disqualified me from continuing the trial. Currently, a few new tumors have been discovered, they are very small but evident nonetheless and we have recently conducted a new biopsy. The goal of the biopsy is to conduct DNA sequencing on the cancer cells and work towards discovering a method of suspending future growth, (I had no idea that cancer has its own DNA, but I guess it makes sense). This is initially important for my family and I, and while we are praying for a positive outcome, of equal importance would be the outcome of helping others after me. There is empirical evidence that shows this type of cancer can be passed to one or more generations of offspring. Based on limited evidence about exposures we have as service members (especially overseas) it is important to make sure we're requesting testing as appropriate from our primary care physician(s). Now I'm not saying overwork the VA system or insist on something that's not an actual issue but be honest with yourself, your family, and your doctor if you have pain or an issue that is out of the ordinary for you medically.

Through this entire process Luke's Wings has been our saving grace. Due to some all-too-common circumstances within aspects of the military, my initial costs of travel and lodging were not being reimbursed or accommodated for since I was nowhere near my assigned duty location or home of record. Without Luke's Wings, flights to and from California and Maryland would not have been

possible. I would not have been able to receive the treatment and care I have I needed, nor would I have been able to afford to have my family present for some of the more invasive procedures. Over the last 2 years, Luke's Wings has provided over 45 roundtrip flights for me and my family to ensure I can receive the specialized treatments and monitoring I have needed. They have given us compassionate support during our most difficult times. Life doesn't stop just because you have cancer, the cancer just becomes an additional element of daily living to manage in addition to all the existing requirements.

Having stage four cancer in and of itself is obviously extremely stress inducing; learning that we would need to travel from our home on the West Coast to treatment centers on the East Coast every few months seemed to be unattainable given the cost of flights alone. However, once we got connected with Luke's Wings, they immediately jumped in and took over booking our flights. I can't begin to express my gratitude and relief in having their support in this process. It has allowed me to worry less about the "how" and focus solely on beating cancer.

The best people in the world are ineffective if they're out of reach, the journey to manage treatment is physical, emotional, and financial. The majority of the financial burden, along with the organization of booking travel, has been carried out by Luke's Wings. This small number of dedicated patriotic people, not to mention the many generous donors who support the cause, has created a powerful support group committed to providing aid for those individuals and families whom they serve. I am proud to have served as a Military Police Officer, I am proud of our missions, our people, and our families.



HAPPY HELPERS

LEARN LEADERSHIP SKILLS THROUGH SERVICE LEARNING

STORY BY SHANEL LEIGHTY SPED RESOURCE, WAYNESVILLE R-VI SCHOOL DISTRICT
PHOTOS PROVIDED BY WAYNESVILLE R-VI SCHOOL DISTRICT



The “Happy Helpers” are a group of 24 individuals dedicated to community service and everything from sending positive messages with Meals on Wheels, to preparing discount key tags to encourage individuals to shop local, to helping students in foster care.

More remarkable than their actual work is that they are students in grades 2-5 at Freedom Elementary in St. Robert, Mo., who are dedicated to service learning. These Service Learning “Happy Helpers” work together to address community needs through hands-on projects.

“Students learn about social issues, develop empathy and gain practical skills while making a positive impact on our community,” said Shanel Leighty, the teacher who facilitates the group, along with fellow teacher Carrie Spoorse. “This experience has fostered civic responsibility and teamwork among our young learners.”

Students work on projects that benefit people both inside the school as well as throughout the community.

One community partner is the Military Police Regimental Association.

“We are working together to learn about the services MPRA provides their members,” Leighty said. “MPRA believes in the mission of the Happy Helpers and they plan to help get T-shirts made so that our students can better advertise their work in the community.”

To further promote their work, an article about the Happy Helpers will appear in the national magazine MPRA, "The Dragoon" that will highlight the services that the students have provided for the Waynesville, St. Robert and Fort Leonard Wood community.

When a 4th grade student was asked what his favorite service learning activity was this year, he responded, "It was meeting Mr. Harne, who is involved with the Military Police."

In addition to working with MPRA, students have created cards, letters, poems and drawings to be placed in the meals that go out to local senior citizens through the Meals on Wheels to brighten up the lives of seniors.

The Waynesville-St. Robert Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Happy Helpers to assemble key tags that will be given to new community members, which provide a discount at certain local businesses. It is the group's hope that more people will take advantage of the discounts and choose to shop locally, helping to keep the local economy strong.

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candles, napkins, plasticware, aluminum cake pans, streamers, party hats, wrapping paper, gift bags, bows, new books, craft kits, science kits and stuffed animals to create birthday kits. Choices for People will be bringing a team to Freedom Elementary to help assemble these kits together with the Happy Helpers. The Fort Leonard Wood Thrift Shop helped fund the CASA's Wish Service Learning project by awarding a grant to purchase items to complete the 200 kits.



"The students are very excited to help children in need," Leighty said.

The Service Learning Group, Happy Helpers, is one of the Leader in Me initiatives that is modeled after Steven Covey's 8 Healthy Habits of Successful People. The program empowers students with leadership and life skills. Through various activities and projects, students learn to take initiative, set goals, prioritize tasks, work well with others and develop a strong sense of responsibility and teamwork.

As part of the Leader in Me program, students select their area of interest. These groups encompass activities such as cheer squad, cooking, birthday brigade, snack cart, fitness and service projects, etc. Students then meet in their groups once-a-month with a teacher leader.

Students from the Happy Helpers group were interviewed and asked questions about leadership.

When asked about someone he looks up to as a leader, a 4th grader answered, "I look up to my grandpa because he served in the Army and helped everyone in our country."

Another 4th grader stated, "The definition of a leader is a well-behaved person who follows all eight habits." She is referring to being proactive, beginning with the end in mind, putting first things first, thinking win-win, seeking first to understand and then to be understood, synergizing, sharpening the saw and finding her voice.

This 4th grader stated, "A leader is someone who is able to show kindness, responsibility and growth."

A 3rd grader was asked why leadership was important in children and said, "Leadership is important in children to show younger students ways to be responsible. It's also important to remind ourselves as well."

A 4th grader who was asked how does a child show leadership said, "A child shows leadership by helping one another."

A 2nd grader answered, "I will be a helper to show leadership."

When asked about what leadership activities he has been involved in, a 4th grade student said, "I have been selected as the Leader of the Month."

One 5th grader was asked how she could continue to provide service learning activities outside of the school, and she stated, "I will help clean up areas in public like the parks and stores."

As their name "Happy Helpers" implies, students find it rewarding to help others in the community.



ORDER OF THE MARECHAUSSEE: AN ARMY LEADER'S JOURNEY TO THE TOP

STORY AND PHOTOS BY RICK RZEPKA, PUEBLO CHEMICAL DEPOT

In a prestigious ceremony May 6, the Deputy Commander of the Pueblo Chemical Depot was awarded the esteemed Order of the Marechaussee, recognizing her outstanding dedication and devotion to the Military Police Corps Regiment and the exceptional commitment and service that have defined her U.S. Army career.

Sheila Johnson was awarded the highly regarded award by Lt. Col. Scott Nelson, Fort Carson Provost Marshal and Commander of the 759th Military Police Battalion, who said that she was highly deserving of the award and an inspiration to the Regiment.

Johnson served in the Military Police Corps with distinction for more than 20 years in a broad range of assignments from Patrolman, Team Leader, Senior Drill Sergeant and MP Investigations Chief, culminating her career on the Army Staff at the Pentagon serving in the Army Inspector General Division. Johnson eventually retired from uniformed service as a Master Sergeant in 2003.

"I'm very honored that my coworkers took the time to submit me for this prestigious award," said Johnson. "When I retired in 2003, it was still a relatively new award," she said.

Initially stood up in 1778 by Gen. George Washington during the Revolutionary War, the Marechaussee Corps was tasked with enforcing discipline within the Continental Army ranks and was taken from the French word, *maréchaussée* meaning: the Marshalcy. The award recognizes a degree of professionalism, high standards of integrity and morality and esprit de corps consistent with the long-standing history and traditions of the MP Regiment, according to the Military Police Regiment Association.

Johnson said that she attributes her success to her leaders and mentors throughout the years who believed in her and pushed her to excel. And excel she did, both in out of uniform becoming the first female Deputy Commander of Bluegrass

Chemical Activity in Kentucky and the first female Deputy Commander of the Pueblo Chemical Depot in Colorado.

"Sheila is most deserving of this great honor bestowed upon her by the MP Regiment, said Pueblo Chemical Depot Commander Col. Rodney McCutcheon. "Today, she brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Pueblo Chemical Depot, where she continues to serve with distinction as the Deputy Commander. She has mentored subordinates and senior leadership alike along her journey

in and out of uniform and our Army is better for it," he said.

Johnson said that her best advice to young MPs and her philosophy as an Army leader is taking care of people and not letting others

put constraints on your ambitions.

"I would say, don't let the fact that you're enlisted put any types of limitations on you," said Johnson. For the longest time, there was a misnomer that if you retired as an NCO then you were bound by certain grade limitations. For me, I went to school at night and received both my Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and Master's Degree in business, so I feel like I'm at the same level as any Colonel and so why should I be limited by the fact that I was enlisted. I think it's my role as a leader to do everything I can to help other people attain their goals."

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Sheila Johnson, Pueblo Chemical Depot Deputy Commander and retired MP Master Sgt. receives the prestigious Order of the Marechaussee May 6 in Pueblo, CO. The honor was presented by Lt. Col. Scott Nelson, Fort Carson Provost Marshal and commander of the 759th Military Police Battalion.

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