1. **PURPOSE:** This policy defines the Military Police Regimental Awards Program for the Military Police Regimental Association.

2. **HISTORY:** The Military Police Regimental Association Order of the Marechaussee was established in 2000 to recognize a high degree of professionalism, standards of integrity, morality, and esprit-de-corps consistent with the long-standing history and traditions of our Corps. The Marechaussee awards were established with Gold, Silver, and Bronze levels of recognition, Steel was later added in 2019. The Order of Vivandieres and the Friend of the Regiment were established in 2005 and 2018 respectfully. The Order of the Vivandieres symbolizes historical significance and preserves the traditions of Spouse volunteerism in support of our great Corps and our Army. The Friend of the Regiment award symbolizes historical significance and preserves the traditions of individual actions in support of the Corps and the Army.

3. **APPLICABILITY:** The organization's mission is to promote the history and preserve the traditions of the Military Police Corps while supporting Military Police leadership, Soldiers, Civilians, and Families Army wide. It is the policy of the organization to practice equal opportunity regarding the awards program. All considerations will be made without regard to race, creed, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other circumstance prohibited by statue.

4. **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

   a. The Director of Operations oversees the program.

   b. The MPRA Gift Shop Staff facilitates the processing of each award. This includes verifying membership status, preparing the staffing packet, processing payment, ordering the engraved medal, and shipping of the award.

5. **MILITARY POLICE REGIMENTAL AWARDS CRITERIA:**

   a. While the length of service serves as a foundational benchmark for the Order of the Marechaussee, it is only one of several factors used to determine the appropriate award level, ranging from Steel to Gold. Approval for each tier is primarily driven by a nominee's history of distinguished service, demonstrated professional mastery, and the enduring impact of their contributions to the Regiment. Furthermore, documented acts of valor are given significant weight and may waive standard time-in-service requirements**. Ultimately, the Commandant maintains the authority to grant exceptions to policy for any award level to ensure that the most deserving members of the Regiment are appropriately recognized.**

b. Nominees must hold or have held Army Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 31-series; 311A; job series 1811 CID Special Agent; 0083 Police Officer (Soldier or Civilian); or 0085 Security Guard, or those who previously held an Army MOS for Military Police (95B, 95C, 95D etc.).

c. The Gold award nominee must have performed service to the Corps for at least 25 years and held key positions of strategic significance, served admirably, and made a considerable and lasting impact to the Corps, whether in or out of military service. All Hall of Fame inductees will be presented with the Gold level award.

d. A Silver award nominee must have performed service to the Corps for at least 20 years and held key positions of strategic or operational significance at the Brigade or Regimental-level or higher, served admirably, and made considerable and lasting contributions to the Corps, whether in or out of military service.

e. A Bronze award nominee must have performed service to the Corps for at least 10 years and held key positions of strategic or operational significance, served admirably, and made considerable and significant contributions to their organization which bring great credit to the Corps.

f. A Steel award nominee must have performed service for a period of less than 10 years to the Corps and made considerable and significant contributions to their organization which bring great credit to the Corps.

g. Vivandieres award nominees are to recognize individuals who voluntarily make significant contributions to the morale, welfare, and spirit of Soldiers and family members in various facets of the Military Police Corps.

h. Friend of the Regiment award nominees are to recognize those individuals who have not previously served as a Military Police Soldier and have staunchly supported the Corps in an official capacity.

6. PROCEDURES:

a. Nomination:

(1) Only individual nominations will be considered; Regimental Awards will not be used as PCS, end of tour, or a deployment award.

(2) Nomination packets must contain the request form, narrative, endorsement by the personnel identified in paragraph 6c, and approval (for Steel, Vivandieres and Friend of Regiment IAW 6d). Award narratives should not reflect an individual’s command bio and clearly articulate based on first-hand knowledge or documented research of the nominee’s exceptional dedication, competence, and contributions to the Corps. Narratives should not exceed four pages.

(3) Submit nominations by mail or email to mpraawards@gmail.com. Mailing address is MPRA, Attn: Awards, PO Box 2182, Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473

(4) You may not recommend, endorse or approve your spouse for any Regimental Award.

b. Nominee and Requestor:

For all levels of the Marechaussee awards the nominee and the requestor must be a current standard member of the organization.

c. Endorser:

(1) For nominations for Steel and Vivandieres, the endorser must be a Military Police Lieutenant Colonel. Individuals without a Military Police Lieutenant Colonel will request endorsement thru the USAMPS Chief of Staff via MPRA Awards.

(2) Nominations for Bronze, Silver and Gold Order of Marechaussee awards, the endorser must be a Military Police Colonel, Military Police Nominative Command or Nominative Staff Sergeant Major, Chief Warrant Officer Five (to include retirees of these positions) and a current standard member of the organization.

d. Approval Authority:

(1) Nominations for Friend of the Regiment requests are approved by a Military Police Lieutenant Colonel. Individuals without a Military Police Lieutenant Colonel may submit the request to the USAMPS Chief of Staff via MPRA Awards.

(2) Nominations for Steel and Vivandieres are approved by a Military Police Colonel. Individuals without a Military Police Colonel will request approval thru the USAMPS Chief of Staff via MPRA Awards.

(3) All Nominations for Bronze, Silver and Gold Order of Marechaussee will be approved by the Commandant.

e. The cost of the awards includes the engraved award medallion, lapel pin, display box, certificate, and applicable shipping rates.

(1) Gold Award - $100.00

(2) Silver Award - $75.00

(3) Bronze Award - $50.00

(4) Steel Award - $25.00

(5) Order of the Vivandieres - $50.00

(6) Friend of the Regiment - $50.00

f. The organization encourages all its members to help promote these unique awards that recognize outstanding and deserving members of our Corps.

7. AWARD CEREMONY AND WEAR:

a. Presentation of the award should be conducted during exceptional events such as formal dinners and similar affairs. It should be shown in the same fashion as military award presentations. The highest-ranking Military Police Officer or Command Sergeant Major or appropriate civilian equivalent available will present the award. The Commandant reserves the right to present the awards in the USAMPS footprint. Requests for a non-Military Police member to present the award must be submitted to the regimental leadership and receive prior approval from the Commandant. The Commandant reserves the right to present all gold awards or will specifically designate a representative to present on their behalf.

b. Army Regulation 670-1 defines a badge as an award to an individual to identify or attain a particular skill or proficiency. Also included are badges of civic and quasi-military societies of the United States and international organizations of a military nature. These include badges of organizations composed of members who served in a U.S. force during the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, and the Chinese Relief Expedition of 1900. These also include badges (such as medallions) issued by military (regimental) associations. The authorized wearing of the medal is only while the wearer is attending meetings or functions of such organizations or on occasions of ceremony (as authorized by the commander). Personnel will not wear in a manner that brings discredit to the Military Police Corps.

c. Department of the Army Pamphlet 670-1 further states that it will be worn with the neckband ribbon around the neck, outside the shirt collar and inside the coat collar with the Medal hanging over the necktie.

d. Army Blue and Mess Uniforms: The medal will be worn with the ribbon around the neckband outside the shirt collar and inside the coat collar. The Medal should hang at the entire length of the ribbon.

e. Army Service Uniform and Army Green Service Uniform: The medal will be worn with the ribbon around the neck outside the shirt collar and inside the coat collar.

The Medal will hang over the four-in-hand necktie near the collar and above the top button of the coat or just under the bow tie, neck tab near the collar, and above the top button of the coat.

f. Civilian Attire: Men will wear the award around their neck with the ribbon over the shirt collar and inside the coat collar. Whether it is worn with a bow tie or necktie, the Medal should hang at the entire length of the ribbon. When the necktie is worn the Medal will hang over the tie. Women will wear the Medal around their neck with the Medal hanging the entire length of the ribbon.

Approved by the National Board of Directors.

/////// Signed ///////
CHUCK WILLIAMS
President, Board of Directors
Military Police Regimental Association
Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473

/////// Signed ///////
Beth Harmon
Director of Operations
Military Police Regimental Association
Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473