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## FROM THE EDITOR



The MPRA Dragoon features information from the MPRA Community, news from the Home of the Regiment at Fort

Leonard Wood, historical accounts, and stories from all components (Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve), as well as Retired Military Police from around the world. The overall goal of the Dragoon is to be current on the HOOAH events taking place within our ranks and, in turn, be a direct reflection of the Regiment as a whole. We encourage articles and photographs by and about Soldiers of all ranks, Military Spouses and Families, DA Civilians, and other Friends of the Regiment. Articles and photograph submissions should be Military Police-related and may include human interest, military operations and exercises, history, personal viewpoints and other areas of general interest. All articles accepted for publication are subject to editing. We welcome your ideas and suggestions for future publications and we look forward to hearing from you! The MPRA Dragoon would like to thank those who have contributed to the success of this publication. We are unable to do this without your assistance, contributions, and continued support.

Respectfully,  
Beth Bellerby  
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### MISSION

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

### VISION

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

### VALUES

Mutual Respect  
Pride in Heritage  
Responsible Service  
Always Relevant

## A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



On behalf of our National Board of Directors and our 6,800 members, I welcome you to our Summer 2018 edition of the Dragoon. In addition to our quarterly magazine we invite you to follow us on social media and our website where you can also find our Papa Romeo podcasts and the weekly electronic MPRA Dispatch which highlights many key happenings in the Military Police Corps Regiment.

Our Association would like to congratulate four members of our storied regiment on their selection for induction into the Military Police Corps Hall of Fame. The four inductees for 2018 are COL (R) John F. Garrity, COL (R) William L. Hart, CW4 (R) David J. Zelif and CSM (R) Dorsey L. Newcomb. All will be inducted in to the Hall of Fame during the 77th Military Police Anniversary celebration in September at Fort Leonard Wood. We also want to congratulate SGM Larry H. Orvis on being selected as the 7th Provost Marshal General Sergeant Major.

The MPRA has focused on two special projects this summer. One project is our collaboration with the Military Police School to finalize a first of its kind Military Police History book. This book will chronicle our regiment's rich history and include over 1,000 individually submitted biographies and pictures of Military Police Soldiers and Veterans who have served our great regiment. The other special project focused on the Regimental Walkway at Memorial Grove as this project involved the first phase of bricks from 2007. The bricks had become weathered and each one was replaced with a new replica of the original brick. The replacement bricks allow for better access to those searching for specific bricks and adheres to the purpose of the Regimental Walkway as a place to honor members of the Military Police Corps Regiment, past and present.

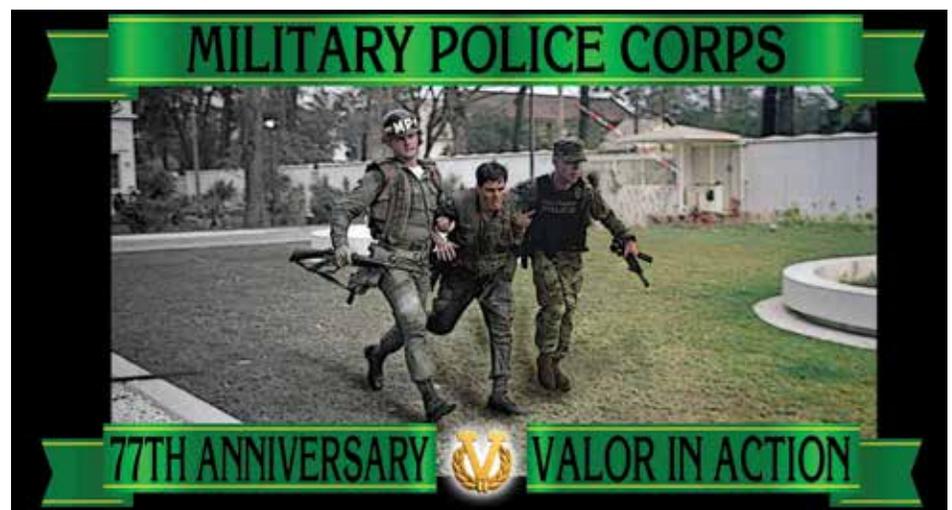
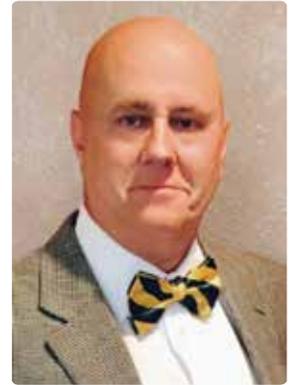
Finally, I would like to thank the staff for the tremendous work they do each day. Their tireless efforts are evident as they strive to assist our members, customers, and the many visitors we host with absolute professionalism and courtesy.

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

**Rick Harne**

*First Sergeant (Retired)*

*Executive Director, MPRA National Board of Directors*



# Regiment Set for Success

**L**et's talk about making a plan. The funny thing about planning is that as soon as you are about to execute the plan, it typically takes an unexpected twist or turn; not always a bad thing, but unexpected none the less. That is what has happened to my tenure as your 49th Commandant. My plan (and the Army's plan) two years ago was to move to Fort Leonard Wood, assume the position for at least 2 years; and then begrudgingly hand over the Regiment to the next deserving senior leader of this great Regiment. Well, after only 13 months of being in my dream assignment, the plan has changed. It has been an incredible year...as a regiment, we have made such a difference.

During this past year, when the USAR and ARNG identified a challenge with getting their Soldiers promoted because of a lack of opportunities to attend the Senior Leader Course for their CID agents and Corrections Specialist, our team helped create a new course and it will debut beginning next month.

When the Special Operations Community reviewed the training curriculum of our Advanced Individual Training, they liked the unique skills and tools taught to the youngest members of our Regiment and we entered a pilot program to help build Psyops capability for the Special Operations Community.

Our BSETD has led the way in educating Commandants on the science of Sexual Assault and Victimology. We have led the way in the DoD in tackling this very complex problem from both a victim and subject perspective.

We have identified capability gaps and joined in the process for mitigating those gaps through restructuring and resource initiatives.

We have tackled talent management for both our officer and Noncommissioned officer corps.

We are solidifying our relationship with the brigade combat teams through CTC rotations and inclusion in the SFAB rotations.

We have increased the academic rigor in our Military Police Captains Career Course and the pre command course for both BN and BDE CDRs. The first iteration was run in July and it had very positive feedback. We have revamped the prep course that prepares field grade officers for the command and general staff course. All of our PME now fully incorporates Military Police support to Large Scale Ground Combat Operations. And we are also in the process of identifying the

resource requirements for extending our One Station Unit Training Program.

I am so proud of the role our senior MP commanders are taking in Europe, FORSCOM and TRADOC. They are informing maneuver commanders of the capabilities of Military Police formations. Through our diligent efforts, we are being included in CTC rotations and maneuver commanders are requesting MP involvement in the SFAB; in lieu of maneuver forces...a win!

Your support and efforts have made my tenure as your Commandant so easy. You have done a lot of the heavy lifting this year. To my Assistant Commandant and Deputy Commandant... thank you for always filling in in my absence and for your unwavering support.

To my Directorate of Training...you are the heartbeat of USAMPS. Thank you for always saying, "We got it." You even said yes when I asked you to produce a lip sync video that partners with civilian police authorities efforts to bridge the gaps between themselves and the communities. Thank you for always keeping the team motivated to do all the updates to POIs in support of Large Scale Ground Combat Operations.

This regiment is set for success and there is no better leader to take us to the next level, than BG Brian Bisacre. Brian has the credentials, skills and knowledge to lead this regiment. He is no stranger to the MP School; having

served as the Assistant Commandant. And there is no finer First Lady of the Regiment than Cyndi Bisacre. I am 100% confident that she will continue to care for this Regiment and it's Families during their tenure here at Fort Leonard and beyond. And, as I leave this great regiment in the very capable hands of the next Commandant, I would just like to say that as the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Commanding General, I will be watching and anticipating the great achievements to come from this Regiment. It has been my honor to serve as your 49th Commandant.

## **Of the Troops, For the Troops MP6 49 signing off the net**

*BG Donna W. Martin,  
49th Commandant  
and Chief of the Military  
Police Corps Regiment*



# Military Police Corps Remains Critical

**C**yndi and I are truly thrilled to return to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and I am humbled and honored to assume duties as the 50th Chief of the Military Police Regiment and Commandant of the United States Army Military Police School. I absolutely look forward to serving with the phenomenal leaders, professional Soldiers and civilians of the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence... and both Cyndi and I are ecstatic to be back living in the best “town” in America — Fort Leonard Wood, which is surrounded by the most patriotic and caring communities in the nation. It is good to be home!

I want to first offer our personal thanks to MG Donna Martin and her husband Chris for ensuring we enjoyed a smooth transition back to the heart of the Ozarks. Additionally, over the past year, MG Martin's vision, leadership and dedication while serving as the 49th Chief of the Regiment and Commandant ensured our Regiment is strong today and well positioned to succeed into the future. Our Army and the entire Military Police Corps

**Our Regiment is strong because of our people — the dedicated men and women across all of formations, posts, camps and stations — it is you who we thank, along with your families for your commitment, dedication and service to our nation and our Corps — thank you!**

is so excited knowing the Martin's will remain at Fort Leonard Wood as MG Martin pinned on her second star and assumed command of the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence. Congratulations to MG Martin and her entire family and we all look forward to serving side by side with her!

Our Army remains the strongest and best land fighting force in the World and the Military Police Corps remains critical to its success. Our Military Police disciplines of Security and Mobility Support, Police operations, and Detention operations combined with our core competencies of Soldiering, Policing, Investigations and Corrections enable us to protect the force and preserve combat power both at home and during combat operations any place in the world — against any enemy. History has proven these capabilities were critically important in the past and it is guaranteed they will remain crucial to the Army's success into the future. With these capabilities as our framework, my top priority — at all times — will be to focus USAMPS and our Corps to build agile, adaptive leaders and units that can bring all of our disciplines to bear to protect and preserve the force and if called upon, to do it in the relentlessly lethal environment of future combat operations.

Lastly, our Regiment is strong because of our people — the dedicated men and women across all of formations, posts, camps and stations — it is you who we thank, along with your families for your commitment, dedication and service to our nation and our Corps — thank you!

**Assist, Protect, Defend... Army Strong!**

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



# Happy 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the U.S. Army Military Police Corps!

**A**s we commence the formal preparations to celebrate our 77th year as a branch, our theme for this year: Valor in Action, 77 years of Assisting, Protecting, and Defending really highlights the crucial role we have had and will have in our Army's history but most importantly it helps us remember our Vietnam Veterans as 2018 is the 50th Anniversary of the Tet Offensive.

Fifty years ago today the United States was embroiled in war in Vietnam. The North Vietnamese needed to make a statement to dash the United States' hopes of victory and add stress to the President about an increasingly unpopular war on the home front. In the early morning hours of 30 January continuing onto the 31st of January 1968, the North Vietnamese launched a major offensive during the celebration of the lunar New Year. During those two days, military police heroism, valor, actions, and capabilities against the North Vietnamese army and the Viet Cong during the Tet Offensive proved that military police are capable of delaying and defeating enemies in direct combat. "These brave men won a costly change of image for the military police, one for which

all past, present, and future members of the Military Police Corps can justifiably point to with pride and humility — for this was indeed the Corps' finest hour." — Col. Richard E. George, provost marshal, Saigon, regarding the intrepid performance of Military Police during the Tet Offensive of January 1968. This significant event in our history directly prompted the U.S. Army Chief of Staff to change the Military Police Branch from a combat service support unit to a combat support unit, and this is how the military police became the "Force of Choice."

Changing gears for a moment, as we get ready to celebrate our anniversary, myself, the Commandant and Chief of the Military Police Corps, BG Bisacre, and

the Regimental Chief Warrant Officer, CW5 Fitz, would like to congratulate our 2018 inductees into the Military Police Corps Hall of Fame: Colonel (R) William L. Hart, Colonel (R) John F. Garrity, Chief Warrant Officer Four (R) David J. Zelif, and Command Sergeant Major (R) Dorsey L. Newcomb.

Colonel (R) William L. Hart's service spanned over thirty-four years and includes combat service from Vietnam through Afghanistan. COL(R) Hart was dedicated to

the growth, development, and welfare of the Military Police Corps. His competence in the construction of compliant confinement facilities resulted in his recall to active duty in a role essential to the establishment of the Rule of Law in the Global War on Terror. His multiple contributions to the Military Police Corps will impact generations to come.

Colonel (R) John F. Garrity's distinguished career began as a Platoon Leader in 1987 and culminated as the Commander of the Army's only Airborne Military Police Brigade in 2008. He lived by a simple credo: "Be a Professional" and charged his subordinates to embrace this motto and command philosophy. Colonel Garrity deployed units into combat as a Company, Battalion, and Brigade Commander.

Chief Warrant Officer Four (R) David J. Zelif's distinguished Army career spanned more than thirty-eight years and he has represented our Regiment at the Department of Justice, Department of Defense and numerous civilian law enforcement and academic organizations. A consummate professional, he is widely recognized as one of the very best criminal investigators in the U.S. Army.

Command Sergeant Major (R) Dorsey L. Newcomb's twenty-five year career was exemplified by the excellence of his Soldiers' accomplishments and the Military Police units in which he served. He has continued to serve the Military Police Corps Regiment after his retirement in 2008 as a member and President of the National Board of Directors for the Military Police Regimental Association. He is recognized as one of our most influential retired senior leaders that continues to favorably impact our Regiment.

COL (R) Hart, COL (R) Garrity, CW4 (R) Zelif, and CSM (R) Newcomb will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on 27 September 2018 at the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Lincoln Hall Auditorium, followed by a photo unveiling in the Military Police Corps Regimental Museum. The Military Police Corps Regiment congratulates the inductees and their family members on their induction into our prestigious Hall of Fame

My wife, Carolyn, and I are so humbled and feel so very blessed to be a part of this amazing team of teams. I am honored to serve in this great Regiment and I remain committed to providing viable solutions to the Army as it affects the MP Corps and our enlisted population.

Happy Anniversary and Thank You for what you and your families do every day in support of this great Regiment!

**Of the Troops, For the Troops.  
Assist, Protect, Defend.  
Preserve the Force.**

*CSM James W. Breckinridge  
Military Police School Command Sergeant Major*



# Time to Celebrate

**G**reetings from the Home of the Regiment...and Happy 77th Anniversary. I love this time of year, a time when we celebrate the proud history of the Military Police Corps Regiment. We also take time to reflect on the accomplishments and hard work done by all members of our Regiment. The Regimental Association plays a big role in making the celebration a huge success and for that we are all very grateful.

There are many ways MPRA supports the Soldiers and Civilians of our Regiment, from college scholarships to monetary donations in support organizational and group events, to providing funds to Soldiers and Civilians who lost their households due to fire. I don't know the exact numbers but have personally witnessed numerous occasions when the Association stepped in and provided assistance to Soldiers or Civilians when they were in a time of need. This willingness to provide aid is one of the greatest attributes of the Association and I am proud to be a member!

On 19 July 2018, the Fort Leonard Wood community celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the United States Army Warrant Officer. We began the day with a run led by MG Kent D. Savre, Commanding General of the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence. I had the privilege of running in front of the formation with MG Savre, a formation of approximately 2,000 Soldiers. What an awesome turnout to recognize the service and technical expertise warrant officers provide to the Army. Warrant officers from all three components participated in this and several other events throughout the day, culminating in a "birthday party" that evening. A special thanks to MPRA for supporting the evening event, helping spread the word about the celebration, and being part of a very special day; not just for our Military Police warrant officers but the total warrant officer cohort. Your eagerness to be involved in this truly "once in a lifetime" event is greatly appreciated.

In June I had the honor of traveling with the Commandant and Regimental CSM to Guantanamo Bay to visit the Soldiers responsible for running that critical detention mission. During our visit we were able to "go inside" and witness firsthand the great work being done. I am always amazed by the level of responsibility placed on the young Soldiers and Non-Commissioned Officers who work in those facilities every day. Although separated from loved one, they endure the heat and humidity and perform their duties in a professional, exemplary manner. Their morale was high as was their understanding of the strategic implications of securing and caring for the high value detainees housed there.

Some of the most exciting and rejuvenating experiences here at Fort Leonard Wood are the Rights of Passage and graduation ceremonies of young One Station Unit Training (OSUT) Military Police Soldiers. The Rights of Passage is conducted prior to graduation and formally welcomes them into the Military Police Corps Regiment. They stand at attention as their drill sergeants pin the Regimental crest on their uniforms. For some of them,

this is a very moving ceremony and it's not uncommon to see tears. When asked why, they often respond by saying this is the first time they've felt part of something, part of a family even. We get the honor of moving through the formation, shaking hands and thanking them for their commitment to serve our Nation and our Regiment. A day or so later they move on to graduation, which are very motivating and encouraging ceremonies. These young MPs get the opportunity to stand in front of the audience (sometimes very large audiences) and announce their name and home city and state. The enthusiasm they display has encouraged me on many occasions and done much to keep me focused and dedicated to what I have to do each day. If you are visiting Fort Leonard Wood, I recommend you find out whether there are Rights of Passage or graduations during your stay... and go. Feel the excitement, receive some encouragement, and rededicate yourself to the mission.



Finally, I want to wish you all a Happy Anniversary. On 26 September 2018, we celebrate 77 years as a formally recognized Regiment. Take time to review the history of the Regiment. Learn about our founding and the extraordinary things that have been accomplished over the years. We also commemorate 50 years since the Tet Offensive, specifically the 31 January 1968 attack on the US Embassy in Saigon, Vietnam. Soldiers from the 716th Military Police Battalion engaged in close combat for nearly eight hours, ultimately securing the Embassy compound. We recognize the courage they demonstrated and their complete dedication to securing the Embassy compound. Join me in recognizing them, and all the MPs throughout our history, who have helped shape the Regiment we are today.

## **Of the Troops and For the Troops Do What Has to be Done**

*CW5 Joel E. Fitz  
Regimental Chief Warrant Officer*

# Brigadier General Bisacre — 50th USAMPS Commandant



The U.S. Army Military Police School held a change-of-commandant ceremony Tuesday at Fort Leonard Wood's Nutter Field House where they said farewell to Brig. Gen. Donna Martin and welcomed Brig. Gen. Brian Bisacre as the 50th commandant and chief of the MP Corps.

"This ceremony is truly something exceptional," said Maj. Gen. Kent Savre, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general and reviewing officer. "And rightfully so, because the United States Army Military Police Corps is exceptional — critical to our Army, critical to our national security and the standard bearer for professional policing around the world."

Savre said the responsibility of leading the MP School and Corps must only be entrusted to the most committed and competent senior leaders. He added that Martin has more than lived up to the responsibility.

“It is a true honor and privilege to serve as the 50th Chief of the Military Police Regiment and Commandant of the United States Army Military Police School. Our Regiment today is strong and heading in absolutely the right direction.”

"Since the day I handed her the Military Police Regimental Colors she has maintained high energy and a positive atmosphere in which she has enabled this incredible regiment to continue to live up to its distinguished lineage," he said. "As commandant, Brig. Gen. Martin has always maintained a high sense of regimental pride across military police



formations by caring for Soldiers, families and civilians."

Savre added, "Simply put — Donna truly lived the mantra: "Of the Troops and for the Troops."

Martin said the regiment is set for success with Bisacre in charge.

"It's been my honor to serve as your 49th commandant," Martin said. "As I leave this great regiment in the very capable hands of the next commandant, my only wish is that I was able to make a difference in the short time I was here."

After welcoming the Bisacre family back to the installation, Savre said Bisacre has an impressive resume.

"Having served as the assistant commandant just three years ago and most recently as the commanding general of U.S. Army Corrections Command and the deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command. With his wealth of experience, extraordinary vision and inspirational leadership — the Army could not have picked anyone better to take on the responsibilities of leading our Military

Police School into the future," Savre said.

Bisacre thanked Army senior leaders for their trust and confidence in him to lead and then listed three promises to the regiment.

"It is a true honor and privilege to serve as the 50th chief of the Military Police Regiment and commandant of the United States Army Military Police School. Our regiment today is strong and heading in absolutely the right direction," he said. "I promise to give my all to enable the readiness of our regiment...I promise USAMPS will continue to be an excellent teammate with the team of teams at MSCoE and Fort Leonard Wood. And most importantly, I promise to uphold the professional covenant of the leader to lead and fully commit myself to coaching, teaching, development and caring of our Army's most important resource — its people."

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# THE MPRA PRESENCE ACROSS THE WORLD

The Military Police Regimental Association's (MPRA) presence continues to grow across the world in the form of general membership and local chapters. The Association has nearly 6,800 members that are stationed or living all across the United States or abroad. There are currently 20 active local chapters. These chapters include the First Corps of Cadets, Lexington, Massachusetts; Rio Grande Chapter, Fort Bliss, Texas; Center of the Universe Chapter, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Peacekeeper Chapter, Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Pike's Peak Chapter, Fort Carson, Colorado; North Country Chapter, Fort Drum, New York; Fort Gordon Chapter, Fort Gordon, Georgia; Fort Hood Chapter, Fort Hood, Texas; The Old West Chapter, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Rainier Chapter, Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington; Flint Hills Chapter, Fort Riley, Kansas; Coastal Empire Chapter, Fort Stewart, Georgia; Golden State Chapter, Bakersfield, California; Grand Canyon Chapter, Phoenix, Arizona; Morning Calm Chapter, Korea; Mile High Chapter, Denver, Colorado; Ozarks Chapter, Fort Leonard Wood Region, Missouri; Yellowhammer Chapter, Prattville, Alabama; Rhode Island Chapter, Warwick, Rhode Island; Alamo Chapter, San Antonio, Texas.

Our Association's presence across the Army is anchored by the MPRA National Board of Directors (BOD) and our Senior Advisory Council (SAC). The BOD is headquartered at the home of our Regiment at Fort Leonard Wood. The 16 individual members of the BOD and SAC are physically dispersed across the United States. 62.5% of these volunteers are from the FLW Region and 37.5% are from elsewhere in the country. Each of these members have long standing relationships with the MPRA. While the BOD provides oversight for the accomplishment of the organization's mission the SAC advises, guides, assists, supports and advocates for the Association. The SAC also provides recommendations for

improvements that will help the Association grow and expand through informal assessments of the Association's programs, policies and initiatives.

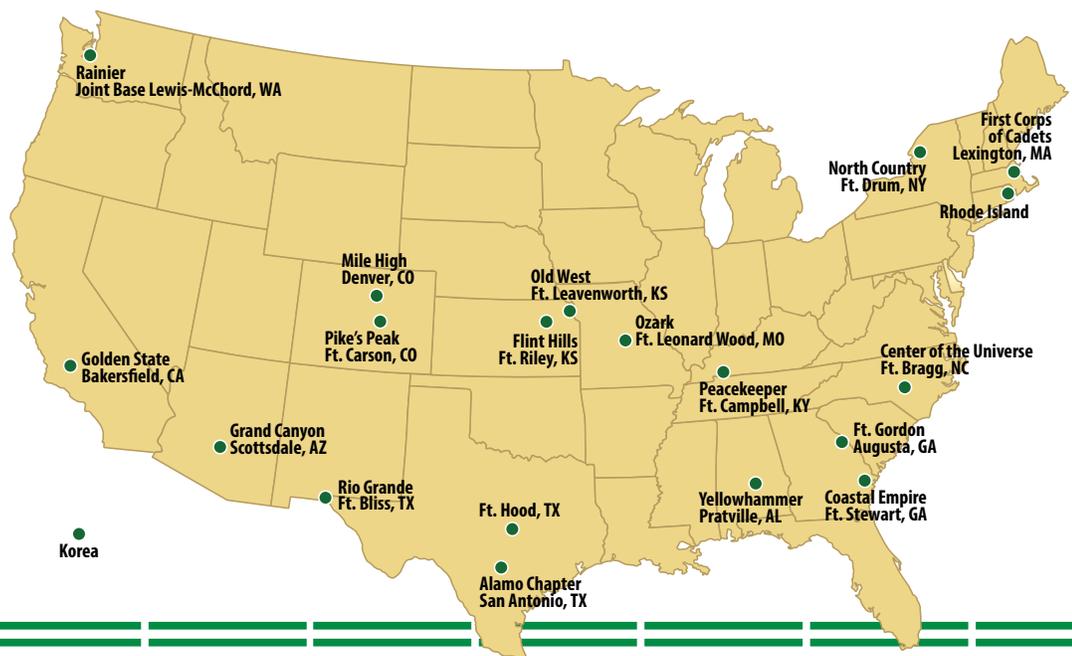
In addition to our ongoing interest in gaining new individual members we encourage Commanders, leaders, members and volunteers to help stand up and sustain local chapters in places where they do not currently exist. Our Executive Director 1SG (Retired) Rick Harne and other members of our staff are readily available to help guide you through the process of establishing local chapters. Our National organization works diligently to stay connected with our local chapters in a number of ways to include quarterly conference calls with the chapter leadership. This type of communication is an important part of us remaining relevant and understanding how the MPRA can best serve MP Soldiers, Leaders, Families and members.

The MPRA is committed to its vision of remaining the premier Military Police professional organization aligned with the Army and Military Police Corps visions and recognized as relevant by Military Police Leaders, Soldiers and Families throughout the Regiment. We maintain that commitment by staying focused on

our mission of promoting the history and preserving the traditions of the Military Police Corps Regiment while supporting Military Police Leadership, Soldiers and Families Army wide.

As our presence continues to expand we offer you our assistance in helping grow local chapters in your area and your membership base. We encourage you to reach out to our Executive Director or a BOD Member to visit your unit or community to assist with specific questions and educate current and potential members on our Association and our various programs. If interested in accepting the challenge of standing up and sustaining a successful local chapter, contact Rick at [mpra1941@gmail.com](mailto:mpra1941@gmail.com) for specific details.

The MPRA is a solid organization with a great track record of supporting MP Soldiers, Leaders and Families through programs like our Regimental Grove and Walkway, Benevolent Fund, Scholarship Program and our Marechausee and Vivandieres awards program. These programs have benefited thousands over the years and with your help we can expand our reach and support even more our of Soldiers, leaders and families going forward.



# 2018 Military Police Corps HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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

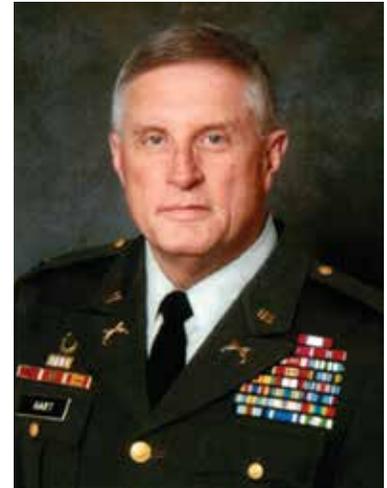
The Military Police Corps Regimental leadership proudly announced this year's inductees as Colonel (R) William L. Hart, Colonel (R) John F. Garrity, Chief Warrant Officer Four (R) David J. Zeliff and Command Sergeant Major (R) Dorsey L. Newcomb. This year's inductees bring the total number of distinguished leaders enshrined in the Military Police Hall of Fame to eighty-seven. The MPRA joins the regimental leadership in congratulating each of these inductees and their families on this outstanding milestone in their service to our Regiment and this great country.

In keeping with promoting the history and preserving the traditions of our Regiment, the MPRA is proud to maintain a current place on our website where you can view the names, pictures and citations for all eighty-seven Hall of Fame members.

We invite you to visit the site at [www.mpraonline.org](http://www.mpraonline.org) to see this collection of Military Police heroes and to read about their legacies. Although the United States Army Military Police School is the proponent for the MP Hall of Fame. The MPRA encourages everyone to review the outline of the prerequisites, process and regulatory requirements below and consider nominating those you feel to be deserving of consideration for this great honor.

Detailed information regarding the Hall of Fame is contained in US Army Military Police Corps Regimental Regulation 870-1, DTD 26 February 2015 available on the US Army Military Police Corps Regiment Website at <http://www.wood.army.mil/usamps>.

On behalf of the Commandant of the United States Army Military Police School and Chief of the Military Police Corps Regiment, it is with great pride that the United States Army Military Police Corps Regiment announce its 2018 inductees.



**Colonel (R) William L. Hart**

Colonel (R) William L. Hart's service spanned over thirty-four years and includes combat service from Vietnam through Afghanistan. COL(R) Hart was dedicated to the growth, development, and welfare of the Military Police Corps. Serving in key policy and operational personnel positions, he developed systems used by all services for congressionally mandated joint service in Confinement Operations. His competence in the construction of compliant confinement facilities resulted in his recall to active duty in a role essential to the establishment of the Rule of Law in the Global War on Terror. His multiple contributions to the Military Police Corps will impact generations to come.



**Colonel (R) John F. Garrity**

Colonel (R) John F. Garrity's distinguished career began as a Platoon Leader in 1987 and culminated as the Commander of the Army's only Airborne Military Police Brigade in 2008. Colonel Garrity developed innovative solutions to complex problems, helped subordinates mature as leaders, and brought his passion for soldiering to all he encountered. He lived by a simple credo: "Be a Professional" and charged his subordinates to embrace this motto and command philosophy. He imbued the warrior spirit in all those he led while at the same time caring for those under his charge. Colonel Garrity deployed units into combat as a Company, Battalion, and Brigade Commander.



**Chief Warrant Officer Four (R) David J. Zeliff**

Chief Warrant Officer Four (R) David J. Zeliff's distinguished Army career spanned more than thirty-eight years and he has represented our Regiment at the Department of Justice, Department of Defense and numerous civilian law enforcement and academic organizations. A consummate professional, he is widely recognized as one of the very best criminal investigators in the U.S. Army. Mr. Zeliff has been, and continues to be, a distinguished senior leader and his contributions will have an enduring impact on our Regiment.



**Command Sergeant Major (R) Dorsey L. Newcomb**

Command Sergeant Major (R) Dorsey Newcomb's twenty-five year career was exemplified by the excellence of his Soldiers' accomplishments and the Military Police units in which he served. He distinguished himself as a leader of the highest caliber throughout his career in every leadership position from Squad Leader to Command Sergeant Major. He continued to serve the Military Police Corps Regiment after his retirement in 2008 as a member and President of the National Board of Directors for the Military Police Regimental Association. He is recognized as one of our most influential retired senior leaders that continues to favorably impact our Regiment.



*COL (R) Hart, COL (R) Garrity, CW4 (R) Zeliff, and CSM (R) Newcomb will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on 27 September 2018 at the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Lincoln Hall Auditorium, followed by a photo unveiling in the Military Police Corps Regimental Museum. The Military Police Corps Regiment congratulates the inductees and their Family members on their induction into our prestigious Hall of Fame.*

# CSM WOODRING ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY AT MDW

**F**ORT LESLEY J. MCNAIR, D.C. – Soldiers, family, friends and colleagues gathered to welcome Command Sgt. Maj. Richard A. Woodring as he assumed responsibility of the Joint Force Headquarters National Capital Region and U. S. Army Military District of Washington, during a change of responsibility ceremony.

During the ceremony, hosted by Maj. Gen. Michael L. Howard, commanding general, JFHQ-NCR/MDW, in Conmy Hall, Joint Base Myer - Henderson Hall, Virginia, June 12, Woodring expressed gratitude.

"I am both honored and humbled by this opportunity," Woodring said, as he addressed the audience. "I am not successful because what I have done, rather I have been fortunate to ride the coat tails of the best men and women our country has to offer."

Woodring was preceded by Command Sgt. Maj. Paul E. Biggs, who served as the unit's command sergeant major for more than two years.

After assuming responsibility, Woodring wasted no time taking on his new roles and responsibilities.

"In one word my first weeks were hectic," Woodring said, as he chuckled. "Every day there is literally something different. This [unit] touches a little bit of everything. From oversight of the garrisons, to ceremonial duties, I had no idea of all the little touch points that we are responsible for. It is a constant go here, which is very exciting."

The diverse command is responsible for maintaining situational awareness and conducts homeland defense and civil support operations to defend the National Capital Region, as directed. The organization draws together resources of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and NORAD into a single point headquarters for planning, coordination and execution of missions.

Woodring entered the military under the delayed entry program in the Army Reserves, in October 1984. He attended both basic and advanced individual training at Fort McClellan, Alabama.

After training, he went on to study criminal justice, seeking a career in law enforcement.

"I went to college for about two weeks," he said as he laughed. "During my first week of college classes, the teachers talked about term papers and finals. I knew I wasn't the greatest student, so it was then I decided to forgo college and go active."

After his short stint in college, the Kansas native entered active duty in June of 1986.

This decision was undeniably the right move for Woodring, he said.

"The discipline and structure is what really attracted me to the military," he continued. "So when I went to [basic combat training] and [advanced individualized training] I really excelled, and found myself in leadership roles."

Throughout his career, Woodring has



served in many leadership positions that have prepared him for his current assignment.

These assignments include: the provost marshal sergeant major for the Operational Protection Directorate, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; command sergeant major, 8th MP Brigade, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and senior enlisted leader Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435, Camp Sabalu, Harrison, Afghanistan, among others.

"When you have been in as long as I have you naturally pick things up along the way," Woodring said. "I think that all of those experiences in some way or another



L to R: Command Sgt. Maj. Richard A. Woodring (right), assumes responsibility for the Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, during a change of responsibility ceremony June 12, 2018. The ceremony was hosted by Maj. Gen. Michael L. Howard, commanding general, JFHQ-NCR/MDW, in Conmy Hall on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Va. (U.S. Army photos by Sgt. Nicholas T. Holmes)

Command Sgt. Maj. Richard A. Woodring (center), salutes after assuming responsibility for the Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, during a change of responsibility ceremony June 12, 2018. The ceremony was hosted by Maj. Gen. Michael L. Howard, commanding general, JFHQ-NCR/MDW, in Conmy Hall on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Va. (U.S. Army photos by Sgt. Nicholas T. Holmes)



have helped prepare me for this assignment.”

Prior to taking responsibility of the command, Woodring served as the Army Provost Marshal Sergeant Major in Washington, D.C.

While serving as the senior enlisted advisor of the command, Woodring plans to advocate for the members of the unit and guarantee the command maintains readiness.

“I want to take advantage of every opportunity to show case the diversity and

talent of our Soldiers and civilians in this organization,” Woodring said. “A lot of what we do is high profile, if we make a mistake the world can see it. My priority is to ensure we are trained and prepared for our task and missions. If we are not prepared to do our jobs correctly it can have a great impact on many people.”

In closing, Woodring acknowledged the gravity of his new responsibilities while expressing his appreciation for the opportunity.

“It can be a little intimidating knowing

all that this assignment requires,” he said. “What I have gained is the chance to see the Army through a different lens. A lot of my path has been military police organizations. This command allows you to see the Army in a very different lens. We are just responsible and involved in so many different [functions] and I am excited for what is ahead.”

*Story by Sgt. Nicholas T. Holmes*



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# An Inside Perspective to the Department of the Army Selection Boards

It has been some time since the last Military Police Corps Officer served as a Board Recorder. “What is a board recorder,” you may be asking yourself and you are not alone. A week prior to my change of command, branch called and asked if I knew of the DA Sec. My response was a quick no. I simply hadn’t heard of it before. The DA Sec stands for the Department of the Army Secretariat for Selection Boards. The DA Sec, as it is commonly referred to, operates out of the Human Resources Command (HRC) at Fort Knox, Kentucky. I did not know that there was a select group of Army officers known as board recorders that worked within the branch. As it turns out, there is a very small select group of officers across the entire Army that execute centralized selection boards. In retrospect, there are sixteen Army officers that serve as board recorders.

But, let’s answer the question: what is a board recorder? Board recorders, on behalf of the convening authority, ensure that board members are properly briefed and prepared to execute any number of specific selection boards in accordance with appropriate law, policy, and guidance. We administratively assist board members as they review and vote files and generate the initial document that eventually becomes the final approved list published by HRC. I have had the privilege to serve on or lead officer promotion and command select list boards from Captain to Major General over the last 14 months. I have also been humbled to serve on or lead every centralized enlisted board executed by the DA Sec in that same timeframe.

Within my first few weeks of ar-



iving at the DA Secretariat, my eyes had been completely opened to a very different Army world and perspective. Going from a Company Commander to a Board Recorder, now observing the Army enterprise and strategic initiatives fundamentally changed how I now view the selection process. There are many things I did not know about the Human Resources world, let alone the selection process that I learned because of this unique assignment. I found myself in an environment where nearly every week was an officer professional development (OPD) session for me. As members voted files or discussed the intricacies of our Army I had a unique opportunity to take note of their remarks and engage in conversation with them. There are a few major takeaways that I have realized, not many of them are different than what the Military Police Branch team at HRC continuously advises the force on, but more so, to stress the impact of that advice.

The United States Army selection process is fundamentally sound. In both the manner in which it is executed

and the faith and confidence placed in that process. Prior to my arrival to HRC, I inappropriately assumed that the promotion process was simple. You receive the My Board File (MBF) message, review your file, certify it and done. A few weeks later the board would meet, vote and then several months down the road the list is simply released. Although it seemed as though it was a fairly straightforward process; it is a significantly more involved process. My experience here has taught me that there are a number of exceptional professionals who work diligently to execute every board. On average there are no less than thirty individuals, outside of the members who vote the board, who execute multiple tasks in preparation for, execution during, and then post board operations. All of this done in an effort to ensure that not one single officer or noncommissioned officer is missed from the eligible population and is seen by the board. While also ensuring that the results of the board are published without infraction or delay.

As members arrive at HRC and begin the process of executing the board they continuously and unanimously mention their renewed faith and confidence in the Army promotion system. I believe that can be attributed to a few factors. First, each vote counts equally for every member. Not one single member’s vote carries any more weight than that of another. The vote of a General Officer counts just the same as the vote from a Command Sergeant Major. Secondly, members are prohibited from engaging in conversation with each other and, with few exceptions such as General Officer selection boards, from discussing any personal knowledge

they may have which might favor one candidate over another. Third, there is a quality control measure used during the voting process. Members are returned certain files to be relooked should they have a significant deviation in their voting from another member(s). The process affords the board member the opportunity to reassess a candidate's file in the event that they may have missed something within that file. There is, however, no requirement for a member to change their vote for that candidate. Which leads me to the most important portion, in my opinion, that ensures the fairness of our system - that no one in this process will ever tell a board member how to vote any specific type of file.

Guidance is provided to each board through a memorandum of instruction (MOI) by the board's convening authority. The convening authority is the individual under whose authority the board is being executed in accordance with applicable law and or policy. The vast majority of boards are appointed and executed on behalf of the Secretary of the Army. The MOI usually lists those attributes and competencies as well as certain positions within the Army that are important for the overall management of the force and in certain cases the execution of the national security strategy. This guidance, however, in no way tells a board member that a candidate who has completed certain jobs and has a specific level of education or training, or whose evaluations have certain boxes checked should be scored any certain number based on the scoring system. Members, as a function of the Army Selection Board System (ASBS), the automated voting tool utilized for all boards, are allowed to score a candidate one through six, and if they choose, add a plus or minus identifier. Each member has to form what is known as their own individual voting philosophy. As each member reviews a candidate's file, they alone determine what score the candidate deserves.

These examples are used to help stress a very long-standing and consistent theme throughout the Army. You

are responsible for your career, the completeness of your file and its presentation to the board is an individual responsibility. It is imperative that your file is as accurate and up to date as possible. This should be done routinely, not simply because the convene date of your next board is quickly approaching. Board members can quickly identify when a file has not been reviewed and is not up to date. Although members are not told who certifies their file – that's



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correct members are not told – they can absolutely figure it out. Your photo and record brief are important elements to communicate with the board. Although you may only need a new photo within five years of the board convene date, listen to the recommendations of your superiors and the branch team. If you have an upcoming board, get a new photo! Additionally, your record brief should tell a very succinct story of your military career. Those Soldier's whose record briefs are up to date and allow a board member to easily flow from record brief to evaluations (the record brief can be viewed simultaneously with other files) are viewed favorably. While those records that are not succinct, cause a certain amount of strife for members and may negatively impact

a candidate's score. Bottom line, check your MBF, update it and certify!

None of the above steers from the fact that how you perform and the manner in which your evaluations are written are important. Sustained exemplary performance throughout any number of jobs is essential and is a clear indicator of the probability a candidate will be selected by a board. Regardless if your file and your record brief are up to date and succinct, evaluations with lower block checks absolutely impact your chances of being selected by a board. Several of you may be thinking, "But I have encountered Soldiers in my career where I have asked myself, how did they get picked up?" The shortest answer is simply this: the Army promotes, regardless of grade, branch or military occupational specialty on its requirements. At the end of the day the Army clearly has a mission and whether or not your skill set fits into that mission are important. As an example, if the Army needs 100 candidates of a specific branch, and there are 100 fully qualified candidates then it is simple 100 are selected.

What tends to shock a number of members when they arrive is that being higher on the order of merit list does not necessarily equate to the requirements of the Army. I have seen a number of candidates well above others who, because of skill sets, were not selected as they did not merit the needs of the Army; e.g. the Army needs 10 candidates and I am number 8 on the OML. I do not possess the skills that the Army requires. I am then skipped over and candidate number 11, because they possess the requisite skills, is selected. There is no way to anticipate such a case. There are simply too many variables that factor into it. Again, sustained exemplary performance is key to being successful.

With respect to evaluations, they truly serve only one real purpose. That is they are meant to be a rater's and senior rater's communication to the board. Evaluations are not meant to simply be a communication between you and the rated officer, although that

is true, their real purpose is to convey your message to a specific board reviewing them. Evaluations are not counseling statements. There are specific forms and functions for counseling, it is not the rated Soldier's evaluation. With that being said, ambiguity within evaluations, differing box checks between rater and senior rater, as well as language that does not necessarily equate to the box check, require members to not simply review the evaluation but make an attempt to interpret the message. This could very well inadvertently lead a member to incorrectly interpret your message to the board. Thus, write plainly and clearly. Evaluations filled with ambiguous adjectives to describe a rated Soldier and their performance or potential may make the rated Soldier feel good but it may also have an adverse impact on their score.

A common question I am asked is my opinion on letters to the board president. The answer is easy. Don't write them. The vast majority of letters do not provide any additional information to the board and are routinely not written in accordance with Army Regulation 25-50. With that being said, Soldiers, by law and regulation, have a right to submit a letter to the president of the board. There are very few cases



in which I would recommend submitting a letter. Should you have a gap in your record with respect to evaluations, and the board, based off of your record cannot account for the gap, then filling that gap is prudent. For example, you were wounded in combat and as a consequence of rehabilitation do not have evaluations to cover this specific timeframe. Another example would be if you were awarded a certain type of degree, e.g. a Master's, but you were unable to submit those transcripts as the semester would not close prior to the board's convene date. In that case, a letter to the board with documentation from the University supporting your claim would be appropriate. Regardless of why you are submitting a letter, there

is absolutely no excuse for it not to be in accordance with the regulation. **READ THE REGULATION!** A failure to do so may greatly impact the intent of your letter to the board.

It's my hope that you found these points helpful, if nothing else, a validation of long-standing comments, echoing the importance of professionally maintaining your record and the negative impact that not doing so may have on your selection. I encourage everyone to review either the officer or noncommissioned officer Mock Boards found at the HRC website, <https://www.hrc.army.mil/content/Selection%20Boards>, to better prepare you for any upcoming board. Have faith and confidence in the process, I most assuredly do.

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# MP Spouse Recognized for Commitment to Improving Lives of Military Families

In May of this year, many military spouses from around the world gathered in Washington, D.C. for the Armed Forces Insurance (AFI) 2018 Military Spouse of the Year (MSOY) convention. The Military Spouse of the Year honor is in its eleventh year and the goal of the program is to honor the dedication and sacrifices of our nation's military spouses who are making a difference in their local communities.

This year's convention was comprised of a variety of events, including the annual Town Hall and a new addition to the line-up, the USO-Metro Gala. Attending this year's MSOY convention was Military Police spouse Sierra Redmond who was named the 2018 MSOY for US Army Garrison - Miami.

We all know that the families of military police service members not only face a high operational tempo with frequent deployments, but when their service members are in garrison, the demands of their job require them to spend long hours away from their families and friends. This fact makes Redmond's service even more impressive.

Redmond and her husband have been together for almost nine years and her husband, Sgt. Elijah Redmond, has served in the Army for five and a half years. He's currently serving as a Protective Services Detail Agent.

During Sgt. Redmond's previous assignment at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Redmond joined him there five months after they were married and she had completed her first two years of college. Not wanting to lose momentum on her education, Redmond transferred to Drury University and successfully completed an associate degree in media and a Bachelor of Arts degree in general studies with a focus on mass communications.

Unfortunately, Redmond quickly

learned that pursuing a career in broadcast journalism would be extremely challenging, but she didn't let that stop her. Redmond had a passion for writing, so she decided to start her own blog, The Daily Impressions.

Though she didn't originally intend the blog to be a full-time career, she found it to be a great creative outlet and enjoyed networking with other military spouse bloggers. She's taken classes and is working to learn from the best in the



business about how to turn her hobby into a successful business and career.

"I really enjoy being part of online groups for military spouse bloggers. I have been learning a lot from people like Krystal Spell about how to partner with other businesses in order to grow my following and expand my blog. I'm also planning to attend this year's Military Influencer Conference in Orlando," said Redmond.

Extending her support network outside her husband's current duty station location has been critical. Sgt. Redmond's current assignment keeps him very busy and the Miami Garrison is incredibly small. Upon their arrival in Miami, Redmond felt alone and alienated for the first time as a military spouse. By this time, she had a small baby, her husband was no longer part

of a traditional MP unit, and they were not living on an installation, which had provided a sense of military community in Missouri.

Prior to being named the MSOY for the Miami garrison, Redmond saw the need to connect with other military families within installation and advocate on their behalf for improved garrison services; however, it was challenging to get the ear of the garrison commander.

After winning the MSOY title, a press release was sent out and Redmond was able to organize a meeting with the local Army Community Services office and the garrison commander. At this time, she brought concerns from others within the community to the attention of the garrison leadership.

"There were many military spouses and family members within the garrison that had concerns. I was able to convey those to leadership and get the ball moving on some improvements and changes," said Redmond.

The Redmonds are already planning for their next permanent change of station, which will come later this year. The constant changes, unpredictability of military life, and need to adapt quickly overwhelmed Redmond during her first few months in Miami, but as she faces this next move, she speaks confidently of the resilience and strength that she's developed.

"I'm hopeful that even though we'll be moving soon another spouse from USAG - Miami will be nominated next year, and they'll be able to continue the work of improving the lives of military families within the garrison. If anything, I feel like I left USAG-Miami better than I found it and I'm excited for what the future holds," said Redmond.

*Story by Erin Kaberline*



# Deployed MPs Ensure Safety of Troops and Civilians

**B**AGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – Military police assigned to the Texas National Guard 236th Military Police Detachment, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade is responsible for maintaining the safety of service members, coalition forces and civilians in the Combined Joint Operations Area - Afghanistan by inspecting all incoming and outgoing

equipment.

“On a daily basis we do anything from processing a flight to mobile operations, where we go out and clear units’ containers and gear so that they can go home, or flight operations where we process all incoming and outbound flights to and from Afghanistan,” said Staff Sgt. Joshua Vohs, NCOIC of customs operations, with the 236th MP Det. “We ensure that units are able to clear customs and return to their home base with a smooth transition.”

The small team of Soldiers work all day in processing personnel, inspecting equipment and going out on missions to other bases. Service members consistently move throughout the Afghanistan, coming in and out the theater, leaves the MPs with various

challenges in accomplishing their mission.

“Some of the challenges that we have faced in theater is personnel, we are running 12-hour shifts with the limited personnel that we have,” said Vohs. “Some of the things that we’ll do is we’ll borrow people and use a lot of our downtime between flights to get some rest.”

The MPs conduct these inspections to maintain the safety of the troops and the accomplishment of the mission.

“Coming in to Afghanistan, we’re mainly worried about following General Order Number 1-c, with alcohol, pornography, personally owned weapons, steroids, etc.” Vohs said. “We’re making sure that the fighting force is 100% mentally and physically able to take the fight to the Taliban.”



First Lt. Sean White, commander, Texas National Guard 236th Military Police Detachment, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade, inspects bags during a container layout June 7 at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. White and his team of military police were inspecting outgoing units’ equipment to help expedite the process when the unit goes back home.



Spc. Roberto Arce, a mobile team leader assigned to the Texas National Guard 236th Military Police Detachment, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade, completes paperwork for confiscated items during a connex inspection at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, June 7. The military police inspects all equipment that enters and exits the theater to ensure that service members, civilians and coalition forces don’t import or export contraband from Afghanistan.



Sgt. Sarah McCauley, a flight team NCOIC with the Texas National Guard 236th Military Police Detachment, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade, inspects personal equipment during a layout at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, June 7. McCauley looked for any illegal substances or agricultural matter during these inspections. The purpose of these customs inspections are to prevent the importation of contraband while protecting service members, coalition forces and civilians on bases in Afghanistan.



Spc. Tera Jones, the supply NCOIC for the Texas National Guard 236th Military Police Detachment, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade, displays a fur sample for Soldiers at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, June 9. The military police confiscate furs illegal to transport to or from the United States. They inspect for fur that could potentially carry diseases or insects and they confiscate endangered animal furs.

Their mobile team is able to fly out to the different forward operating bases (FOBs) to inspect units departing theater.

“[The mobile team’s mission] is to help expedite the process for the units’ equipment and bags that are going back to the states,” said Sgt. Johnny Arriago, mobile section NCOIC, 236th MP Det. “We inspect them and ensure that the equipment is clean, no insects, dirt or agricultural hazards, and there is no illegal contraband going back to the states.”

Arriago said that the mobile team could clear anything from containers to helicopters. By doing these inspections, the MPs are preventing outbreaks of diseases or non-native species in the U.S.

“One of the most important parts of our mission is the agriculture side, bringing over dirt, food, insects or animals into the U.S. is a major cause of some of the diseases we are exposed to,” said Sgt. Joseph Barbour, the NCOIC of retrograde and contraband assigned to the 236th MP Det. “I look at it as the safety of us, the people and passengers on the planes, there’s no telling what somebody is trying to smuggle back to the U.S. or what kind of weapons they can use

to harm others.”

These MP Soldiers are the first and last step to establish mission readiness. They protect the home front while they are abroad and the personnel in theater through their inspections.

*Story and photos by Sgt. Elizabeth White  
3rd Sustainment Brigade*



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# “Lex Et Ordo” at the Ivory Tower

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The year is 1969. Like countless evenings before, on June 30th, the hustle of people and cars fill the air in downtown Saigon mixing with the sights and smells of a robust nightlife. At 2200 hours, the city sounds fade as curfew is in effect on Soldiers and civilians alike. Suddenly the violent cracks of gunfire and flashes of light echo through a building downtown. A man yells frantically in Vietnamese into a radio mounted on a jeep outside the building. People rush out the doorway of the imposing, multi-story building where the shots originated. An unusual stillness fills the air as gun smoke dissipates inside. Two men lay dead at the Ivory Tower bar in downtown Saigon, Vietnam. At first glance, the pair could not be a day over 25 years old. One man lay dead on the third floor of the bar with multiple gunshot wounds. Traveling down a narrow, winding staircase from the third floor to the first floor a second body is visible, face down with multiple gunshot wounds to the back as if the man was running from or to something. Perhaps both. Their clothing tells the rest of the story. An empty pistol holster is attached to the belts of both men with the pistols that should be secured in them...missing. These men did not come to the Ivory Tower for a lighthearted evening and a drink as so many before. Rather, two bold, white letters emblazoned on a leather brassard, affixed to the background of an olive drab uniform make it apparent that the two men came to the Ivory Tower as “Peacekeepers.” That night, Soldiers of the 716th Military Police Battalion (MP BN) were conducting law enforcement operations alongside host nation civilian and military police in Saigon just like countless nights before. Shortly before midnight, both Private First Class (PFC) James Workman and Sergeant (SGT) Eugene Cox serving with the 716th MP BN are shot dead inside of



SGT Eugene T. Cox, 716th Military Police Battalion. Photo by Robert Cornfield.



PFC James H. Workman, 716th Military Police Battalion. Photo by Robert Cornfield.

the Ivory Tower bar. The aim of this article is simple, to honor their legacy and retell a forgotten story of two men who lived up to the values echoed throughout generations of law enforcement officers by those two simple letters: “MP.”

About 100 miles north of Saigon, the Vietnam War rages underneath a canopy of thick and unforgiving jungle. In Saigon, however, the scene is different. Vietnamese Capital Police, Army of the Republic of Vietnam MPs (ARVN MPs), and United States Army Military Police (MP) from the 716th MP BN roam the city streets conducting joint law enforcement operations. In 1969 the Tet Offensive of 1968 remains vivid in the minds of many living in Saigon, to include the 716th MP BN. The Tet Offensive of January 30th, 1968 was an NVA offensive intended to incite a popular uprising against US forces through simultaneously attacking Saigon, US

military bases and other communities throughout South Vietnam. The 716th MP BN was credited with being instrumental to defending the streets of Saigon and important facilities such as radio towers and the US embassy. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Tet Offensive.

The 716th MP BN’s primary mission was to conduct law enforcement operations in Saigon. SGT Cox arrived in theater on July 29th, 1968 with PFC Cox arriving shortly thereafter on July 30th, 1968. SGT Cox, 21, entered the Army in 1967, leaving his home in Jackson Heights, NY. PFC Workman, 20, of Beaver Falls, PA, volunteered for the Army at approximately the same time as Cox. Both Cox and Workman were assigned to B Company (CO), located on the main thoroughfare downtown in a former hotel whose European architecture stands as a constant reminder

of the French colonial legacy in Vietnam. B CO was one of three COs in the BN deployed to Vietnam. MP Soldiers assigned to the 716th MP BN worked a constant rotation of 12 hour shifts, each with a patrol supervisor who was a SGT or above in charge of essentially resolving issues that individual patrols could not. American MPs did not have any jurisdiction over local Vietnamese civilians, as SP4 Don Klecak, one of Cox's roommates, remarked "we don't touch them and we don't have the power to arrest them." Hence, the MPs rode in what was called a "Combined Patrol" or CP for short. This patrol included one jeep with three American MPs, a second jeep with three South Vietnamese civil-

ian police, and a third jeep with three ARVN MPs.

On the night of the incident, SGT Cox, PFC Workman and SP4 James Hogan mounted a jeep and began their patrol at approximately 1830 hours after conducting a guard mount briefing. They rendezvoused with the ARVN MPs and South Vietnamese Capital Police at the PMO before departing into Saigon. At approximately 2330 hours, they were dispatched to the Ivory Tower bar for a "disturbance." As tensions rose between an Army Staff Sergeant (SSG) and an ARVN officer, an American Soldier ran out of the bar to call the Army MPs. After arriving at the Ivory Tower at approximately 2350 hours, Workman,

Cox, and a Capital Police officer enter the building and proceed to the third floor of the tower to find a US Army SSG Calvin Yates and a South Vietnamese Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) named Nguyen Viet Can arguing. Hogan stayed with the jeep outside to monitor the radio while the ARVN MPs returned to the PMO to conduct shift change. LTC Can was accompanied by two Captains (CPT) Due Nzoe Nuoi and Pham Vam Bach. LTC Can and SSG Yates were arguing after LTC Can was offended by the way he was addressing a Vietnamese woman at the bar. Before Cox and Workman arrived, SSG Yates testified that the three ARVN officers forced him at gunpoint to stay and drink with LTC



LTC S. Joel Schuldt, second from the left, and CSM Jose Shorey, far right, presenting a 716th MP BN Helmet to the Cox brothers.

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Can while CPT Nuoi warned him that “If you go, you’re going to go feet first, we’re going to blow your brains out.”

SGT Cox greeted LTC Can with “Good evening sir” before telling Yates to exit the bar with the MPs. Can refused to let the MPs leave, yelling at the civilian police officer “where are the ARVN MPs?!” The civilian police officer rushes down to his jeep to request ARVN MPs on the scene. Can then knocks the helmet off one of the MPs with his hand before drawing a handgun. Neither Cox nor Workman drew



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their weapons and instead wrestled with Can to force the weapon out of his hand. “I’ll kill you both!” yells Can at the two MPs. During the struggle, Can shot himself in the leg and CPT Nuoi drew another pistol on the two MPs. Yates immediately runs for cover in an adjacent room. Shots ring out as Nuoi shoots Workman in the leg and chest. Workman collapses on the floor, reeling in pain. While the chaos ensues inside, Hogan is reporting shots fired to the

dispatcher and requests assistance. The patrol supervisor, SGT Robert Cornfield, was at the PMO desk standing next to a Vietnamese police radio and an American MP radio when both start screaming with indiscernible chatter followed by gunfire. Cornfield rallies the new shift of ARVN MPs and civilian police, rushing to the scene. Back at the Ivory Tower, Can and one of the two CPTs shoot Workman in the stomach as he is laying on the floor. Cox runs down the stairs from the third floor with the three Vietnamese officers in pursuit. Catching up to Cox, the officers release a hail of bullets into his back and head, killing him instantly.

Cornfield and the other officers were too late. When they arrived on scene, Can and the two other officers had fled while Cox and Workman lay in pools of warm blood in the bar. Cornfield and the other patrols quickly tracked Can down to a local hospital where he was receiving treatment for his gunshot wound. ARVN MPs took control of the scene in that moment, later bringing the three to trial on December 17th, 1969. “The Evening Times” of Sayre, PA reported that LTC Can was brought to trial on charges of aggravated assault while both CPT Bach and Nuoi were charged with murder. The five man tribunal composed of four ARVN officers and one South Vietnamese civilian judge ruled that there was insufficient evidence to reach a conviction despite SSG Yates’ detailed testimony during the trial. Nearly a year later, “The Kane Republican” from Kane, PA reported on a second trial held on September 9th, 1970. “Three South Vietnamese officers were found guilty yesterday of the cabaret slayings of two US military policemen” the article’s first line reads. During this trial, Can was charged with manslaughter while Nuoi and Bach still faced murder charges. The tribunal found all three guilty of their accused crimes but decided to suspend the sentences, resulting in no apparent jail time or further legal action from the courts. Justice, in some form, was served with the conclusion of the second trial but that is not where the

story ends. On May 13th, 2018 Eugene Cox and James Workman were added to the National Law Enforcement Officer’s Memorial located in Washington, DC. Their names join the names of over 20,000 other officers who sacrificed everything in the service of others.

The year is 2018. Time has a way of muddling memories and clouding the past to the point, if one does not attempt to preserve it, the past is wholly forgotten. Saigon is now Ho Chi Minh City. The 716th MP BN is composed of a new generation of Soldiers. However, the MP brassard is still worn on the left shoulder as a symbol of the values and legacy unique to Army law enforcement officers. Once the friends, families, comrades and loved ones of SGT Cox and PFC Workman pass, who will remember their story? Who will honor their legacy?

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What does it mean to be an MP? Those letters stand for the same principles and values today as they did 40 years ago during the Vietnamese conflict. SGT Cox and PFC Workman risked everything, without hesitation, to defend a fellow Soldier as MPs currently serving at home and abroad continue to do. Although the mission of the MP Corps has evolved to meet new threats over the years, the guiding principles of MPs and the willingness to make sacrifices in the service of others endures.

***“Assist, Protect, Defend.”***

*By 2LT Michael A. Giles*

# TRAINING GETS MORE INTENSE FOR THE 46<sup>TH</sup> MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

It has been 10 days since the 46th Military Police Company has landed in Poland, living off of the environment, dealing with frigid nights, blistering days, and lack of sleep. The members of this unit remain strong and motivated to complete mission-based training during exercise Saber Strike. First Squad, 2nd Platoon of the 46th MP CO completed a quick reaction force mission the night before, and members of this squad were running on roughly about two hours of sleep.

Their next mission task was a route recon. Staff Sgt. Shawn Williams, a squad leader, assigned to the 46th MP Company, lead the recon mission, as it was time for his squad to be evaluated.

"It's always good to get the troops out there, we got a lot of brand new soldiers, so it's a good experience for them and it's good experience for us training these soldiers," said Williams. "I have two corporals who are learning their role as a team leader, its great experience for them because they are newer at that position."

During the unit's down time Williams would provide additional training to his squad on things such as weapons and other tools that would be useful out in the field, especially when it came to their mission. All missions aren't perfect, and there are challenges along the way.

"The main challenge was when our comms went down and when our DAGR [Defense Advance GPS Receiver] stopped functioning properly," said Pvt.



1st Class, Joshua West, a gunner, assigned to the 46th MP CO.

The unit had to improvise quickly by shouting commands and rerouting in order to continue their mission. This simulated what could happen in the real world when equipment malfunctions while on a mission.

As a part of the scenario members of the unit had to respond to injured comrades while under fire from the opposition.

"We had a wounded casualty. We pulled him out [of the vehicle], [and] assessed him for other injuries and was able to stabilize him and put him back in to the vehicle," said Cpl. Oliver Fiala, a team leader, assigned to the 46th MP CO.

During this simulation the soldiers remained vigilant in their task and drills, despite roughly having two hours of sleep.

"You know adrenaline is a great thing. You may be tired but once things kick, exhaustion is the last thing you have to worry about," said Williams " Being here instead of Grayling, where everyone knows where everything is, helps us



avoid complacency."

"Overall I think the mission went pretty well, there is a lot of fine tuning we can do," said Williams "If you don't fail you're not trying, if you're not trying you're never going to learn anything."

There will be more intense training with the 46th MP CO as the exercise continues. The company maintains unit cohesion and high morale throughout Saber Strike 18, which adds to the goal of promoting interoperability between U.S. forces, allies, and partners in the Baltic region.

*Story by Cpl. Tristin Maximilian*

1. Cpl. Oliver Fiala, a team leader assigned to the 46th Military Police Company, based out of Corunna, Michigan, helps his teammate take a simulated casualty to safety during a practical exercise. (Photos by Cpl. Tristin Maximilian/Released)

2. A combat medic directs Shawn Williams, a squad leader, assigned to the 46th Military Police Company, to where his injured soldier is located, in a practical exercise, June 5, 2018 in Kanotop, Poland.

3. Soldiers assigned to the 46th Military Police Company receive orders for their next mission while working on roughly two hours of sleep.

4. Staff Sgt. Shawn Williams, a squad leader assigned to the 46th Military Police Company, gives instruction to Pvt. 1st Class Joshua West, a gunner for the 46th Military Police Company, on his role for their next convoy, June 5, 2018 at Land Forces Training Center Drawsko, Poland.





# JOINT STAFF MILITARY SECURITY FORCE

## Army MPs Protecting the National Military Command Infrastructure

In the late fall of 1965, the National Military Command Center (NMCC) became fully operational. As a coordination hub for global military operations and a conduit of multi-national situational awareness for senior government officials, this facility quickly became the nerve center for the nation's armed forces.

Recognizing a deficit with regard to critical site security, the Director of the Joint Staff - Lieutenant General David A. Burchinal (USAF) – solicited nominations from the service branches to staff a “small, but very effective, military security unit”.

LtGen Burchinal further mandated that nominees must be “distinguished in military bearing, resourceful, tactful, and be able to operate with high ranking civilian and military personnel” and that they “must meet the highest professional and personnel security requirements in order to qualify for access to special intelligence information”.

Today, the Military Security Force (MSF) serves as a Special Reaction Team to the NMCC and the Global Situational Awareness Facility as well as the 190+ Joint Staff classified storage facilities. Additionally, the MSF monitors the

intrusion detection, CBRN alarm, and fire suppression systems for the Joint Staff footprint.

One of the most visible aspects of MSF duty is the requirement to serve as the Chairman's Ceremonial Guard where members provide security for the Chairman and his allied foreign counterparts during strategic level conferences intended to enhance diplomatic commitments in the global fight against terrorism.

As members of the Joint Staff, the MSF rotates between the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, and Air Force on an annual basis. In July 2018, the Army

relinquishes their responsibility as the 53rd Joint Staff Military Security Force to the United States Marine Corps.

During their tour of duty, this team of 16 Noncommissioned Officers earned one Defense Meritorious Service Medal, six Joint Service Commendation Medals, nine Joint Service Achievement Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, eight Army Achievement Medals, seven Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medals, one Master's Degree, two Bachelor's Degrees, one Associate Degree, 16 letters of appreciation from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Provost Marshal General, innumerable coins, and 16 Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badges. These Army Military Police seized opportunities for excellence at every turn.

Being part of the Military Security Force offers MPs a rare opportunity to have a glimpse into the strategic level discussions that serve as the underpinnings for tactical actions as far down as the individual warfighter. Additionally, exposure to some of the nation's most sensitive information lends itself to a degree of mystique tempered by the fact that the protection of such information is the sole catalyst for the creation of the MSF.

Contact with the Secretary of Defense, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Director and Vice Director of the Joint Staff is not an unusual occurrence. Achieving this degree of access to senior DoD military and civilian leadership is exceptionally rare for most Military Police, let alone MPs at skill level two and three. Observing senior leaders as they navigate real-world crises with a national nexus certainly puts unit-level leadership into perspective when faced with less volatile leadership challenges.

Working on the Joint Staff Military Security Force is a privilege reserved for Noncommissioned Officers at the pinnacle of professionalism. The next U.S. Army rotation is slated for selection in late 2019 with a summer 2020 report. If you have, or can obtain, a TS/SCI clearance, are physically fit, have exceptional military bearing and character beyond reproach, the MSF may be right for you!



**My year on the Joint Staff was eye opening because it gave me an opportunity to see the military from a different optic by overlaying the strategic decision making process I witnessed firsthand with the day-to-day tactical operations we are accustomed to at the Staff Sergeant and Sergeant level. I immensely enjoyed working with our foreign partners, fellow federal law enforcement officers, and other military members in the joint domain to establish and cultivate lasting relationships."**

— SSG Stacy Harris



*Story by Master Sergeant John W. Russell*

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# FACES IN CROWDS

## Identity as a Counter-Terrorism Tool

**F**amous author and humorist Mark Twain apocryphally said, “If you tell the truth, you don’t have to remember anything.” Today, he might have added that if your words don’t speak the truth, then your biometrics will. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) demonstrated this in February 2018, when it arrested a Saudi citizen living in Oklahoma and charged him with visa fraud and making false statements to the FBI. Fingerprints recovered from documents found in Afghanistan placed the man, Naif Abdulaziz M. Alfallaj, at an Al Qaeda training camp in 2000. Alfallaj allegedly omitted this phase of his life when petitioning for a U.S. visa.

Alfallaj expected that his history in Afghanistan would remain unknown to U.S. authorities. In past eras, he would have succeeded in this subterfuge by merely crossing jurisdictional lines and possessing genuine-looking documents. However, in today’s counterterrorism environment, forensic science and biometric technologies give law enforcement a decisive edge in discovering such evasions and fabrications.

Whatever the data source—domestic criminal files, immigration records, or forensic exploitation on foreign battlefields, to name a few—identity information can be applied anywhere and by any agency with access to it, within proper authorities. Providing that access to those who need it is a top interagency and international priority in the fight against terrorism.

### “Big Three” U.S. Federal Biometric Databases

A myriad of biometric databases exists worldwide, backed by national governments as well as states, provinces, and municipalities. Each has a specific mission and different set of capabilities. However, standardization in data storage and transmis-

sion enables conformant systems to share information between and check against one another, significantly multiplying each system’s potential to catch criminals and terrorists.

The U.S. federal government operates three primary biometric repositories, owned by the Departments of Homeland Security (DHS), Justice (DOJ), and Defense (DOD), as well as various smaller systems. Each of the “big three” serves distinct users and purposes, but is capable of interfacing with the other two in support of homeland



and national security.

By far the largest is DHS’ Automated Biometric Identification System, known as IDENT, which holds information on more than 200 million unique identities. This volume of data is mostly due to the DHS presence at U.S. borders and its management of the immigration system, but its law enforcement, investigative, and intelligence components contribute, as well. DHS is replacing IDENT with an upgraded system known as Homeland Advanced Recognition Technology (HART), which will be better able to handle “multimodal” records containing face, fingerprint, and iris images. Work on HART commenced recently, following a contract award in February 2018.

The FBI, within the DOJ, operates the second-largest U.S. federal database. Next Generation Identification (NGI), replaced

the FBI’s legacy fingerprint-based system in 2014. NGI is a modern, multimodal database that serves customer agencies across the United States with services including a national “Rap Back” service, the Interstate Photo System, and fingerprint verification. It stores more than 74 million criminal files.

DOD is the third leg of the stool. At only 17 million records, the DOD Automated Biometric Identification System (ABIS) is the smallest of the “big three” U.S. federal databases, but it proportionately contains the most dangerous population set. DOD biometrics are focused on military operations and providing data that can secure its forces and facilities back home. If a terrorist identified on a battlefield years ago tries to get a job at a U.S. military base, DOD ABIS will spot him or her. DOD ABIS enables wide-ranging missions including military law enforcement, anti-terrorism, force protection, intelligence, physical and logical access control, insider threat detection, identity management, credentialing, detention, and interception operations.

An essential component of the last 15 years of U.S. operations overseas has been gathering identity information from and about threat actors. U.S. and coalition forces have done so through a variety of means, such as the biometric enrollment of detainees, forensic exploitation of bomb fragments and sensitive sites, routine patrols, and base access controls. These collection efforts in the field and information sharing in the background enable the U.S. government to deny anonymity to its enemies at any point of encounter. DOD produces a Biometric-Enabled Watchlist (BEWL) and collaborates with DHS and DOJ daily to promulgate it for whole-of-government use. Watchlisted terrorists and criminals can be identified by their biometrics by Special Operations soldiers on a raid, Border Patrol agents in Arizona, or a Los Angeles County



sheriff's deputy booking someone who appears to be just a small-time criminal.

In one case, U.S. forces at Kosovo's Pristina Airport biometrically enrolled a criminal subject and nominated him to the BEWL in 2013. The subject legally changed his name and traveled to Canada several months later. Name-based checks on his past were ineffective. When attempting to cross into New York, however, U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents checked his biometrics against the BEWL and discovered that he was a match. The subject initially denied having a criminal record, but later confessed after border authorities were able to confront him with details from DOD records. The subject's entry to the United States was denied. This case highlights the vulnerability of name-based checks to manipulation, but also the robust capability of biometric enrollments and information sharing. After all of the subject's efforts to avoid detection, his own fingerprints gave him away.

### **International Fight against ISIS**

The biometric identity capability took on

added gravity, following the military defeat of the so-called Islamic State (ISIS) in Syria and Iraq, which recruited approximately 40,000 foreigners to fight on its behalf there. Many were killed or detained there; however, some—estimates indicate more than 5,000—are still free and will want to return (or have returned) home. ISIS members and other foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs) have conducted and will continue to be called to perpetrate attacks abroad and in their home nations. Knowing their identity is key to tracking them, identifying them when they travel, denying them anonymity, and stopping them.

It's not just the United States working on this. The International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) has historically taken on a leading role in sharing criminal identity information across borders and is playing a similar role in counterterrorism efforts. INTERPOL currently holds biometric data on approximately 41,000 FTFs. INTERPOL's Project FIRST (Facial, Imaging, Recognition, Searching and Tracking) facilitates the availability of this information to member states' law enforcement agen-

cies. Of particular importance to this effort is INTERPOL's National Central Bureau in Baghdad, Iraq, which is well placed to counter the remaining elements of ISIS through law enforcement action.

INTERPOL recently teamed with the U.S. Department of State and International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law to organize the two-day Conference on Mobilizing Law Enforcement Efforts to Defeat ISIS in February 2018. The conference brought together diplomatic and law enforcement authorities from nearly 90 countries to coordinate on meeting the ISIS threat. Some of the objectives were to promote the awareness of tools such as battlefield evidence, biometrics, and watchlists; use of data obtained outside of traditional law enforcement activities, including information collected during armed conflicts; and exchange of biometric identifiers. Leaders commented that ISIS is seeking refuge in countries outside of Syria and Iraq; that biometrics is a critical tool to verify identity; and that global collaboration by, with, and through international partners must be sustained to defeat ISIS.

This conference came in the wake of United Nations (UN) Security Council Resolution 2396, unanimously passed in December 2017. This measure calls upon member states to counter movement by violent extremists through improved border control, criminal justice, and information sharing. It explicitly directs biometric collections at transit points and encourages member states to share relevant information with other states. It further directs the development of terrorist watchlists and databases for use in a whole-of-government fashion by law enforcement, border security, and the military to detect and counter the threat. This Security Council resolution provides legitimacy to the collection and distribution of identity information, biometric and otherwise, which some UN member states may have questioned in the past. The threat of former ISIS fighters striking close to home has had a clarifying effect on the issue.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is similarly changing its operational paradigm. Although long involved with biometric collections in military operations, NATO has historically refrained from sharing data outside the operating area (Afghanistan, generally). In June, though, NATO formally revised this policy by action of the North Atlantic Council and Secretary General, following immense preparatory efforts by NATO's Defence Against Terrorism Programme of Work. With the new policy, NATO may share biometrics collected during its military operations with member states' law enforcement and border security agencies. This will facilitate information sharing not just among NATO members, but potentially with INTERPOL and the European Union's policing agency, EUROPOL. The objective is to ensure that data collected during NATO-led operations are accessible to those who need it, such as local law enforcement agencies.

### The Local Level

With the increasing prevalence of biometric technology, more local law enforcement organizations are finding ways to incorporate it into their equipment and operations. While these efforts are usually aimed at local needs such as identifying individuals with outstanding warrants or streamlining the booking process, it is also possible for agencies to link up with larger databases, including federal ones, to

increase vigilance in support of counterterrorism.

The FBI provides a means of doing this through its Repository for Individuals of Special Concern program (RISC). First fielded in 2011, RISC makes a subset of U.S. national fingerprint data available via download to law enforcement officers' biometric mobile devices. The FBI distributes a regularly updated RISC database containing fingerprints of high-interest individuals, including known and suspected terrorists, violent criminals, sexual predators, and other individuals of special interest. Law enforcement officers enroll subjects'



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— Mark Twain



fingerprints directly on a mobile biometric device and are able to see almost instantly if the individual is in the RISC data set downloaded to the device. To access these data, local law enforcement agencies need to have or purchase compatible mobile devices and coordinate RISC access with their state fingerprint or biometric agency. Besides RISC, agencies are also using other biometric systems in the United States, as seen in the following examples:

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): The Texas DPS maintains an automated fingerprint identification system (AFIS) to keep fingerprint records of all persons previously arrested in the state. It currently holds data on more than 4.8 million individuals. In addition to FBI-compliant "livescan" units used at police stations for arrests throughout Texas, mobile fingerprint devices deployed by local law enforcement agencies can capture live and latent prints for rapid identification. Transmission of fingerprint captures to the AFIS will return results in near-real time. In addition to AFIS, mobile

users can interface with RISC records. Local in-state agencies may purchase their own mobile devices as long as they meet DPS requirements.

Los Angeles County, California: The Los Angeles County Regional Identification System (LACRIS) is a multimodal biometric system that serves the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and 46 municipal law enforcement agencies within the county, including the Los Angeles Police Department. The system provides matching against the California Identification System (CAL-ID), and updates arrest records based on each identification.<sup>14</sup> It has steadily grown in capability in recent years, to include mobile fingerprint capture tools for both live and latent prints, as well as facial recognition.<sup>15</sup>

Washington, DC, Metropolitan Area: Although its name may imply only one area is involved, the Northern Virginia Regional Identification System (NOVARIS) encompasses local law enforcement agencies in Washington, DC; Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in Maryland; and seven agencies in northern Virginia. Housed and maintained by Fairfax County, Virginia, the system allows cross-jurisdictional data sharing and provides increased processing speed. It offers multimodal capabilities including palm, livescan and latent fingerprints, and facial recognition. The region has also added mobile fingerprinting capabilities through the use of handheld devices.

Pinellas County, Florida: The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office has been employing facial recognition technology since 2001 and has collected more than 30 million images. It uses this capability for corrections, mobile bookings, and investigations, and partners with 193 other agencies around the United States, including 35 county sheriffs. Users can record facial images on mobile devices and send queries from the field, typically getting a gallery of potential matches back within 30 seconds.

### Defense Support

DOD assists law enforcement in inter-agency efforts by sharing its information to identify criminals and known or suspected terrorists who may have entered the United States under false pretenses. In addition, DOD law enforcement agencies actively utilize biometric databases as part of their own operational capabilities. For example, the



Naval Criminal Investigative Service often conducts biometric enrollments during investigations of transnational crime relevant to the Navy and adds those data to the DOD database. U.S. Marine Corps law enforcement battalions routinely enroll roleplayers employed in live training exercises that simulate Iraqi or Afghan villages. The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command uses biometrics like any other law enforcement agency and is a daily customer of FBI systems, but it is also able to obtain and provide data from terror threats overseas. These collections may be the DoD's data initially, but such data are shared with the FBI and DHS almost immediately.

Apart from the FBI, DHS, or DOD organizations, other U.S. federal law enforcement agencies also utilize or are moving to utilize biometrics in their operations. The Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service is now accessing DOD ABIS to vet local nationals who seek employment at U.S. embassies abroad. The U.S. Marshals Service is leading a working group on biometrics with an end goal of creating and then integrating its own biometric database with the other interagency databases. The U.S.

Secret Service is also establishing a working group to consider how it might access current interagency databases. The Drug Enforcement Agency is currently examining the possibility of accessing the BEWL. This volume of collaboration bodes well for U.S. national security—and poorly for criminals and terrorists.

A novel example of DOD sharing information with law enforcement focused on a long-missing deserter and military prison escapee. In 2014, the U.S. Army provided the U.S. Marshals Service with 1970s-era photos of a soldier who escaped from the military prison at Fort Leavenworth in 1977 while serving a 23-year sentence for a murder conviction. The Marshals queried state photo databases and found a match from a Florida driver's license under an assumed name. The fugitive was arrested without incident in Broward County, Florida, and, according to a U.S. Marshal associated with the case, "The first words out of his mouth were, 'I knew this would catch up with me one day.'"

### Conclusion

The real-world individuals profiled here—the Saudi who trained with Al Qaeda,

the Kosovar criminal with a false name, and the fugitive living a double life—all proved adept at ignoring Mark Twain's advice. Each was able to keep a story straight for years, creating certain false details like names or leaving out certain key facts like past associations. But in each case, their webs of lies were undone by their own bodies' physical traits. International criminals and terrorists do and will display similar ingenuity in their attempts to evade authorities; however, sharing identity information, especially biometrics, provides law enforcement and its partners with a means to deny these individuals success. Law enforcement knows who these criminals are—and knows how to identify them—and they can't do a thing about it.

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# K9s TRAIN AT FORT STEWART

Fort Stewart, Ga. -- Military working dog handlers with 93rd Military Working Dog (MWD) Detachment, 385th Military Police Battalion, conducted police dog training at Fort Stewart's George P. Hays Library Aug. 3, 2018.

The training prepares military working dogs to operate in different environments and scenarios, said Spc. Christopher Diak, an MWD Handler with 93rd MWD Det.

There are two types of K9 training the MWDs go through — patrol and enhanced detection.

MWDs are trained to exercise obedience and controlled aggression when patrolling and detect weapons of mass destruction, improvised explosive devices, and narcotics when searching.

“My dog Alan and I have been working together for the last year and a half,” said Diak. “Today Alan will work on basic obedience and controlled aggression. Then he will search the library.”

“The MWDs go through four hours of patrol dog skills and four hours of enhanced detection training every week,” said Pfc. Jerrold Wilkins, a dog handler with 93rd MWD Det.



Spc. Christopher Diak, a military working dog handler with 93rd Military Working Dog Detachment, 385th Military Police Battalion, gets a congratulatory hug from his MWD, Alan, after completing obedience training on Fort Stewart, Ga. Aug. 03, 2018. Diak has worked with Alan for the last year and a half. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Jason Greaves)



Pfc. Jerrold Wilkins, a military working dog handler with 93rd Military Working Dog Detachment, 385th Military Police Battalion, performs controlled aggression training with a military working dog on Fort Stewart, Georgia, Aug. 3, 2018. The dogs and their handlers train eight hours a week to operate in different environments and scenarios. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Jason Greaves)

Wilkins said the controlled aggression training helps MWDs to chase running suspects and remain aware that the handler is there and still in charge.

Wilkins said, “When you work with a dog it is just like being a noncommissioned officer. Regardless of your rank, you’re responsible for someone’s life. If my dog is messed up, I’m messed up.”

*Story by Spc. Derek Greaves*





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# Women Soldiers

## in the US Army Military Police Corps Regiment

On 3 December 2015, the Secretary of Defense directed the full-scale integration of women in the US Armed Forces. This historic initiative provides all Service Members with the opportunity to serve in any Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) – regardless of gender. Women have served in the United States Army since the Revolutionary War and today, more than 174,000 women serve in the Regular Army, Army Reserves, and the Army National Guard. The Military Police Corps Regiment can boast a large measure of satisfaction in leading the way in gender integration and this article provides abbreviated examples of the significant contributions and roles that women Soldiers have had in strengthening, sustaining, and developing our great Army while serving

as members of the Military Police Corps Regiment.

On 27 November 1972, the first female MPs began advanced individual training for Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 95B at Fort Gordon, Georgia, and on 26 January 1973, twenty-one of the initial twenty-four female Soldiers graduated.

On 8 July 1977, the first gender-integrated class of Military Police One-Station-Unit-Training (OSUT) began at Fort McClellan, Alabama.



On 18 May 1978, Major General Mary E. Clarke was appointed as the 31st Commandant of the US Army Military Police School. The first female (and one of only two) to serve in this capacity.

On 1 October 1985, Sherian Grace Cadoria became the first African-American female to achieve the rank of flag grade officer in the



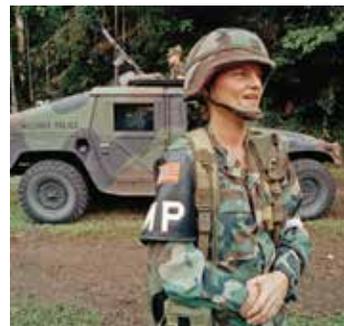
US Army. At the time of her retirement in 1990, she was the highest ranking female in the US Army, holding the rank of brigadier general. She initially served in the Women's Army Corps before transferring to the Military Police Corps in the early 1970s. A veteran of the Vietnam War, Sherian Grace Cadoria was inducted into the Military Police Corps Regiment's Hall of Fame in 2000.

988th Military Police Company in an assault against Panamanian Defense Forces and is considered the first female Soldier to directly lead US troops in combat. Bray was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for Valor.



On 22 March 1996, Sergeant Heather Lynn Johnsen (assigned to the 289th Military Police Company) became the first female Soldier to earn the prestigious Guard Tomb Identification Badge and qualify as a sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

On 31 May 2002, Colonel Colleen L. McGuire became the first female Commandant of the US Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.



On 20 December 1989, during Operation Just Cause, Captain Linda Bray led the



On 15 January 2010, Brigadier General Colleen L. McGuire assumed responsibility as the Provost Marshal General of the US Army and concurrently, assumed command of the US Army Criminal Investigation Command during a ceremony held at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Since its establishment as a major command on 17 September 1971, Brigadier General McGuire qualified as the tenth Commanding General of the US Army Criminal Investigation Command... and the thirteenth Provost Marshal General of the Army since 1941. She was the first female Soldier to hold both of these key duty positions.

On 9 March 2005 during a formal ceremony held at Fort Lewis, Washington, Jennifer Redfern was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer 5 by Major General Donald Ryder, Commanding General, Criminal Investigation Command. Assigned as the operations officer with the 22nd Military Police Battalion (CID), Redfern was the first female CID Special Agent to achieve the coveted rank of CW5.

On 20 March 2005 and for the first time since World War II, a female Soldier was awarded the Silver Star. Sergeant Leigh Ann Hester

of the 617th Military Police Company (a National Guard unit out of Richmond, Kentucky) earned the Silver Star for gallantry in action during combat operations in Iraq.



On 25 November 2008, Chief Warrant Officer 4 (promotable) T.L. Williams became the second (and first female) Regimental Chief Warrant Officer of the US Army Military Police Corps Regiment. On 16 April 2010 as part of a major transformation of the US Army Criminal Investigation Command (CID) to meet new and emerging challenges associated with Overseas Contingency Operations, Chief Warrant Officer 5 T.L. Williams was appointed as Command Chief Warrant Officer of CID. She was the first Special Agent to



hold the singular title of Command Chief Warrant Officer.



Rated as a master parachutist, Colonel (Retired) Mary A. Maier was the first female to command the 16th Military Police Brigade (Airborne) and the only officer to command this unit twice. She commanded the 16th MP Brigade from June 1995 to July 1997 and again in August 2009 when she was voluntarily recalled from retirement to command this unit again in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



On 21 August 2015, First Lieutenant Shaye Haver and Captain Kristen Griest received their Ranger tabs, becoming the first women to successfully complete the US

Army's Ranger School at Fort Benning, Georgia – a grueling course that puts a premium on physical strength and endurance. Haver, an Apache helicopter pilot, and Griest, a Military Police officer, completed the course to the same standards as their 94 male classmates.



On 14 July 2017, Brigadier General Donna W. Martin became the 49th Commandant of the US Army Military Police School. She took command of the US Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence (MSCoE) on 28 August 2018 with promotion to Major General; thus, she is the first female Commanding General of the MSCoE.

On many different levels, women in the Military Police Corps Regiment have led the way and continue to demonstrate that every Soldier – regardless of gender – can achieve his or her full potential while serving in the US Army. They have consistently proven that the two cornerstones to advancement and a successful military career are duty performance and demonstrated leadership potential.

*Story by Ronney Z. Miller, USAMPS/MPCR Historian*

## BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MILITARY POLICE MUSEUM

### New Acquisitions at the Museum

# MPs Support Heritage and Traditions with the Old Guard

The museum recently acquired two unique but related uniforms that highlight service and contributions by Military Police Soldiers for important and highly visible heritage and tradition missions of the Army.

#### U.S. Army Drill Team Commander Uniform

The first female commander of the U.S. Army Drill team recently donated her uniform to the Military Police Museum. 1LT Lauran Glover (now Captain) was selected for this responsibility in November 2014 and served through 2015. As commander, she led the drill team in drill and ceremony performances supporting Army recruiting efforts and the Military District of Washington's ceremonial commitments. The unit, stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia, performs as goodwill ambassadors across the country for military, government, non-profit and civilian organizations. The team uses bayonet-tipped 1903 Springfield rifles in performing precision routines, while the commander is equipped with an officer's sword.

*"I am honored and proud for this opportunity to represent the Army, women and my country," said Glover after she was selected for the position. "I hope I do inspire other women and Soldiers just as I was inspired by my mother, who also served in the military."*



Above, 1LT Glover, commander of the U.S. Army Drill Team and Glover's MP officer's service cap pictured left.

#### NOTES:

"1st Female MP Officer Takes Command of the U.S. Army Drill Team (USADT)" *MPRA Dragoon*, page 16, February 2015  
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## Tomb of the Unknowns Sergeant of the Guard Uniform

The museum also recently acquired a Tomb Guard uniform from SSG Ruth Hanks. Hanks is the fourth female sentinel and served with the Tomb Guard platoon from September 2015 to December 2017, both as a sentinel guard and the sergeant of the guard. This acquisition consists of her sergeant of the guard uniform with accoutrements. Since 1948, Soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment "The Old Guard" have served as sentinels at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. Guarding the tomb is continuous, operating for 365 days a year and 24 hours per day. As an NCO, Hanks served as the relief commander for the Changing of the Guard ceremony.

*"It's a role for other females to look up to, but at the same time, from my point of view I'm just a sergeant in the United States Army who wants to do a job," said Hanks about her service as a Tomb Sentinel.*



- 1 SSG Ruth Hanks, sergeant of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns.
- 2 Hanks' sentinel service cap, commonly referred to as a 'bus driver cap'.
- 3 Hanks' specially customized pistol holster and ceremonial enlisted belt.
- 4 Hanks' shoes illustrate the special metal sole taps and heel "clicker."
- 5 Hanks' Tomb Guard Identification Badge.
- 6 The distinctive insignia of the 3d Infantry depicts a Revolutionary War cocked hat.
- 7 Both uniforms exhibit a 'Buff Strap' on the left shoulder, a distinctive unit trimming of the 3d Infantry Regiment.

**CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT: FIRST CORPS OF CADETS**

# 211th Military Battalion Honors Their Legacy

In 2004, the military police community in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts came together to form one of our first Military Police Regimental Association chapters. The First Corps of Cadets (FCC) Chapter was named for the original American military unit that was established there in 1741.

“People often hear our chapter name and think West Point or Texas A&M, but in fact, in the 18th century, the term cadet meant a branch of a distinguished family in military service and it was those individuals who initially served as guards of the Royal Governor before America became a country that our chapter is named after,” said Lieutenant Colonel Bryan Pillai.

Over this unit’s almost 300 year history, it has been an infantry, engineer, armor, signal, and artillery unit. In 1996, it was reflagged as the 211th Military Police Battalion.

The FCC Chapter is sponsored by the local Veteran Association of the First Corps of Cadets. In fact, this association actually owns an historic brownstone in Boston, Mass. that houses a small museum and provides meeting and office space for the chapter.

“In the past, National Guard units would occasionally own the buildings they drilled in. In the 1960’s, our unit sold an outmoded armory previously used for drill and purchased the brownstone. It’s been with the unit ever since,” said Pillai.

One unique aspect of being sponsored by the FCC Veteran Association is that there is a wing of the brownstone that houses a museum that tells the story of the FCC unit, including its Military Police service members. The museum



curator keeps track of and displays a significant number of artifacts, including items that date back to the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

“Since the 211th Military Police Battalion today maintains the lineage of the 2nd Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment, we’re fortunate to have artifacts belonging to Colonel Robert Gould Shaw, whose later service in the famous 54th Massachusetts Infantry was the basis for the 1989 movie, *Glory*,” said Pillai.

LTC Pillai has served in the Military Police Corps for 14 years and commanded a company within the 211th MP Battalion. The battalion has supported over 15 deployments since September 11, 2001.

“I think it’s important for our entire Regiment to remember that only about 30% of the MP Corps is Active Duty and the other 70% is made up of our National Guard and Reserve Soldiers,” said Pillai.

Currently, the 211th MP Battalion is partnered with the 3rd MP Regiment of the Canadian Forces and regularly collaborates with the 91st MP Battalion, an active duty unit at Fort Drum, NY. These units train together often and this partnership is crucial to their collective success when called on to deploy.

Even though the unit has spent a great deal of time being deployed around the world, they are still critical to the



safety and security of Massachusetts. MPs from the 211th MP Battalion were at the scene of the Boston Marathon bombing and assisted during the active search for the suspect by cordoning off the city limits of Watertown until the suspect was apprehended. In addition to providing security at the Boston Marathon, the unit continues to provide security at other large scale events like Boston's 4th of July celebration.

Currently, the 211th MP Battalion is led by LTC Richard Cipro. Cipro is a dual career police professional and is a Sergeant with the Worcester, Mass. police department. As the battalion commander, he'll also have his name added to the plaque in the FCC Veterans Association museum alongside every other battalion commander, including John Hancock.

Cipro and Pillai are also board members with the FCC MPRA Chapter. Currently, their board meets several times per year and for a number of formal events including a holiday party, a Veterans recognition ceremony, a Memorial Day ceremony, and an annual MP Ball.

Their chapter maintains a strong relationship with the National Guard units, as well as Hanscom Air Force Base, by utilizing the Nonprofit Liaison Officers (NLOs). The NLOs are common in Massachusetts National Guard units and their main mission is to collect information about nonprofit organizations and then educate Soldiers within the Guard units about these organizations while keeping within the legal and ethical boundaries set by the Department of Defense.

"The Nonprofit Liaison Officers might be unique to Massachusetts, but they're extremely helpful and if your state has them, I'd highly suggest developing a good relationship



with them," said Pillai.

The FCC Chapter is always looking for ways to improve and grow their chapter. They recently began working to merge their MPRA membership application with the FCC Veteran Association application to streamline things for potential members. They are working on an initiative to eliminate single year memberships to keep in line with the national MPRA organization.

"We have a great relationship with the MPRA team and we appreciate them working closely with us as we continually look for ways to improve our chapter," said Pillai.



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# WHITE TIGERS GO *Nascar Racing*

**O**n 6 July, NASCAR driver Ross Chastain strapped on his helmet and slid into his #4 NASCAR xfinity JD Motorsports Camaro sponsored by the Georgia Watermelon Association. He then prepared himself to drive 250 miles at the most famous racetrack in America, Daytona

International Speedway. However, this race would be a bit different than most. During this race, Ross would have a special guest along for the ride. As a part of the NASCAR Salutes program, Ross Chastain would have the White Tigers of the 701st Military Police Battalion along for the ride.

The NASCAR Salutes Refreshed by Coca Cola program is a multi-week program honoring Soldiers, Veterans and Military Units from across all branches of the military. It began the weekend of Memorial Day at the Coca Cola 600 and culminated on Independence Day weekend at the Coke Zero Sugar 400. Xfinity Series cars were given the opportunity to carry units from across all branches of the military on the windshield of their car. The CSM of the 701st Military Police Battalion, Jason VanKleeck, was contacted through sponsor affiliate, Melon 1, asking him if they could run his name and the battalion name on the car at Daytona. CSM VanKleeck, being an avid NASCAR fan, made the trip to Daytona along with his wife to represent the White Tigers of the 701st Military Police Battalion. CSM VanKleeck spent the afternoon with the #4 team as they went through their daily race routine of driver's meeting, fan club BBQ and autograph sessions. He was then present in the pit box as the team raced their way to a tenth place finish.

When reached for comment about this opportunity, CSM VanKleeck stated, "this was a great opportunity for the entire White Tiger family. The Ross Chastain Racing, JD Motorsports group is a great family-oriented organization that truly took pride in representing our organization on their car. It was great to meet many of their fans and be able to speak to them about the great things our White Tiger team, the Military Police Corps Regiment and the Army are doing to protect America with the best trained Military Police professionals. Also, if you love watermelon, go look for the Melon 1 decal when purchasing!"

You can visit the 701st Military Police Battalion Facebook page for more photos and videos of this awesome day!





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# MPRA Announces the University of Phoenix 2018 Scholarship Awardee

For the past five years, Kelsey Johnston has enjoyed all aspects of her life as a stay at home mom to her three children. In fact, she willingly put her career on hold after she graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in criminal justice in 2010. However, she never fully let go of her professional ambitions.

“When I got married after college, I knew I wanted to have children and spend time with them, so I made that my top priority. Lately, however, I had been researching more about forensic psychology and am finding myself more and more interested in that career field,” said Johnston.

Realistically, Johnston knew that even though she was interested in forensic psychology, it would require an advanced degree and as a family of five currently living on one income, it simply seemed unattainable. That all changed earlier this year.

In early 2018, the Military Police Regimental Association announced a partnership with the University of Phoenix to offer a full tuition scholarship to an MPRA standard member or a member’s family member. For MPRA Grand Canyon chapter president Max Hamlin, this made him immediately think of his step-daughter, Kelsey.

“When my step-dad, Max Hamlin, told me about the opportunity it seemed to be an answer to prayer,” said Johnston.

Johnston immediately reviewed the opportunity, carefully wrote her essays, submitted them, and then anxiously awaited the results.

When she found out that she was the scholarship winner she was extremely excited and surprised.

“The whole opportunity seemed too good to be true. Max, and my whole family, were so excited and happy for me,” said Johnston.

Johnston began classes on August 14 and will be working toward a Master of Science in Psychology with a concentration in industrial-organizational psychology. Since she’ll be completing the program with three young children at home, Johnston intends to take one class at a time and finish the program in three years.

“Taking one class at a time will allow me to fully focus my energy on my education and absorbing everything so I can get the most out of the program. It’s also good timing, as my youngest will be about ready for school when I complete the program and begin looking for full-time employment,” said Johnston.

Completing a master’s program while caring for young children is no easy feat. Johnston is aware of the challenges and speaks highly of her husband, Steve, who



Top: Kelsey with stepdad Max and mother Barbie  
Bottom: Kelsey with husband Steve and children Steven, Beau and Paige

is already preparing to support her as she works to achieve her goal.

“My husband, Steve, has already offered to ensure the kids are entertained on evenings and weekends when I need to complete coursework,” said Johnston.

Our entire MPRA team thanks all of those who applied for this scholarship and we sincerely appreciate our partnership with the University of Phoenix. We send a big congratulations to

Johnston on this big achievement! We also would like to extend our thanks to Hamlin for his support of the MPRA and his help in spreading the word about this great opportunity.



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# MPRA TOP SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE

*Dear Military Police Regimental Association,*

As a recipient of the MPRA Scholarship award this year, I am writing to sincerely thank you. It is a great honor to receive this award, and a great privilege to be presented with this opportunity that will assist me in being able to attend Western Washington University as a full-time student.

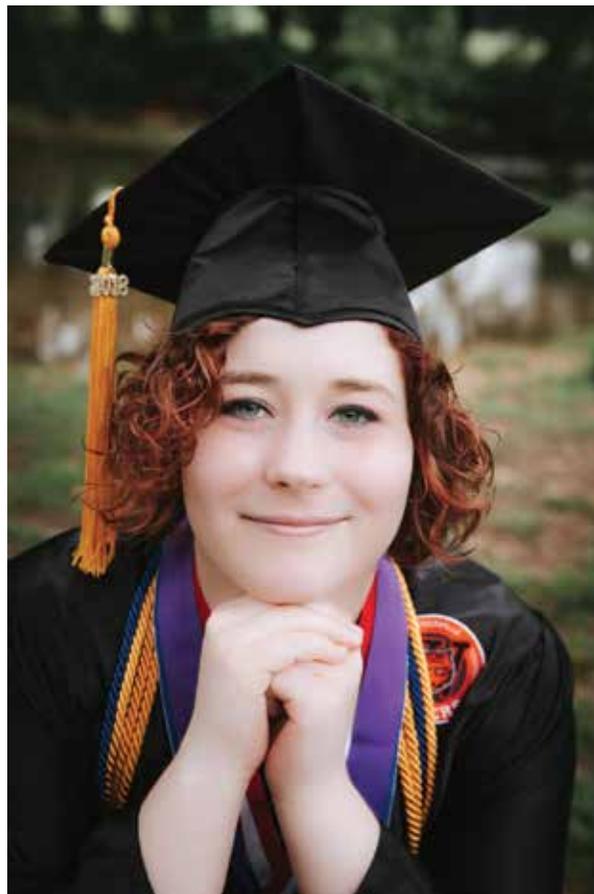
Being a military child has caused me to move every few years and as a result I have experienced my high school career through three completely different school districts in three different states. I have always strived to do my best academically, maintaining a 3.96 GPA while taking several Advanced Placement classes and being a part of the National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, National Technical Honor Society, and the International Thespian Society. I also ventured to be involved with school extracurriculars, mainly being drawn to theatre and video production. I wish to continue studying these interests and hope to intertwine them into my future career.

I have been drawn to Western Washington University not only by the beautiful landscape that it sits upon, but also by the unique opportunities it provides and the welcoming atmosphere; I am very fortunate to soon call it my home. I do not yet know what the college experience will be like, but I am extremely excited to embark on this new adventure. I wish to graduate from WWU in 2022, with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science with a minor in Theatre Arts and pursue a career in software development or videography and editing around the Seattle or Vancouver areas.

This Scholarship will help me immensely. My Father has been a member of the MPRA for over 15 years and I have witnessed how involved the Association has been in his profession. When I go to ceremonies with my family at the Military Police Memorial Grove, it is evident just how much the MPRA supports its Soldiers and Leaders; I could not be more overjoyed about the award.

Thank you again for your warm generosity. I will not forget your aid and one day hope to give back as you have, encouraging new generations of students to pursue a higher education and accomplish their goals and dreams.

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## *Tiana DeSimon*

Home State: Colorado  
Intended Major: Education  
Intended College/University: Liberty University  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,000  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: Glenn DiSimon

## *Jordan Dombrowski*

Home State: Kansas  
Intended Major: Elementary Education  
Intended College/University: Kansas State University  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,000  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: Mark Dombrowski

## *Nicholas Dombrowski*

Home State: Kansas  
Intended Major: Athletic Training  
Intended College/University: Kansas State University  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,500  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: Mark Dombrowski

## *Kylei Giles*

Home State: Missouri  
Intended Major: Art Education  
Intended College/University: Missouri State University  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,000  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: David Giles

## *Briah Glover*

Home State: Maryland  
Intended Major: Psychology  
Intended College/University: Howard University  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,000  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: Christopher Glover

## *John Gorgoglione*

Home State: Minnesota  
Intended Major: Aviation  
Intended College/University: University of North Dakota  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,000  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: David Gorgoglione

## *Rebecca Helfrich*

Home State: Pennsylvania  
Intended Major: Political Science  
Intended College/University: American University  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,000  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: Brian Helfrich

## *Kellsie Herrmann*

Home State: Missouri  
Intended Major: International Relations  
Intended College/University: William Jewell College  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,000  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: Colleen Freeman

## *Abigail Hiipakka*

Home State: Michigan  
Intended Major: Kinesiology  
Intended College/University: University of Michigan  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,000  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: Scott Hiipakka

## *Adam Knell*

Home State: Texas  
Intended Major: Meteorology  
Intended College/University: Texas A&M University  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,000  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: Niave Knell

## *Tina Legault*

Home State: Colorado  
Intended Major: Nursing  
Intended College/University: Southwestern College  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,000  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: Jeremy Legault

## *Kayleigh Lucas*

Home State: Virginia  
Intended Major: Undeclared  
Intended College/University: Coastal Bend College  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,000  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: Shannon-Mikal Lucas

## *Nick McGee*

Home State: Georgia  
Intended Major: Economics  
Intended College/University: Berry College  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,000  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: Tony McGee

### *Nicole Montes*

Home State: California  
Intended Major: Nurse Practitioner  
Intended College/University: University of Southern California  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,000  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: Garren Montes

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Home State: Missouri  
Intended Major: Undeclared  
Intended College/University: University of Missouri  
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MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: Bryan O'Barr

### *Mikaela O'Barr*

Home State: Missouri  
Intended Major: Civil Engineering  
Intended College/University: University of Missouri  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,000  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: Bryan O'Barr

### *Catharyn Pilch*

Home State: Pennsylvania  
Intended Major: Journalism  
Intended College/University: Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,000  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: Brian Pilch

### *Samantha Pilch*

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Intended Major: English  
Intended College/University: Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,000  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: Brian Pilch

### *Tristan Pilch*

Home State: Pennsylvania  
Intended Major: Communication Production  
Intended College/University: Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
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Home State: Texas  
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Home State: South Carolina  
Intended Major: Biological Sciences  
Intended College/University: University of South Carolina  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,000  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: Johnny Sellers

### *Allison Shinskey*

Home State: Rhode Island  
Intended Major: Journalism  
Intended College/University: University of Rhode Island  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,000  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: David Shinskey

### *Elizabeth Stevenson*

Home State: South Carolina  
Intended Major: Computer Science  
Intended College/University: University of South Carolina  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,000  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: Jerry Stevenson

### *Carly Williams*

Home State: Texas  
Intended Major: English  
Intended College/University: University of Texas - Austin  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,000  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: Patrick Williams

### *Caroline Yates*

Home State: Virginia  
Intended Major: Biology  
Intended College/University: College of William & Mary  
Scholarship Amount Awarded: \$1,000  
MPRA Member/Sponsor Name: Renea Yates



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

# Fort Leonard Wood MPs Support Missouri Special Olympics



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On 23 May the Fort Leonard Wood Military Police community along with local law enforcement agencies partnered with Special Olympics, Missouri (SOMO) and executed its annual Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR). Led by Regimental Command Sergeant Major James Breckinridge the run was an eight mile, non-competitive run to raise awareness for the athletes of Special Olympics.

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

Back to the run. Although world records weren't broken this year for the number of participants it was still the largest regional torch run in the state with over 1100 runners. Participating units and agencies included the 14th MP Brigade, the 701st, 795th, and 787th MP Battalions, MP BOLC, MP CCC, MP Inv. Div., the 252nd MP Detachment, the FLW DES, and the NCOA.

And as you know events like this don't happen on their own. Many thanks to the Basic Military Police Training Division specifically SFC James Runner and SSG(P) Lori Singer-Bare who spearheaded the event. Thanks also to the St Robert Police Dept, the St Robert Wal-Mart and the FLW DES for their support to ensure it was a safe and enjoyable run. Special thanks to our Region Coordinator SGT Tony Lauth, Rolla PD and Ms Crystal Schuster, SOMO LETR Liaison for their support. And last but not least, thanks to the MPRA. We were able to conduct this event under the umbrella of the MPRA and in doing so we were able to raise over \$11,000.00 for SOMO.

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

*Story by David Ross  
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