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From the President



I hope that 2010 has brought blessings thus far to all of you. It certainly has been for the Military Police Regimental Association. Membership is nearing a record 10,000 strong and local chapters are standing up around the globe! It's also scholarship time again. Many deserving family members will be receiving funds for tuition because of your support and that of our corporate sponsors. Thanks to all of you.

It's also a very exciting time here at the Home of the Regiment. Our Commandant, BG Dave Phillips assumed command of the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence (MANSCEN) on January 22nd, 2010 and will serve in that position until MG Dave Quantock arrives later this year. Our

Assistant Commandant, Colonel Wade Dennis has been selected to serve as the Chief of Staff for MANSCEN. Congratulations to all three of these great leaders and thanks for your continued support to the MPRA.

Congratulations are also in order for BG Colleen McGuire who was recently assigned as the Army's first female Provost Marshal General of the Army and Commander of USACIDC. Colleen previously served as the Commander of the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks and also as the Assistant Commandant for the MP School.

The MPRA will be striving to reach out to the reserve component in 2010 that make up over two-thirds of the population of our Regiment. Our goal is to grow memberships and programs around the country whether it is through local chapters or area membership drives. The key to success is delivering MPRA's message through the education on our programs and the relevancy of what we do. As we grow members we increase our ability to help MP Soldiers and their families.

I encourage each of you to visit the MPRA website at www.mpraonline.org and become an MPRA fan on Facebook. With all of your continued support 2010 is going to be another great year at MPRA! GOD Bless!

CSM (R) Tony McGee
President, MPRA National
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FROM THE EDITOR

As always, this magazine features information from the MPRA community, news from the home of the Regiment at Fort Leonard Wood, historical accounts, and stories from active duty and retired Military Police from around the world. This publication strives to be the common link among past and present Military Police men and women everywhere, and relies heavily on stories and news sent to us from the field. We are very grateful to those who contributed to this issue.

We welcome articles and photographs by and about soldiers of any rank, military spouses and families, DA civilians, and others. Articles and photograph submissions should be military police-related and may include human interest, military operations and exercises, history, personal viewpoints or other areas of general interest.

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We look forward to hearing from you for future issues of the Dagoon!

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From the Commandant

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With the BRAC closure of Fort McClellan, Ala., and the relocation of USAMPS to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., the Military Police Corps Regiment found new facilities, new training areas and a new community. For more than 50 years, the retired military population settling in the Lebanon – Waynesville – St. Robert – Rolla communities consisted primarily of combat engineers. Yet, with the welcoming embrace from the people of the Ozarks and great quality of life, the Soldiers of the MP Corps Regiment began to integrate into the local communities outside the gates of Fort Leonard Wood.

Surprisingly, in what would normally take generations to develop, a very active and civic minded group of retired MP senior NCOs, CSM and SGM alike, now call Central Missouri their adopted home. There is little argument that this group, more so than any other, is making the most dramatic impact to the local community area through active civic participation. Their impact in one short decade demonstrates that the Regiment develops leaders who espouse a lifetime of selfless-service. MG Gregg Martin recently applauded these retired MP senior NCOs as the “most” influential group of retirees in the local area. The compliment was paid with true admiration for what these individuals are doing independently and as a combined force through civic duty, volunteerism and area development. They are omnipresent at area and installation activities, ceremonies, fraternal organizations, schools and charities. This doesn't even touch on their continued support and direct impact of the training and development of the young MP Soldiers as they begin their journey at the Home of the Regiment. The following is only the briefest overview of the individuals who make-up this formidable assemblage of former MP senior NCOs.

Hall of Famer, RCSM (R) Harold Burleson and his wife Brigitte make a difference by volunteering with the Installation's Religious Programs and related activities



such as; The Chapel Service, Choir, Sunday School, Protestant Women of the Chapel, Protestant Men of the Chapel, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence (MSCoE) Prayer Breakfast and many others. RCSM (R) Burleson also reactivated and served as a director for the Military Affairs Committee, which is actively involved in broadening the excellent reputation of the Waynesville/St Robert Chamber of Commerce. He was also a past President of the Fort Leonard Wood Lions Club and through his work with the Gideon's International, he supports the annual distribution of more than 15,000 Bibles to military members on Fort Leonard Wood (FLW) and ongoing activities which places and replaces Bibles in local hotels, jails, hospitals, assisted living facilities, and universities. RCSM (R) Burleson continues to serve in many other ways and is ever-present at local and Regimental functions.

RCSM (R) James “Jim” Barrett continues to serve the Regiment and local community. He is a significant local leader and supporter of the Regiment through his activities as the Fort Leonard Wood representative to the local Committee of Fifty, the President of the local Chapter of AUSA, an active member of the Military Police Regimental Association (MPRA) Governing Body and the Knights of Columbus. He continues to work Soldier and family support issues. Specifically, he is involved with the

Wounded Warrior Fund, partnerships with the Warrior Transition Unit (WTU), Soldier appreciation events, scholarships for family members, and as a voice for the Army, Fort Leonard Wood and the Regiment.

CSM(R) Tony McGee serves as the President of the National Board of Directors for MPRA and area Vice President for AUSA. He served on the St. Robert Parks and Recreation Board. He is the Business Operations Manager for the FLW traveling basketball program with 5th, 6th and 7th grade teams and a youth baseball coach for Pulaski County. His work with the MP Gold Star families is exemplary. He also continues to support Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines through his employment with the Department of Veteran Affairs.

CSM (R) Dorsey Newcomb is working with the Leonard Wood Institute which directly supports the future of the MP Regiment. He recently filed to run for election to the Waynesville School District Board and is a well-know leader within the community. He was appointed by the Governor of Missouri to serve as a member of the Missouri Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. He also serves as the Chairman of Legacy Programs on the MPRA National Board of Directors and is serving as a board member for the FLW-Mid Missouri Chapter of AUSA. He is extremely visible to the local area due to his membership on the Waynesville/St. Robert Chamber of Commerce's Military and Governmental Affairs Committee.

CSM (R) Merle Jones is a ubiquitous figure in the local area and uses his entrepreneurial skills to support Soldiers and their families. He is always there at local, civic and FLW events. He donates generously by providing significant awards and recognition for the Warfighter Competition, Soldier boards and Regimental events. I strongly believe that CSM (R) Jones is one of the most generous as well as the most well-known local personality in the Fort Leonard Wood area.

CSM (R) Mike True is a former President and current Vice President of the MPRA. He is also omnipresent in supporting Regimental functions and activities. He is a member

of the local Rotary Club and is an active member of his church. In addition, he is an active USO volunteer and member of the Waynesville/St. Robert Head Start Program. Through his employment with Concurrent Technologies Corp. (CTC), he impacts the accomplishment of the Regimental Strategic Vision and Campaign Plan. He continues to serve the Soldiers off the Regiment.

CSM (R) Rick Morris is a member of a team developing the local area in order to enhance commerce. In fact, the company is one of the largest employers in the county. As the Director of Operations, CSM (R) Morris supervises the daily operation of six hotels which cater not only to the general public, but specifically support the thousands of families who come to FLW for training graduations. Currently serving as the Vice President for the Mid-Missouri Chapter of AUSA, he was recently nominated to take over as President later this year. He is involved with a significant number of civic organizations and was elected to the Rolla City Council in 2007. To emphasize the impact that he has to the local community, he was a driving force in securing more than \$100,000 in donations for a new Veteran's Memorial Park. In my opinion, one of his most noteworthy services was by standing-up and serving as the first President of the Ozark Chapter of MPRA. It is reported, and I can verify, that CSM (R)

Morris frequently pumps up gatherings by his excellent singing; “seriously.”

CSM (R) Roger Macon is continuous a presence out at the MP Memorial Grove. He personally laid the most recent shipment of personalized bricks in the walkway ensuring that they were in place for the Regimental Week Memorial Dedication. He also spent the entire night prior to the ceremony working with the automated kiosk in order to afford both the Gold Star families and interested individuals an electronic means to locate a specific brick out of the thousands in the walkway. His post active-duty volunteer efforts are ensuring that the sacrifices by members of the Regiment are not forgotten.

SGM (R) Reginald “Reggie” Cole does local volunteer work with the “Meals on Wheels” program and several other activities which support the local elderly population. He mentioned recently that his primary continued contributions to the local area and the Regiment are through his interactions with Soldiers, their families and the local community by providing support, aid and fellowship during hard times. He is currently making a phenomenal difference for the Regiment as the Director of Training for USAMPS. There are few individuals who are making a greater direct impact on the training of our MP Soldiers. SGM (R) Cole is making a lasting impact on our Regiment by

ensuring that our MPs receive the most up to date and professional training possible, knowing as most depart FLW and deploy to combat within short-order.

Regimental Hall of Fame member SGM (R) Don Rose is still serving within the Regiment and supporting the local community as the Deputy Director of Public Safety for FLW, and the former MANSCEN, USARPAC and EUCCOM CSM.

CSM (R) Mark Farley recently retired in the area and is making his presence known. Soon the CSM of the 14th MP Brigade, CSM Jeffrey Palmer will join the ranks of this daunting force of retired MP senior NCO's.

There are many other very active MP retirees such as COL (R) Joe Rapone, CW5 Willie Rowell, CW5 (R) Phil Tackett and MSG (R) Rick Harne, who are continuing to serve the Regiment and community. But, as an MP senior leader who is very proud of the Regiment, I felt compelled to highlight the significant contributions and this very humble group of senior NCOs. They are continuing to make a positive impact on the local community and the Home of the Regiment. In one short decade, we, the MP Corps Regiment have made Fort Leonard Wood and the Central Missouri area our home.

Brigadier General
David Phillips

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From the Regimental Command Sergeant Major

Hello once again from the home of the Military Police Corps Regiment. In this issue of MPRA Quarterly, I want to remind the members of our great Regiment of a unique military police tradition and warn against compromising the symbol of that tradition—our military police brassard.

The military police brassard can be traced back to the early 1900s; and although the brassard has changed in shape and color throughout the years, its intended purpose has not. Following successful campaigns during the war in the Philippines, Army leaders began to realize the importance of provost troops. Soldiers who performed policing tasks were termed “military police” and were adorned with the first military police brassards. This new distinction was written into the U.S. Army Field Service Regulations, which stated, “Officers and enlisted men, when actually performing the duty of military police, will wear a blue brassard on the left arm, halfway between the elbow and shoulder, bearing the letters ‘MP’ in white.”¹ The important thing here is not the specified color or placement, which have since undergone several changes, but the intended purpose. Note that the brassard was to be worn when actually performing the duty of military police. This requirement has not changed. The military police brassard is a symbol of authority intended to be worn during law and order missions. Here is where we have strayed.

In the past few years, there has been a change in Army uniforms from the battle dress uniform to the Army combat uniform (ACU). During ACU development, senior Army leaders decided to remove branch-specific identification from the uniform. In a significant cultural shift, officers were not to wear branch insignia anywhere on their ACUs. According to Sergeant First Class Jeff Myhre, Program Executive Office Soldier product manager for Soldier clothing and individual equipment, “The Army really wants to create an atmosphere where everyone is a Soldier first and their military specialty second.”² I mention this to emphasize that the military police brassard is not a military occupational specialty badge and should not be treated as such. Our current military police brassard wear policy states, “The MP [military police] brassard insignia is only authorized for wear on the ACU by military personnel who are performing



military police duties. The authority for military personnel to wear the MP brassard is at the discretion of the provost marshals, directors of emergency services, and the military police commanders, when the mission requires identification of military police.”³ It is the “at the discretion of” verbiage that seems to be a problem for some commanders.

Commanders: You have the authority to determine whether your Soldiers wear the military police brassard. Its integrity and the preservation of a long-standing tradition are on your shoulders.

The average citizen who sees a Soldier wearing the military police brassard assumes that something went wrong and that there is an authority figure present to handle it. But that is no longer the case; more often than not, the Soldier is simply going about his or her daily business. Our Soldiers are under the mistaken impression that the military police brassard may be worn whenever and wherever they please.

I hope that I have convinced you to “grab the handle” and help us regain the integrity of our Regiment’s most sacred symbol—the military police brassard. NCOs: I expect you to educate everyone around you and begin enforcing our policy so that we can grow another generation of Soldiers who know the standards and can pass on our history and tradition. I also encourage you to dust off the Spring 2008 issue of Military Police and read the article entitled

“New Changes for the Military Police Brassard,” written by our great historian, Mr. Andy Watson. (You can also read it online at <http://www.wood.army.mil/mpbulletin/pdfs/Spring%2008/Brassards.pdf>.) The article does a wonderful job of highlighting the history of the military police brassard, which has led us to where we are today.

You should be very proud to be military police men and women, and the fact that you want to wear your brassard is a good thing—the brassard has a way of making you stand straighter and walk taller. But as with all good things in life that are taken for granted, they become routine and the rich tradition fades. Let’s all do our part. Do not use the various brassards of other branches, which you might see popping up across the Army, as your benchmark. We all know what “right” looks like!

Much appreciation needs to be given to the personnel working behind the scenes for MPRA. Your dedication everyday into Military Police Soldier programs and fundraisers and continued efforts into improving the lives of our fellow Military Police Soldiers, spouses and civilians does not go unnoticed. Thank you for all your hard work.

I would like to, once again, remind everyone to keep our Soldiers who are currently in harm’s way in your thoughts and prayers. Reach out and thank a family member for holding down the fort and supporting us while we do the business of our Regiment, our Army, and our Nation.

Of the Troops and For the Troops! NCOs Lead the Way! ✂



Regimental Command Sergeant Major Charles R. Kirkland

Andy Watson, “New Changes for the Military Police Brassard,” Military Police, Spring 2008, <http://www.wood.army.mil/mpbulletin/pdfs/Spring%2008/Brassards.pdf>, accessed on 25 January 2010.

¹ Army Field Service Regulations, U.S. Army, 1914.

² Matthew Cox, “Your New Uniform: Army Combat Uniform Will Put BDUs, DCUs Into History Book by December 2007,” Army Times, 21 June 2004.

³ “Changes to the Military Police (MP) Brassard Wear Policy Outlined in AR 670-1, Paragraph 28-29b (9) (a) and (b),” Department of the Army, DAPE-MSO, 17 June 2008.

From the Regimental Warrant Officer

From “Suck It Up and Drive On” to Critical Incident Peer Support

“Stress is the trash of modern life—we all generate it, but if you don’t dispose of it properly, it will pile up and overtake your life.”¹

Military police and U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC) (commonly referred to as “CID”) agents are tough. They have no fear. They are cynical, unemotional, and unaffected by combat or their everyday jobs—jobs that may include responding to and investigating multiple deaths.

Sadly, many Soldiers adopt this mindset. Many believe that, to be in control, they must deny the emotional impact they feel when patrolling a war zone, investigating a crime scene, receiving bodily fluids thrown in the face, dealing with family situations, or simply handling the day-to-day work environment. This is a myth.

Stress is defined as “bodily or mental tension resulting from factors that tend to alter an existent equilibrium.”² Many demands (such as job requirements, threats, illness, or family problems) can cause stress. Distress, which is defined as an “external and usually temporary cause of great physical or mental strain and stress,”³ can occur during especially intense or prolonged periods of stress.

Stress is a uniquely individual phenomenon that is dependent upon how the body and mind respond to real or perceived internal and environmental demands. Therefore, what is stressful to one person may not be to another. Elevated stress levels can result in physical, emotional, and interpersonal problems that cannot always be resolved through normal coping mechanisms. If not adequately treated, these problems can become disabling.

Events that are outside the range of usual human experience and can result in levels of stress that might easily surpass an individual’s ability to cope are known as “critical incidents.” These incidents include, but are not limited to, murder, suicide, gruesome

crime scenes, mass casualty incidents, and the sudden death of colleague. Military police and CID agents routinely experience these types of incidents.

When I joined the Army, the only acceptable response to stress was to “suck it up and drive on.” But when I performed body recovery work at the Pentagon in the aftermath of 11 September 2001, I understood the effects of stress and ensured that members of my team were afforded the opportunity to talk with a chaplain or mental health professionals every night.

Now, critical incident peer support (CIPS) teams are available to perform crisis intervention and provide critical incident debriefings to persons who have experienced critical incidents. For example, a CIPS team played an integral and valuable role during the investigation that followed the Fort Hood, Texas, massacre of 5 November 2009. The CIPS team helped the investigative team and families (yes, families) cope with the terribly horrific experience. “Old school” agents commented on the tremendous impact that the team had on all troops and civilians.

The U.S. Army Military Police School offers a five-day CIPS course, which is generally taught in residence or by a mobile training team (MTT). The purpose of the course is to train law enforcement personnel—including corrections specialists, special agents, and first responders—to provide an avenue for their peers to confidentially “talk out” their personal and professional problems with fellow investigators or responders (nonprofessionals) who not only care a great deal about their well-being, but who also have a firsthand understanding of their situation.

The CIPS course covers the dynamics of critical incident stress management; recognition of types, signs, and symptoms of



stress; identification of the critical incident stress debriefing process; implementation of a peer support program; functions of the peer supporter; psychological effects of critical incidents; causative impacts of critical incidents on first responders and investigators; communications skills; major crisis issues; crisis intervention and referrals (to ensure the preservation of first responders); and investigator health, welfare, safety, and confidentiality. Critiques from Soldiers who have attended CIPS training have indicated that the course is phenomenal.

Law enforcement investigators and first responders interested in attending CIPS training should contact Mrs. Donna Ferguson at (573) 563-7868 or donna.d.ferguson@us.army.mil.

Take care of your Soldiers for a stronger Army.

Of the Troops and For the Troops! ✂

Regimental Warrant Officer T.L. Williams

¹ Danzae Pace, “Quotations About Stress,” The Quote Garden! www.quoteagarden.com/stress.html, accessed on 4 December 2009.

² Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary, Eleventh Edition, Merriam-Webster, Inc., 2004.

³ Ibid.

LTC (Ret) John A. "Jack" Kochenour



by COL (R) Orv Butts

Jack Kochenour enlisted in the US Air Force in 1954. During the next four years he completed basic training and attended jet engine mechanic's school. He had his first taste of being an instructor and liked it so much that he found ways to continue that aspect of his life. He was assigned to Williams AFB in Arizona as a jet engine mechanic, however, he never worked on one. He was a clerk responsible for maintaining log books, technical publications and certain equipment for jet fighters.

Upon completing his enlistment in 1958, he attended Arizona State University and earned a ROTC commission at summer camp as a 2d LT, MPC. He had orders for a six month active duty for training assignment. While waiting for a reporting date in Phoenix "those fools built the Berlin wall" and he was extend to a two year tour.

In 1961, he attended the MP Officers Orientation course and was then assigned to the 720th MP Bn at Fort Hood. There he did those things that lieutenants do like platoon leader, HHQ Det commander, Assistant S3, etc. In 1965, he took command of the

615th MP Co. that went to Vietnam. It was a somewhat "uneventful" tour as many of you are aware. He gives a special thanks to Vern Pike for the "mentoring" and support. He returned to the MP School to attend the MP Officers Career Course, in 1966, and stayed on as an instructor. In 1970, he completed a Master's in Education degree at the University of Georgia and went back to Vietnam as a Narcotics Staff Officer at HQ, MACV. Then back to the MP school for various duties, such as, Chief, Evaluations Branch and Chief, Corrections Committee. He then went to Fort Leavenworth in 1975 to attend the CGSC, and, again, remained as an instructor.

In 1979, he retired and remained in the Leavenworth area. He made the transition by attending the University of Kansas and obtaining a real estate broker's license. He began teaching real estate courses. In the fall of 2009 he finally decided to transfer from semi-retired to fully retired. He now devotes time to having fun with his wife, Maryann, and traveling more. During all of his service he endeavored to serve with integrity, care about those he served and share the love in his heart/soul. ✕

Stephen Pearson



by COL (R) Orv Butts

Stephen Pearson combines more than 25 years of law-enforcement experience with in-depth expertise in today's most pervasive Internet and computer technologies. During his tenure in both federal and civilian law-enforcement agencies Stephen has had the opportunity to see all facets of Computer Crime Investigations. As an investigator with the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office Stephen, using his technology skills was responsible for the safe recovery of an abducted child during a joint FBI and local investigation. Most recently Stephen has been directly involved in the development and implementation of Computer Crime and Forensics training for our Armed Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Stephen has been awarded numerous decorations including the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal. In September 2002 Stephen was awarded the Military Police Corps Order of the Marechaussee (Bronze) the highest peace time Military Police award for his superior performance and dedication to training excellence.

Stephen is recognized by the Federal government as an expert witness in DOS file structures and has been consulted on numerous high profile investigations. Stephen developed the ground-breaking Cyber Squire Internet child safety program for the United States Army at Ft Leonard Wood which has become a standard program of instruction for the local school system for internet safety.

Stephen served on many boards and panels and was elected to be a regional director for the Professionals Against Confidence Crimes (PACC).

Stephen is now the CEO of the High Tech Crime Institute Inc. ✕

What are your primary business services or products?

Computer forensic law enforcement training, security & risk management, Federal Government training.

What motivated you to get into business?

A desire to own my own business and provide for my own future.

To what do attribute your success?

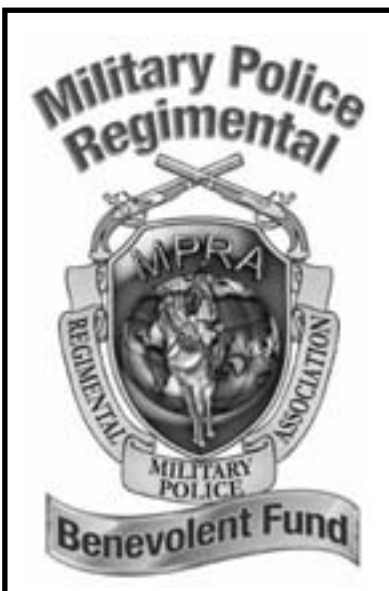
Desire to excel and make the most out of my time and efforts. The basic disciplines provided to me by the Army.

How did your military experience specifically prepare you to be a business owner?

The military gives you basic leadership skills needed in the corporate world. There are many smart individuals out there that run companies that don't know how to motivate and lead the workforce. The military also taught me basic management skills and gave me the ability to keep track of priorities and goals. We have used many of the leadership principals in my organization, in fact I have my Army Leadership manual on my desk as a constant reminder.

What is the key to staying on top and remaining successful?

Keep it simple and do the right thing. Our mission statement is "Excellence through Integrity and commitment". It used to be a couple of paragraphs of standard sound good stuff. I realized that we needed to focus on what we really believe and that is when we changed the mission statement. Everyone in the company understands what it is we are trying to say and is on board.



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SGM (Ret) Robert J. Conway

by COL (R) Orv Butts

As a young skinny teenage boy from Sarasota, Florida, his military experience began on 28 May 1968 in the Coral Gables Induction Center as a draftee. After completing training at FT Gordon, FT McClellan and FT Benning he took ten short days of leave, then it was off to Viet Nam. He was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division Pathfinder Platoon where he served for nearly 14 months. On 30 December 1969, he was discharged under an early release program and returned home to ponder his future.

As a Pathfinder he enjoyed the thrill of flying so when he returned home he decided to pursue a career in aviation and completed a two year program in aeronautical technologies at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. By the time he completed school the country was entering a recession. Jobs were difficult to find, especially in the struggling airline industry. After much thought he made the decision to say goodbye once again to family and friends and he enlisted in the Army. Aviation was his first choice, but with the Army drawing down after Viet Nam, the aviation field was not available. Military Police was his second choice. Like most enlisted MPs he started out as a gunner and worked his way through the ranks. His uniformed military career came to an end with his retirement on 31 October 2002, 29 days short of 30 years culminating as the 18th MP Brigade S3 SGM. But, his Army experience was not to end there.

He says that he did not do a good job in preparing for the transition from military to civilian life. His focus was mainly on family, those in his life who stood beside



him through all the moves, late nights, exercises, and deployments. It was time for them, and they chose to live in Williamsburg, Virginia. Now he had a mortgage, two children in college and one in high school, and no job. He worked the internet job sites day and night, and enrolled in the Transition Assistance Program at FT Eustis. After nearly two months of frustration, a counselor working with him at the Transition Center noticed he had the skill sets needed for a contractor position at the Doctrine Development Branch in TRADOC. After a lengthy interview, he was offered the position. He liked the work, but knew that contracting did not guarantee job security, so he continued to search for government service positions. Finally, just weeks after being told that the contractor position was being eliminated, he was offered a term GS position in the TRADOC Operations Center. He credits his extensive MP operational background for getting the job. Now he had one foot in the door of

government service. However, it was a term position with no job security, but it was a start. Eight months later he applied for a position in Germany with V Corps and the 18th MP Brigade, a position he was very familiar with from his previous assignment as the brigade S3 SGM. With a little bit of networking, mixed with MP contacts "good old boy connections" he was offered the job. So, after two years of searching, and with a renewed optimism of job security, he packed up the family and moved back to Germany. During the next two years the Army in Europe went through significant changes, USAREUR was transforming and downsizing. Units were returning to CONUS, inactivating and relocating. Having some insight of the final plan he began to feel in doubt about the future of his position, so he applied for a position in the plans and operations branch of the U.S. Army Europe Office of the Provost Marshal. Again, with a little net working and MP connections he was offered and accepted the position where he continues to work today, doing what he knows and enjoys, working with MP Soldiers and being part of the Army family.

Doing the math, it has been over 40 years, spanning five decades, almost half a century. The uniforms change, the faces change, but the culture and camaraderie do not. He has spent nearly his entire adult life with the Military Police Corps and he has no regrets. He says "What a ride it has been, and it isn't over yet".

CSM (Ret) Tommie Hollins

by COL (R) Orv Butts



CSM (Ret) Tommie Hollins serves as the Military Police (MP), Maintenance principal, and senior trainer/mentor/adviser in the operations section of the Infantry Brigade in the Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL), West Africa. CSM (Ret) Hollins trains and mentors a MP company and a Combat Service Support (CSS) Maintenance section.

CSM (Ret) Tommie Hollins provides tactical and technical guidance and professional support to subordinates and makes recommendations to leadership in the accomplishment of their duties.

He provides technical and tactical oversight for Maintenance and MP Trainers and Mentors utilizing all applicable military subject matter in accordance with appropriate US Army doctrine and/or policies. CSM (Ret) Hollins plans, coordinates, and supervises activities pertaining to organization, training, and combat operations. CSM (Ret) Hollins edits and prepares tactical plans and training material. He also coordinates implementation of operations, training programs, and communications activities.

In February of 2010 CSM (Ret) Tommie Hollins will deploy in support OIF/OEF where he will be a Research Manager for HTS program. CSM (Ret) Hollins and his wife remain a resident of the Fort Leonard Wood area.

The 300th MP Co. and Lam Son 719

PART 1 OF 2

by CSM (R) James W. Frye and Andy Watson

Operation Lam Son 719 was an offensive campaign conducted in the southeastern portion of Laos by South Vietnamese forces from 8 February to 25 March 1971. U.S. Forces provided support, but South Vietnamese troops were to take the lead in combat. The operation was a test of the South Vietnamese Army's effectiveness. Additionally, American ground forces were prohibited from entering Laotian territory. The strategic goal of the campaign was the disruption of the Ho Chi Minh Trail. The trail, which supplied the North Vietnamese Army in South Vietnam, traversed through Laos.

THE 300TH MP CO.

The 300th Military Police Company first arrived in Vietnam on 25 June 1966. Assigned to the 92nd Military Police Battalion and under the operational control of the 4th Transportation Terminal Provost Marshal, their mission chiefly consisted of physical security for the harbor of Saigon. At first the unit was billeted at the Shes Compound and later moved to the 92nd Military Police Battalion area at Pershing Field.

The unit's missions varied from providing traffic control in and around Saigon to serving as security and escorts for VIPs. Their mission changed when a new harbor facility, "Newport", was constructed four miles north of the older Saigon port. Due to the increased water and ground traffic, the 300th's security mission expanded at Newport as operations at the original port were gradually phased out.

When the 92nd Military Police Battalion was inactivated in February of 1970, the 300th was assigned to the 95th Military Police Battalion. Harbor security missions continued along with other commitments. The 300th supported customs operations at Bien Hoa, security at USO shows, and transported military prisoners to Long Binh Stockade. Additionally, 1st Platoon of the 300th Military Police Company was deployed to the Di An Base Camp to perform military police tasks and to receive further on-the-job training.

By December of 1970, the unit had completed assistance with Bien Hoa customs operations and had aided in providing security at the Bob Hope Christmas Show. Operations at Newport Harbor and Di An continued. The company would start the New Year with



➤ Above: Quang Tri River toward Khe Sahn. Below: 300th MP Co. members digging in to form shelter. MP Journal June 1971.

a special guest and an unexpected message.

Staff Sergeant Peter Porche from 1st Platoon remembered the visit. "Brigadier General [Wallace] Wittwer, the 18th Military Police Brigade Commander, made a visit to the 300th Military Police Company and a company formation was called. BG Wittwer told the men that they did really well on the past IG inspection and he had selected the 300th for a special mission. He couldn't tell the troops what or where, but he was sure that they would make the brigade proud. He then left and the gates were closed to our compound. No one was allowed in or out."

The unit was notified to prepare for a move to any destination within 12 hours notice. Put on lock down status, the unit readied equipment and personnel. At the time of the mission, the 300th Military Police Company was under-strength. The First Sergeant had gone on a prisoner shipment to the United States and had been reassigned to CONUS. The operations sergeant was flagged and could not be deployed. Within days, seven soldiers were dropped due to medical problems, adding to the personnel shortage. Replacements from other military police companies were added, but needed to have refresher training.

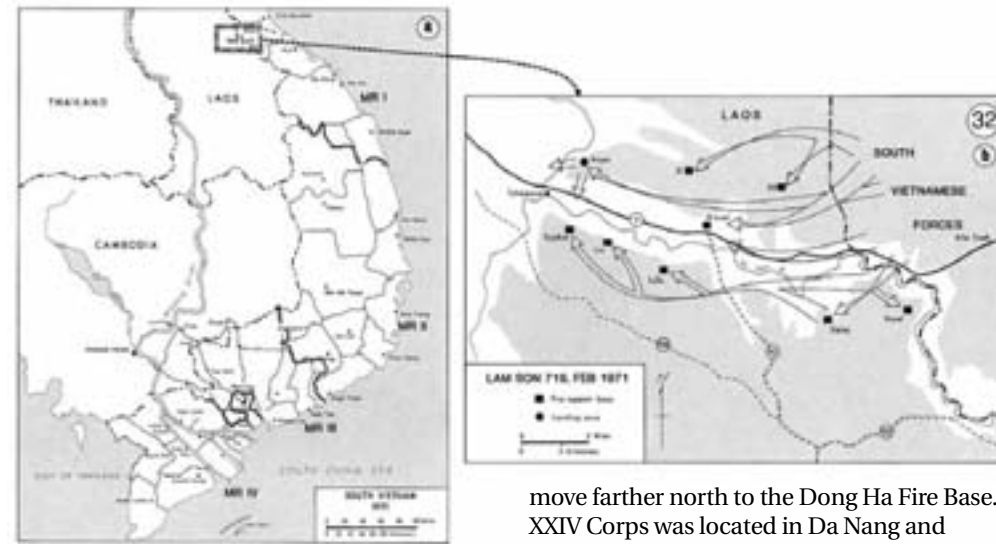
Sergeant Carl Mann of the 300th had some surprises as well as duty station changes. "After serving a brief stint as 'dock guard', I was assigned as a clerk in the Provost Marshal's office. Then in the latter part of January 1971, I returned to the company area following the completion of my duty to find a large contingent of 'strangers' occupying the company area; more specifically, my housing area. After a few days of wondering and speculating, we were informed that our company TO&E [Table of Organization and Equipment] was being enlarged and combined with other units."

To remedy the problem of enlisted leadership, James Frye was selected from the 557th Military Police Company to serve as First Sergeant for the 300th. CSM Frye remembers, "The 95th Military Police Battalion commander and CSM called me to headquarters. The Battalion commander told me that the 557th did well on the IG inspection and that I was being assigned to the 300th Military Police Company, because they were being deployed on a classified mission and they did not have a 1SG."

LAM SON 719

After hurried organization and preparations, the message to deploy was given on 30 January 1971. At first the information was that the 300th would deploy from different air bases, but the names and locations were still secret. Finally word came on the day of flight that half the company would deploy from Tan Son Nhut Air Base. This group included the company commander Captain Jacob D. Baergen and company executive officer, First Lieutenant Keith Phoenix who was also serving as the Supply, Motor, and Mess officer. HQ Platoon and 1st Platoon were also included in the first group. The second group consisting of 2nd and 3rd Platoons and the new 1SG, James Frye, deployed from Bien Hoa Air Base. Mission details and orders would be received at the new, and thus far unknown, location. Up to this point the unit only knew that the 300th would be operating as an independent Military Police company.

The two groups of the company arrived at their respective departure bases and loaded onto C-130 aircraft. After the Bien Hoa group was airborne, 1SG Frye asked the pilot to reveal their destination and was informed that they would land at Quang Tri. Frye was also notified that the aircraft from Tan Son Nhut were grounded due



to bad weather and poor visibility.

CSM Frye remembers the first day had some new challenges. "I landed at Quang Tri with my two platoons. The clouds were so low the C-130s hit the runway as they dropped from the low-hanging, thick clouds. It was so cold and rainy that we thought we had landed in North Vietnam. The aircraft were unloaded and the C-130s departed. I moved the troops under an open old aircraft (overhead cover) hanger and began to look for a contact person. I did locate the commander of Charlie Company of the 504th Military Police Battalion and informed him of our situation and that we would need help because of the cold, and night was approaching. He was able to put us inside one of his buildings out of the cold. I also told him we did not have any rations. He told me he only drew rations for his troops and we could go to his mess area and eat after his troops ate. It was a cold night; we bedded down."

The next day the other half of 300th Military Police Company arrived at Quang Tri. Sergeant Carl Mann had a special task. "Top' [1SG Frye] entrusted me with accompanying and safeguarding the Company Papers, Colors, etc. As a result, I found myself seated solo in the back of a C-130 Air transport with the company jeep and trailer and other equipment, wondering where we were headed and what would welcome us. When the plane landed, and the crew lowered its ramp, I was amazed to see the high volume of military armored vehicles and military moving up the highway and the amount of planes being unloaded at the airbase. 'Top' met me at the bottom of the ramp with, 'How was your flight?' and his quick, assuring smile. Our company, equipment, and materials were moved to Quang Tri."

An officer from XXIV Corps Provost Marshal's Office briefed the unit, informing them that they were ahead of schedule and would

move farther north to the Dong Ha Fire Base. XXIV Corps was located in Da Nang and controlled all US ground Forces in Region 1, which was comprised of the five northern provinces of South Vietnam. The unit moved to Dong Ha as a full company, which was a small semi-secure compound. They were informed that they were one week ahead of schedule and were told to establish company headquarters and prepare for convoy escort on Main Supply Route (MSR) QL-9. On the second day at Dong Ha, the 300th received a message that they would move a platoon to Vandergrift Fire Base. Then a message came to move another platoon to Khe Sanh.

Sergeant Mann remembered the briefing. "We were informed that it was our 'privilege' to be chosen to participate in an ARVN [Army of the Republic of Vietnam]-American joint effort that would be known as Lam Son 719. Our role, as military police would be to support the transporting of materials and supplies to the various firebases along Route QL-9 to ensure the success of the ARVN troops that were trying to cut off the effectiveness of Communist transport system, most commonly known as the 'Ho Chi Minh Trail.' This would require various MP troops to escort transportation convoys, secure crossroads, and 'maintain peace' on various firebases and support headquarters. In essence, many of us were destined to become Combat MPs!"

QL-9 was the most northern route, running parallel to the DMZ from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh into Laos. To make escort duty more difficult, there was an 18 mile defile in mountainous terrain from Vandergrift Fire Base to Khe Sanh. The defile was muddy and narrow, and only multi-drive vehicles could travel the route. A Combat Engineer Detachment was located in the middle of the defile near the "Old French Bridge" with heavy equipment to maintain the road. One night, they were ambushed by the Viet Cong (VC), and the detachment took very heavy casualties. While American Forces could not cross

the border, North Vietnamese forces were under no restrictions.

CSM Frye, "Our mission was to move convoys from Dong Ha to the Laos border. We had checkpoints/roadblocks at Vandergrift (2nd Platoon) and Khe Sanh (3rd Platoon). Rules of Engagement became second nature immediately. The MPs became aware of how to move a convoy through the kill zone, call in fire support, etc. For some reason, someone believed the convoys would be safer at night, but this proved to be false. There were many ambush sites on QL-9 and the VC were able to slow or knock out most of the night convoys in those areas. The day convoys became the only way to move supplies. The convoys were 60 to 100 vehicles transporting potable water, food, medical supplies, JP-4 Jet/diesel fuel, ammunition, and ordnance. The Transportation companies had gun trucks located in the convoy providing fire power that was necessary to move convoys through an ambush."

In order to serve as escorts on the dangerous route, the Soldiers of the 300th Military Police Company were equipped with Jeeps and V-100 "Commando" armored security vehicles. The unit had organic V-100s but had also requested more from the 18th Military Police Brigade. Companies within 18th provided the additional V-100s. CSM Frye, "Even though they were welcome, the V100s were in bad shape. We needed tires, parts, and repairs. The Motor Sergeant, SSG Williams was able to keep our vehicles operational, and Supply Sergeant [SSG] Morgan had a difficult time getting the needed supplies and equipment for this operation, but somehow he was able to meet most of our needs. He was unable to obtain tires using proper requisition but the ARVNs had V-100 tires and a trade was made with no questions asked. We also had 'Skin Jeeps' with M-60s [machine guns]. We called them Skin Jeeps because you did not have any protection, just your helmet and flack vest."

CSM (ret.) James W. Frye served as the first Regimental Command Sergeant Major of the Military Police Regiment (September 1980 - October 1984). He is a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters. He is also a member of the MP Hall of Fame.

Andy Watson is the Military Police Historian.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This story will be concluded in the next issue of the MPRA Quarterly with personal accounts of MPs during Lam Song 719 followed by the 300th's subsequent reassignment to Chu Lai, and eventual inactivation in Vietnam in April of 1972.

MP overcomes injury from attack and gains strength, confidence

by Pfc. Candace Mundt

CAMP CROPPER, Iraq—With their mission complete, the military policemen of the 410th Military Police Company, 720th MP Battalion, 89th MP Bde. out of Fort Hood, packed up and left the Iraqi Police station and the IPs they had just trained to head to their temporary home of Camp Stryker Nov. 9, 2006. They were looking forward to resting in their hard stands as opposed to the tents they bounced back and forth from before this mission.

As the first truck of the second squad came up to a bridge, an exploding firing projectile hit the right side of one of the trucks. The gunner flew out of the top of the vehicle along with his turret. Running on adrenaline, the gunner never felt the impact of his landing, the burning of his clothing or the shrapnel that carved at his legs.

Spec. Zachary Howard, now the armor for the 89th Military Police Brigade out of Fort Hood, Texas, knew nothing of his wounds at the time. Howard, from Onalaska, Wash., originally joined the army in order to support his grandfather after his grandmother had died. His grandfather died on his first day of basic training.

"My glasses got knocked off my face," Howard said. "I had some debris in my eye. It was a little irritating, but other than that I really didn't feel a thing."

Figuring that his life was now in the hands of his attackers, Howard laid still while his M9 pistol served as his only protection from snipers.

"At first, I thought I was still in the truck, but then I realized that I was on the ground," Howard said. "I had my nine millimeter on me because my rifle was somewhere else. I thought it was over. I was just waiting for something to happen."

Soon, though, another truck rolled up next to him with his lieutenant aboard to check his condition. When 2nd Lieutenant Jeffrey Trinidad asked him if he was okay, Howard simply replied with "Just peachy, sir."

"At that point it was really a quick shocker, that three seconds of confusion, and for a second I really didn't know what was going on. I saw his turret about 100 meters in front of me and I didn't see his vehicle."

A nearby buddy, Nichols, who according



➤ Spec. Zachary Howard completes his monthly inspection of the fire extinguishers, ensuring that safety standards are being met. U.S. Army photos by Spec. Katherine VanAlstine.

to Howard was, "kind of a big dude," saw Howard attempting to stand and held him down. "Hey, you don't want to get up yet," Nichols said. "You're injured."

After many more attempts to get up, Howard's squad leader came to him and told him to stay down, but when given the chance, he got to see that he truly was wounded.

"When they weren't looking and kind of stopped paying attention for a minute, I leaned up and saw that my legs were covered in blood, my pants were torn apart and my boots had basically turned black from the explosion," Howard said.

It wasn't until they loaded him into the UH-60 blackhawk helicopter that Howard realized what had happened to his team.

"The whole time I was asking about what had happened to my driver and team leader, Sgt. Gregory McCoy and Spec. Courtland Kennard," Howard said. "No one had told me anything."

"I saw a body bag being hauled off by a couple of guards and at that moment I knew something had gone wrong," Howard said. "I didn't know who it was, but just by seeing that bag, I knew something was up."

Sgt. McCoy and Spec. Kennard were both

killed from the effects of the attack. Both Soldiers were promoted to staff sergeant and sergeant posthumously.

"It immediately killed the truck commander," Trinidad said about the EFP that caused the death of Sgt. McCoy. "It blew his driver outside the vehicle. Spec. Kennard was missing his right arm and was unconscious. He died en route to the combat support hospital."

"The first thing I thought about was, why me?" Howard said about his survival of the blast. "They had families and I didn't think I was that important."

Amongst all of the fear and sadness, Howard found strength from his many visitors and the encouragement they brought to him.

"My brigade commander at the time, Col. Galloucis, came to visit me for about a good four hours to make sure I was okay," Howard said. "My first sergeant and my commander at the time, they came by to visit me too, they stayed with me for a while. My squad leader was there for a little bit. He couldn't stay very long. He had to go make sure everything was okay with the squad."

"My platoon sergeant was the one who encouraged me the most out of everybody," Howard said about Sgt. 1st Class Lloyd Young. "It was kind of a major blow for him to have something like that happen. He told me that he knew that I have some kind of fighting spirit in me. He encouraged me by saying, 'Howard, you're going to make it through this, you're going to make it through this.'"

At first just a new Soldier, this lucky young man began to have his own revelations and took a different perspective upon his life.

"I was just a raw private when I came to them, but after that day, a lot of stuff in me changed," Howard said. "I felt like I was reborn. The whole explosion opened my eyes, and I came out being a lot stronger than I was before."

A rather comical experience inside the hospital also helped Howard free himself in quite a different way.

"Someone asked me if I wanted to try to walk," Howard said, with a slight giggle. "I got up and I didn't realize I was naked at the time so I threw my sheet off."

Needless to say, the female medic overseeing him provided him with a pair of running shorts and a shirt.



➤ Spec. Howard slides the bolt of a 249 squad automatic weapon machine gun back into place. Part of his duty as unit armor is to ensure all weapons are in proper working order.

Howard fought hard to stay behind with his unit and finish out the deployment. This was very important to him, but with his leg getting worse he was sent home to heal.

"I was trying to stay in Iraq because I wanted very badly to finish at least one deployment," Howard said. "The doctors noticed my legs were getting infected after me still being here for about two weeks. They said it would probably be a good idea for me to go home. If I stayed, I probably would have lost my left leg."

Despite the doctor's hypothesis, after a good month's rest and a lot of treatment, Howard's leg healed and he was able to walk with little pain.

"I finally got home and I met Dr. Solomon, a very nice man," Howard said. "He gave me 30 days of leave to try and rest up a little bit. He said he would check my leg out when he got back, but he didn't see anything good coming from it."

"I went back to the hospital to get my leg checked out again and he said he'd never seen anything like that," Howard said. "My leg was completely healed up. I had taken such good care of it that all the infection had just gone away."

Even though his leg was healed, Howard still was not allowed to partake in physical training. By the time his unit returned to the states, he had gained around 50 pounds.

"I really didn't like being on profile," Howard said. "I wasn't allowed to work out and at the time I didn't know anything about good dieting. I was eating out every night and I really didn't have anyone to hang out with."

When his profile was up, Howard pushed himself to get back in shape, but began to push himself a bit too hard.

"I tried to run," Howard said. "It is incredibly painful for me to run long distances the way I could."

Through his senior leader's guidance, Howard soon learned that his injury would not disable his unit and that he should take care of himself.

"My new platoon sergeant, Sgt. Solomon, came up to me when I was running one day and asked me why I turned down all the profiles," Howard said. "I'm was trying to get myself back in shape and I didn't want to be a handicap to the unit."

"It was kind of a young Soldier thing for me," said Howard about his previous prejudice against those with profiles. "I'd seen all sorts of people use their profiles just to get out of work and to me that's just lazy."

"My sergeant had talked me into getting a permanent profile," Howard said. "I looked at all the options and thought; this would probably be the best idea for me right now. It had been nine months and my leg wasn't getting any better."

One of the ways Howard gained more confidence was by working the roads of Fort Hood and interacting with more people in and out of his unit.

"I learned a lot while I was working on the road, and it instilled a lot of confidence in me too," Howard said. "I learned how to get integrated with the public and talk to them about their problems."

Instead of getting out of the Army when his enlistment was up, Howard reenlisted and kept on with the fight. He was dedicated to his team and to his country.

"He could've taken the easy way out and gotten out of the Army, but he decided to stay in," Trinidad said. "He's motivated a lot of people just by dealing with the situation that he was a part of, coming back and not making any excuses. I'm definitely proud of him for that."

"A lot of people didn't think he would recover from it," Trinidad said. "He surprised everybody by having the attitude that he's going to recover from this."

Upon learning about the deployment he is currently serving on, Howard felt excited to get another chance to finish a mission with his unit.

"It's about time," Howard said, recalling his first thoughts about beginning his second tour in Iraq. "I had been trying to get on a deployment for what felt like forever."

"I was hoping to get in a combat position," Howard said. "I wanted to just go outside and

face my fears. I'm really not scared of anything, but it's just the fact that I was out there and something happened to me. I wanted to prove I can hold my own."

"Coming back to the place that almost took his life is amazing," Trinidad said. "It was a miracle that he lived. He motivates me and a lot of other people that know his story. He's someone that a lot of Soldiers can learn from."

Today, Howard not only works as his unit armor, but he also coordinates all work orders and conducts inspections as the company fire marshal.

"In my eyes, Howard is a hard and dedicated worker," Staff Sgt. Jesus Salazar, HHC, 89th MP Bde. operations noncommissioned officer said about his Soldier. "His contribution to the unit is a lot of little pieces, pieces that keep the bigger picture together and allow each and every one of us to focus strictly on mission."

"I keep things maintained and repaired, such as keeping the air conditioners running and making sure people have somewhere comfortable to live," Howard said.

With his carefree and carpe diem attitude, Howard now experiences life to its fullest.

"Everyone you ever meet in your life, you usually only meet once," Howard said about his philosophy on life that allows him to be more outgoing.

"It's hard for me to explain," Howard said in regards to his new outlook. "Unless you go through it yourself, which I would not recommend, you'll never understand what it's like to see life through the eyes of a survivor." X



➤ Spec. Zachary Howard frees the legs of the bipod on the 249 squad automatic weapon machine gun to begin the reassembly process.

Fort Leonard Wood gets first MP as commanding general

by Darrell Todd Maurina, Pulaski County Daily

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. (Jan. 12, 2010) — Fort Leonard Wood will soon get its first regular commanding general who isn't an engineer.

Department of Defense personnel announced Monday that Maj. Gen. David E. Quantock, who currently serves as deputy commanding general of detainee operations for the Multi-National Force-Iraq, will succeed Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin as Fort Leonard Wood's commanding general. Quantock is also the commander of Task Force 134 in Iraq, which is the American unit in charge of the prison facilities in Iraq which house suspected insurgents.

Quantock, a career military policeman who previously served as the commandant of the Military Police School at Fort Leonard Wood, is known as the American commander brought in to repair the damage caused by the 2004 detainee abuse scandal at the Abu Ghraib prison. That case involved several American soldiers, including Spec. Charles Graner and Pfc. Lynndie England, who were later court-martialed for abusing Iraqi detainees and photographing them in various sexually humiliating positions.

More recently, he's been working to release detainees or transfer them to the control of Iraqi security forces and has been responsible for the Sept. 17 shutdown of Camp Bucca, a large American-run prison in Iraq that once housed more than 21,000 inmates but had only half that number by the end of 2008; only 180 inmates remained when it finally closed. Remaining inmates are housed in two other facilities, Camp Cropper and Camp Taji.

American military authorities stated in September that under Quantock's command, Task Force 134 has released about 750 detainees from its detention facilities each month since February and transferred an average of 200 detainees per month to the Iraqi government.

Quantock's focus in Iraq has included preventing any repetition of the Abu Ghraib detainee abuse scandal. In a June 22 interview with Arab media, Quantock said that "treating detainees humanely is extremely important."

"We understand at some point many of



these detainees will be released and it does no good to improperly treat detainees who will someday be released," Quantock said. "Our focus inside our facilities is to separate extremists from moderates, to give them some educational and vocational training

so that when they leave our facilities, they can positively contribute to the future of Iraq and to themselves. And that's why, as we start to transition Taji, one of our main efforts is to put a vocational training center at Taji that, when we leave, that will not stop because we would like to leave, at Taji, a model facility that can be replicated throughout Iraq."

While releasing detainees from Camp Bucca was blamed in some quarters for contributing to an uptick in Iraqi violence, Quantock consistently disputed those allegations and said most people initially reviewed for release were considered to be low-threat inmates; medium-threat inmates were reviewed later and high-threat inmates were generally transferred to other American facilities or the government of Iraq.

"We don't want to undo the hard work and sacrifice of the ISF (Iraqi Security Forces) and Coalition forces by mass releasing detainees back into the community ... Our number one priority is to ensure the safety of the Iraqi people, the security forces and the detainees," Quantock said in a November 2008 interview following the release of more than 17,500 detainees that year.

According to an article earlier this month in the Albany Times-Union, Quantock's hometown newspaper in New York, Quantock was promoted to his current two-star rank on Christmas Eve. According to that article, Quantock expected to turn over two additional American-run prison facilities in Iraq, Camp Cropper with 3,780 detainees and Camp Taji with 4,450 detainees, to Iraqi forces later this year.

Inmates scheduled for release rather than for transfer to Iraqi authorities attend a class known as "Tanweet," or "enlightenment," which in a 2008 military press release, Quantock said is intended to prepare the inmates

for rejoining Iraqi society and includes basic Arabic reading, writing, mathematics, science, and vocational skills.

"The internees discuss civics, the new Iraqi government, reintegration with their families and communities, and can participate in small group discussions with Iraqi clerics and Iraqi social workers to learn more about Islam and the teachings of the Koran in the classes," said Quantock. "We have a responsibility to the people of Iraq that extends beyond ensuring those detained in our theater internment facilities are treated with care and respect ... We must also be confident that our process for release ensures the protection and security of the citizens in the communities that these detainees return to, so our processes must be responsible and deliberate."

Quantock's transition role in Iraq wasn't limited to turning prisons over to the Iraqis.

On Dec. 15, American authorities transferred control of a \$28 million Iraqi Correctional Training Center to the Iraqi Ministry of Justice. Much like a military police training facility at Fort Leonard Wood, the facility in Iraq is designed to closely resemble a working prison but also includes classrooms, four computer labs with 80 computers, a non-lethal firing range, a dining facility and student housing adequate to train up to a thousand students.

At the time, an American military press release quoted Quantock stating that a correctional facility needs "more than guards" to function well.

"You need mid-level supervisors, you need wardens, you need engineers and you need administrators. This facility will be able to accommodate all of those requirements and provide a training venue that allows for the development of a first-rate correctional officer," Quantock said.

Graduates of the training center will work in Iraqi Ministry of Justice prisons as well as the remaining American detention facilities at Camp Cropper and Camp Taji.

Quantock has been in his current position since Oct. 8, 2008; he was previously the deputy commanding general of Task Force 134 after leaving his position as commandant of the Military Police School at Fort Leonard Wood in June 2008. His two sons are also in the military, currently serving in Iraq and Kuwait as junior officers. X

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MP RCSM honors kid

by Kerstin Lopez, GUIDON staff

It was the day after Christmas, and as a family of four retired upstairs for the evening, little did they realize this would be a night to remember.

Eight-year-old Trevarez McKinney, son of a military police Soldier currently serving in Korea, woke up after hearing an unusual noise downstairs. Upon his inspection, the boy found smoke filling up the downstairs.

Without knowing what was causing the smoke, or how bad it was, he immediately went into action mode.

After running back upstairs to wake the rest of his family, he proceeded to the adjoining neighbor's house to warn them of the situation and call 911. The fire department arrived shortly after the incident began.

The fire department said something in the washer shorted out and caused the smoke to billow from the machine and if it was not caught in time there may have been a fire, said Tara McKinney, mother of Trevarez.

Trevarez's quick and courageous reactions saved the lives of many people that night, and that is why Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Kirkland, U.S. Army Military Police School, surprised the boy during an assembly at Wood Elementary, Jan. 6, and presented him with a regimental commemorative coin.

Military Police Regimental Association executive director Rick Harne was also present during the assembly to introduce Trevarez and his mother.

"I am so proud of him," McKinney said.

"He didn't think about it, he just reacted," McKinney said.

It wasn't until after the ordeal was over, that the reality of the situation and the feelings came to the surface for Trevarez, his mother said. That's when he began to breakdown and cry.

"I told him it was a brave thing to do and asked him where he learned what to do in this kind of situation," McKinney said.

Trevarez said he learned it from the fire training he got at school.

Both Harne and Kirkland commended the boy on his brave actions and paying attention during school.



➤ RCSM Charles Kirkland, Trevarez McKinney, and Tara McKinney at Wood Elementary Auditorium.

The information and training the fire department conducts for the children at the school does pay off, and it was evident in Trevarez's actions that night, Kirkland said.



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Iraq's 'Baghdad Brigade' has a new partner

by 1st Lt. William Marquez

BAGHDAD, Iraq – On Nov. 25, at Forward Operating Base Prosperity in the International Zone, the 336th Military Police Battalion, 49th Military Police Brigade, assumed authority from the 93rd Military Police Battalion of the International Zone security mission. The 336th, an Army Reserve unit from Pittsburgh, Pa., will assist the Iraqi army's 56th Infantry Brigade with securing Iraq's center of government.

The IZ, located in central Baghdad, is where many of Iraq's national government buildings are located, along with the United States Embassy. Since the overthrow of Saddam Hussein in 2003, insurgents and terrorists attacked the IZ using rockets, mortars, automatic weapons and suicide bombers. However, during the last year, the number of attacks significantly decreased.

On Jan. 1, 2009, with the implementation of the Security Agreement between the United States and Iraq, coalition forces handed over responsibility for securing the IZ to the Iraqi army. Currently, Iraq's 56th Infantry Brigade is responsible for securing the IZ. The 56th is known as the Baghdad Brigade.

During the transfer of authority ceremony between the 336th and 93rd, the commander of the 93rd Military Police Battalion, Lt. Col. Thomas Byrd, spoke about the importance of defending the IZ with the Iraqi army. "The IZ is a primary focal point of the enemy. We must continue to successfully work with our Iraqi counterparts in defending this strategic and vital piece of Iraqi property," said Byrd.

According to Byrd, the military police working with the Iraqi army in the IZ is the only operation that consists of a partnership between Army military police and the Iraqi army. American military police usually work with the Iraqi police, and the Iraqi army usually works with American armor and infantry units. Although Iraq's 56th Infantry Brigade did not have military police experience, Byrd was very impressed with his Iraqi army partners. "The Iraqi army made significant strides while we worked with them in the IZ. They were always open to suggestions on how to improve force protection. They are on the right path to providing security for their democracy," said Byrd.



Spc. Michael Lang and Pvt. Amy Grant of the 591st Military Police Company, prepare the colors for casing. Photo by 1st Lt. William Marquez.

The commander of the 336th Military Police Battalion, Lt. Col. Marc Garcia, made it clear to his soldiers and the Iraqi army leaders at the transfer ceremony that he would work closely with the Iraqi army, continuing the important relationship that the 93rd established with Iraq's Baghdad Brigade. "This is a zero defect mission. There is no room for error. We will continue to strengthen our relationship with the Iraq

i security forces protecting the IZ. The drawdown of forces will not affect us. We will help secure the IZ until we go home," said Garcia.

Following the transfer of authority ceremony, Brig. Gen. Donald Currier, commander of the 49th Military Police Brigade, and Col. Muthanna, deputy commander of Iraq's 56th Infantry Brigade, along with Lt. Col. Garcia and Lt. Col. Byrd, went to a nearby Iraqi café where they smoked cigars, drank chai tea, told jokes and discussed how to improve the security of Central Baghdad. ✕



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JTF supporting the Special Olympics

by Army Spc. Christopher Vann,
JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba (Dec. 18, 2009) – Something burns deep inside of us all; a fire that once ignited cannot be extinguished. It is the Flame of Hope. The feeling of love, compassion, hope and remembrance that we feel is expressed in different forms.

The New Jersey fundraising team for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics came to participate in the torch run at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Dec. 12. Residents and military personnel were able to sign up for the event as individual runners or for the team relay.

Nine teams participated in the run: the 525th Military Police Battalion, Joint Task Force Guantanamo Headquarters Command Element, the Office for the Administrative Review of the Detention of Enemy Combatants, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, JTF Public Affairs Office, Marine Corps Security Force Company, Commission Support Group, the 474th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron and the Criminal Investigation Task Force teams.

The 10-mile run started at the Northeast Gate and ended at Phillips Dive Park, with each team running approximately 1.1 miles.

"I am a proud supporter of the Special Olympics," said Navy Chief Petty Officer Jillian Easley, a member of the Commission Support Group. "I was active with the Special Olympics for three years straight, when I was stationed in Hawaii."

Marine Corps Lt. Col. Sylvia Antonino, JTF J-6 (communications systems) director, ran the entire 10 miles. An active supporter of the Special Olympics, she continues to help in any way she can, whether at home or abroad.

"The Special Olympics has always been a favorite of mine; this is a great opportunity for me to show my support," said Antonino.

Some people ran to give support, while others ran for reasons more personal, like Army Lt. Col. Mary Anna Foxx, staff joint secretary for JTF Guantanamo, the mother of a special needs child.

Foxx, having been exposed to radiation early in her career before giving birth to her daughter, uses this as a way to give back and give hope to others.

"I did this to be an inspiration to troops who are going through issues in their lives,"



Above: Navy Rear Adm. Thomas Copeman and Special Olympian Robert Fredericks light the Special Olympics Flame of Hope torch, at the Northeast Gate, Dec. 12, 2009. Right: Army Lt. Col. Conyers and Special Olympian Fredericks converse during their segment of the Special Olympics torch run.



Foxx said.

A New Jersey native, Special Olympian Robert Fredericks and two New Jersey Port Authority police officers came to Guantanamo Bay to help participate and deliver a message about the Special Olympics.

"The Special Olympics is a year-round sports training," said Fredericks. "It is for people with intellectual disabilities, not mental retardation. We don't use the 'R' word, we're trying to steer people away from saying that."

Fredericks, who is autistic, competes in four events: volleyball, floor hockey, basketball and track, with the latter being his strongest event. Since 1986, Fredericks has been involved with sports, and now runs in the 100 meters, 200 and the 4x100 relay races.

"I was honored to be part of such a momentous occasion while serving here in Guantanamo. I am glad that the Special Olympics torch is reaching international sites," said Easley.

All proceeds from this event will go to support the Special Olympics Team U.S.A. For more information on the Special Olympics, visit www.specialolympics.org. For more information about Joint Task Force Guantanamo, visit the Web site www.jtftgmo.southcom.mil.

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Profile: James Hall and JH Creative

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About James:

For as long as I can remember I have had a piece of clay in my hand. I was born to a Mother who was an accomplished sculptor and a Father who was a talented wood-worker.

I graduated from MSU in 1989 with a degree in 3 dimensional designs. Upon graduation, I went to work for Bass Pro Shops in their visual merchandising department making signage and point of purchase displays for the outdoor world showroom.

From 1993 to 2003 I worked at Chase Studio, Inc. in Cedar creek, MO. I sculpted for natural history exhibits all over the world. It is here that I learned the ins and outs of making large scale sculptures and have 3 full size mastodons in different locations and a northern right whale in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC.

In 2003, I started JH Creative. I wanted to specialize in bronzes and generally expand my experience in sculpture. A friend from Chase knew an architect who was working on the MPRA Memorial Grove project. Through him, I was introduced to Tony McGee and learned of the projected sculptures for the Grove.

About the Memorial Grove Sculptures:

A bronze, like the ones for the Grove, takes about 9-12 months to create. I start off with a small model of the piece so that the client can make any major changes on that scale. Then I weld an internal full-scale metal armature, or skeleton, to hold the initial sculpture in place. This is usually covered with a variety of foam products so that the piece is lightweight and manageable. Over that is laid a detailed layer of plasticine clay (or in the case of the pistols, a rigid urethane), which was tooled to look like wood and metal. A rigid fiberglass mold, like those used to make boats, is then made of the piece. (If the piece is more complex with difficult undercuts a flexible urethane mold-making product will be used with a fiberglass covering to hold the



shape). This is known as a mother mold. Both were used on the Memorial Grove pieces. (In the case of the pistols, the main body was a rigid mold and the hammer, trigger; etc. was made with flexible mold pieces).

From there it is off to the foundry, Ad Astra, near Lawrence, KS, where each piece of the mold has microcrystalline wax poured into it in sheets that follow the contour. The piece of wax is then fitted with a series of wax vents and sprues so that the bronze will have a way of traveling through the mold and push air ahead of it. Each cast wax piece is then dipped in a series of liquid clay and sand solutions. This is then allowed to dry. Then what is now known as the ceramic shell mold piece is put into a furnace. Here the wax melts out and the clay shell hardens (much like a hollow dinner plate). After this molten bronze is then poured into the shell mold, allowed to cool, and then the shell is broken off. The metal is trimmed of vents and sprues, and welded together. It is

chased with grinders and sanders, and then shined. Finally, a heat-treated patina or coloration is applied for the final color. The whole piece is then given a couple of coats of clear lacquer and then wax for protection from the elements. The mounting hardware is also welded inside the sculpture according to well-planned specifications.

Individuality of the Pieces:

Each of the pieces presents special challenges that are as individual as the pieces themselves. The cross pistols had to be welded at a specific angle to accommodate the mounting hardware that was in the brick columns. If not done correctly they would not have fit properly and some hardware would have to be removed and repositioned. For the Soldier, the challenge is to make him look just like the angle that he is being viewed at in the Schlaikjer painting from 1942 and then figure out what he would look like from all the other viewing points. Also, some changes are being made to reflect how a current MP of the time would properly wear his gear and position his hand. Working behind the scenes is Jim, who comes up with all the references to make pieces like the crossed pistols and the MP as accurate as possible.

Project Culmination:

I must say that working on the Memorial Grove for Fort Leonard Wood has been one of the most rewarding projects of my career. Knowing people like Tony McGee, who has great vision and can make things happen; Jim Rogers, who provides excellent technical information; Rick Harne, who plans for all the coordinations; and Dan James for the mounting of sculptures, makes all the difference in making a great project come together. These sculptures are the cumulative work of many people. It is also very rewarding to do something to honor the Soldiers without whom I would not possess the freedoms that I enjoy every day in this great country of ours. ✂



James Hall's vision and dedication is clearly evident. The MPRA is very thankful to James in assisting us in carrying on the Military Police tradition.



Joint Task Force 134 Inactivates

BAGHDAD— Maj. Gen. David E. Quantock, the final JTF-134 commander, was proud to be a part of the colors casing and all that the command has accomplished in Iraq since 2004.

The audience of distinguished Iraqi officials, U.S. service members and civilians included Army Gen. David H. Petraeus, U.S. Central Command commander and former Multi-National Force – Iraq commander, along with Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, former Multi-National Force – Iraq commander, which is now United States Forces – Iraq.

Army Maj. Gen. Geoffrey D. Miller was the first JTF-134 commander when it activated April 2004. Quantock and each of the five commanders before him witnessed the Iraqi detainee operations evolution from a scattered and poorly-managed operation to a well-trained, consolidated organization run by a professional military police force.

“This inactivation is an opportunity to remember the contributions and successes we all have been a part of,” said Quantock. “That is every single individual who has been a member of or who has assisted us here,” Quantock said about the partnerships and relationships among Iraqi and U.S. personnel who worked with JTF-134.

JTF-134 is a joint team comprised of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Civilians, Contractors and Iraqis. The strength of the organization comes from the flexibility, adaptability, and ingenuity of its most junior service members providing care and custody with dignity and respect.

Since JTF-134’s inception, eight military police (MP) brigades have conducted detention operations (11th, 16th, 18th, 42nd, 43rd, 89th, 177th, and 300th), with two brigades serving in two rotations. Whether serving as guard force, security force, training partners, medical providers, or legal and intelligence specialists, U.S. forces have continually committed themselves to making a positive impact on the Iraqi people, and have proven that detainee operations serve the tactical and strategic success of both conventional and counter-insurgency operations.

Command Sergeant Major Jeffrey A. Butler served with Quantock in 2004 with the 16th MP Brigade, whose duties included Abu Ghraib and Camp Bucca. He is now back in Iraq serving as the last Command Senior Enlisted Leader for JTF-134.

“The United States military’s ability to perform detention operations has greatly improved with support from highly trained



➤ Above: JTF 134 deactivation held at Al Faw Palace, Camp Victory, Iraq, on 1 Jan 2010. Right: Color Bearer was Gunnery Sergeant (GySGT) William R. Fuller. Photographs by SSG War E. Mobley, JTF 134.

MP Battalions and Brigades as the leadership and Army, Navy, and Air Force units performing guard functions,” said Butler.

Butler continued, “Additionally, with that and professionally monitored Military Intelligence specialists for interrogations, and world class medical support, detention operations doctrine has been rewritten.”

Quantock commended the hard work and sacrifices of the countless Iraqis, U.S. service members and civilians who accomplished so much under tremendously challenging circumstances.

“We built a proud and capable detention operation from its high of approximately 26,000 detainees in November 2007 to approximately 6,000 detainees today. A force that today is well-led, trained, professional and dedicated to returning with honor and leaving a legacy of success for the democratic Iraq,” said Quantock.

The future of U.S. detention operations is focused on the capacity and capability building of the Iraqi Corrections Service, law enforcement and intelligence agencies, and the Iraqi judicial system.

“The Iraqi’s are ready, capable and equipped to take over detainee operations from U.S. forces,” said Quantock.

As the United States Forces – Iraq, Deputy



Commanding General for Detainee Operations and the Provost Marshal General, Quantock’s duties remain essentially the same, to conduct detention operations in order to assess, reconcile and transfer or release detainees in Iraq consistent with the need to protect Iraqi society. Although the Task Force is inactivating, the transition will be largely transparent to the majority of former JTF-134 personnel.

“We are still here and we will complete this mission with success,” said Quantock. “The tasks we face in the future are no less important than the ones we faced in 2004.”

The activation of USF-I is part of the evolution of the responsible draw down of U.S. forces as they prepare to reduce the number of troops in Iraq to 50,000 by Aug. 31, 2010 as stipulated in the security agreement.

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 If we should ever meet again on another field, I will gladly take up your fight.
 I am a Military Police Working Dog and together we are the Guardians of the Night.



In Honor of Dak

A Memorial Ceremony was held on February 2nd at Memorial Grove for Military Working Dog Dak E238. MWD Dak was whelped November 2000 and assigned to the 252d Military Police detachment in April 2003. While assigned to the unit, MWD Dak supported Operation Iraqi Freedom I, IV and VIII, where he conducted more than 300 combat operations. MWD Dak was instrumental in assisting 4th ID in capturing three of the top ten high valued personnel. MWD Dak provided force protection for the Fort Leonard Wood and the local communities. He also provided Security for the President and Vice President of the United States and the Secretary of Defense.



BG McGuire assumes responsibility of the Provost Marshal General, takes command of the USACIDC

by Jeffrey Castro,
USACIDC Public Affairs

FORT BELVOIR, VA, January 15, 2010 – Brigadier General Colleen L. McGuire assumed responsibility as the Provost Marshal General of the Army and took command of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC) on Thursday in a ceremony held at the Well's Field House on Fort Belvoir.

Brigadier General McGuire succeeds BG Rodney L. Johnson, who is retiring after 33 years of service.

McGuire is the 10th commander of CID since it was first established as a major command on September 17, 1971, and the 13th Provost Marshal General of the Army since 1941. She is the first woman to command Army CID, as well as the first to become the PMG.

General Peter W. Chiarelli, Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, hosted the ceremony and during his remarks noted how the Army's military law enforcement team contributes to the Army mission, in theater and worldwide.

"You [Army law enforcement] should be incredibly proud of all that you have accomplished on behalf of your Army and our Nation ..." said GEN Chiarelli. "You have a significant and lasting impact. However, much work remains to be done. And, I absolutely believe Brigadier General Colleen McGuire is the right person to lead you in the challenging days ahead. She is a proven, gifted leader – both in garrison and combat."

McGuire most recently served as the Director, Senior Leader Development Office, Office of the Chief of Staff, Army, while also leading the Army Suicide Prevention Task Force. She assumes the role as the PMG and as the Commander of CID as the organization enters its 39th year as the Army's premier investigative agency for felony-level crime.

"I am honored to be given this privilege to command and lead," said McGuire. "The



➤ BG Colleen McGuire (center) accepts the organizational colors from GEN Peter W. Chiarelli, symbolizing her assumption of command of the USACIDC. Photos by Jeffrey Castro.

greatest honor for any Soldier is to command the sons and daughters of America. It is a particular honor for me, a military police officer to command at this level in a time of war."

Following the change of command ceremony, McGuire took the oath to assume responsibilities of the Office of the PMG. The position was first established in 1776 during the Revolutionary War, but was abolished after the war. During its long history, it was usually established during major combat, but discontinued shortly after the conflict was over. In line with history, the Secretary of the Army at the time, Thomas White, approved the re-establishment of the office, effective Sept. 26, 2003 during the Global War on Terrorism.

McGuire concluded her comments with

a reminder to all that the work of the Army's law enforcement team is never done.

"We are truly an expeditionary force," she said. "Our military police, criminal investigators, corrections experts, civilian police and support team need to maintain their edge under conditions of uncertainty and change regardless of the operational environment. To do that, we need to be, and will remain grounded and pure in our doctrine, our organizations, our training and our operations."

McGuire is a 1979 graduate of the University of Montana where she was commissioned in the Military Police Corps. During nearly 30 years of active service she has been assigned in key command and staff billets from platoon level to the Army staff. Her initial assignment was to

Germany where she served as a Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Battalion S4 with the 709th Military Police Battalion.

In March 1989 she began her first of multiple tours in the Washington, DC area when she was assigned as a staff officer in the Office of Public Affairs, Pentagon, and later, as the Battalion S3, Law Enforcement Battalion, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. In 1998, Brigadier General McGuire assumed command of the 705th Military Police Battalion, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Following battalion command and Senior Service College, she returned in 2002 to Fort Leavenworth and served as Brigade Commander of the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks followed by a tour as the Assistant Commandant, US Army Military Police School. Following her tour at the Military Police School, Brigadier General McGuire served an eighteen-month deployment as the Provost Marshal, Multi National Corps-Iraq. Her most recent tour in DC had included her service as the Chief, Colonels Management Office, Senior Leader Development, Office of the Chief of Staff, Army. Brigadier General McGuire's deployment experience includes service as the Public Affairs Officer, Joint Task Force-Somalia and as the Provost Marshal, Multi National Corps-Iraq.

McGuire is a graduate of the Military Police Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Command and General Staff College, the Public Affairs Officer Course, and the Army War College. She holds a Master of Military Arts and Science from the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

Brigadier General McGuire's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Senior Parachutist's Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

For more information on CID visit www.cid.army.mil.



➤ GEN Peter W. Chiarelli, Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, swears in BG Colleen McGuire (center) as the Provost Marshal General of the Army.



➤ GEN Peter W. Chiarelli (left), Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army and BG Colleen McGuire (right) salute during the arrival of the colors at the ceremony.

Year of the Reserve Component

Sergeant John Marra's military career began in the U.S. Army Reserve in 2004. He was assigned to his first duty assignment with the 303rd Military Police Company, 785th MP Battalion, 300th MP Brigade when they deployed to Iraq in September of 2006. During this deployment, Marra served as a MP Transition Team leader in the rank of corporal and heroically distinguished himself through exceptionally valorous conduct in the face of the enemy of the United States.

On October 24, 2007, the mission of the day was quite dangerous.

"Our task was to travel to nearly every police station in our area of operations, which included several hot spots," explained Marra. "The unit that was set to replace us was training on the road with us. Accounting for the risk that we assessed, we discussed what would occur if different scenarios came up. Ironically, the event that occurred later that day was one of the events for which we worked out a battle drill."

Marra was in the second vehicle of a four vehicle combat patrol in Bayji, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device struck the fourth vehicle flipping it onto the driver's side and trapping three soldiers inside. Marra immediately left the safety of his M1117 Armored Security Vehicle and began to make his way to the blast site.

While taking small arms fire, Marra disregarded his personal safety and ran across the kill zone into a hostile area where the severely damaged M1151 Up-Armored HMMWV was located, in order to render first aid to his fellow soldiers. Marra climbed on top of the overturned vehicle, exposing himself to enemy fire that was landing immediately next to the vehicle as well as on the wall just behind him, and proceeded to open the vehicle door and extract the men inside.

"This was like déjà vu," remarked Marra. He continued to explain.

"We were on a previous mission just 20 days prior when we were ambushed in the same area, same way, by some of the same insurgents. During that instance, we lost our medic, Cpl Rachel Hugo."

That memory was still fresh in the minds of Marra's unit. It was this instant flashback and moment of reflection and loss, according to Marra, that gave him the courage and confidence to do what was necessary.

"One thing I remembered is that I looked across the alley and saw the exact spot where Hugo was killed. The circumstance



we were in (now) was violent and ugly, but that moment of clarity gave me strength to persevere and will forever be etched in my mind," said Marra.

The gunner had been ejected and sustained shrapnel injuries. The driver was unharmed, but one soldier didn't make it.

"SFC Towns was a National Guard relief on his first tour. I felt really bad because he and the others depended on us to train them up to speed. He had a son and daughter in Iraq at the time," Marra said.

Another soldier -- the squad leader -- was injured. Once free, Marra helped to lower him down and behind cover. Seeing his squad leader unresponsive with a very weak pulse and barely breathing, Marra inserted a nasal pharyngeal airway into his nose, which is believed to have saved him from choking to death.

"She (Hugo) taught us well. She taught us how to save lives, and would have been proud," said Marra.

When it was clear that the wounded soldier needed to be taken to a more advanced medical treatment facility, Marra once again demonstrated exceptional courage and the utmost loyalty for his fellow soldier by volunteering to take his wounded squad leader in the back of a local Iraqi Police non-armored pick-up truck to the Iraqi Police Station where coalition medical personnel were standing by. Marra helped load the ca-

sualty into the bed of the Iraqi Police truck and then continued to perform lifesaving measures on his patient while traveling through the heart of one of the most dangerous cities in his area of operation.

While traveling a half mile to the Iraqi Police Station in the back of an open-bed non-armored Iraqi Police truck, Marra continually performed CPR on his wounded squad leader in order to keep him alive. Marra's actions, tremendous determination, quick thinking, extraordinary ability to stay calm under fire and undeniable courage directly contributed to the saving of his squad leader's life.

"When it came time to perform lifesaving measures without her (Hugo), our squad executed the battle drill and performed as one cohesive unit. Every piece fit together and we made it out of a situation that could've easily been worse."

Anytime a fellow soldier falls, it is a sad day. In this instance, Marra was able to take what the enemy meant for evil, and use it later to save lives. For his selfless acts, he was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor device.

U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Kathryn Van Auken and Major Lauralee Flannery were awarded the Bronze Star with "V" for valor for their sustained courage and heroic performance of duties while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Van Auken and Flannery had been serving together in Iraq in support of a Kuwait Exploitation Team's objective to secure, safeguard and assist a Kuwait forensic team in the recovery of the remains of Kuwaiti Prisoners of War and Missing from the end of the 1991 Gulf War.

Van Auken and Flannery were traveling together in the lead vehicle on February 14, 2007. They had been tasked with escorting the Kuwait Forensic Team's convoy of 12 vehicles.

It was approximately 7:30 a.m. when the middle four vehicles of the convoy were hit with the largest planned improvised explosive device (IED) attack that had been recorded up until that time.

Ten daisy-chained 155mm mortar rounds had been buried under the raised causeway they were traveling on, south of Razzazah Lake in the vicinity of Karbala, Iraq.



When these IEDs exploded three vehicles were destroyed, and passengers -- disoriented and bleeding -- began exiting their vehicles.

"We both exited our vehicle," Van Auken said. "[MAJ] Flannery] headed east and I headed west trying to gather up everyone and secure both ends of the roadway against secondary attacks."

As team leader, Van Auken deployed rapidly, undertaking a multiplicity of actions, quickly radioing instructions to move all vehicles through the smoke and debris and to follow her vehicle into safety away from the IED site to avoid secondary devices.

In this highly fluid situation, vehicles became disabled. Van Auken and Flannery quickly ordered the destroyed vehicles to be pushed out of the kill zone by follow on vehicles in the convoy in order to assemble the team and get everyone to a safe and secure distance.

Van Auken then maneuvered the front column of Polish security elements and Korean Engineer vehicles into security postures along west side of the raised causeway with great speed and determination gaining the advantage against any follow-on IED or possible ambush.

Both soldiers reacted fearlessly and without hesitation, running alone down the west end of the roadway to halt any oncoming traffic, orienting Iraqi vehicles to block the road, dismissing large crowds gathering, and re-positioning Polish security forces to assist.

The team provided medical assistance to

their Kuwaiti team members who had been badly cut with glass and debris, and who were vomiting and shaking on the side of the road from the shocking experience.

Their actions provided an example of urgency and purpose to fellow coalition forces, and their courage under fire unquestionably saved the lives of coalition forces, particularly the civilians in their charge.

"We are battle buddies to the end," Van Auken said.

Though each of U.S. Army Reserve Colonel Rod Faulk's three deployments were unique and meaningful to him in different ways, they had one thing in common, he said.

"They had in common the sense of purpose, that we were contributing to an important mission enhancing the security of Americans, now and in the future," Faulk said.

Faulk, who has been in the U.S. Army Reserve for more than 26 years, deployed first in 2002-2003 to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The next two deployments were both to Iraq, where he served first as the Commander of a Military Police Battalion in a 2005-2006 deployment. He then served as Chief of Staff in a second Military Police Brigade during a 2007-2008 deployment.

During his first deployment to Iraq, Faulk was responsible for leading a battalion of over 1,000 Soldiers engaged in military police operations and readiness development efforts.

Stationed at Camp Bucca, Iraq, Faulk commanded a joint service battalion of over 1,000 Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen engaged in providing safe care and security for thousands of insurgents in the world's largest military detention facility. He oversaw all functions necessary to safeguard and secure all detainees assigned to the facility. He and his battalion ensured the safe transit of over 30,000 detainees between Camp Bucca and Baghdad. Faulk also oversaw the upgrade of the facility from tents to hard stand domiciles, and partnered with military hospital staff to ensure effective medical support to the detainees. These efforts, in part, enabled the Multi-National Force-Iraq and Task Force 134 to close the Abu Ghraib facility.

When Faulk redeployed to Iraq in 2007, he returned to Camp Bucca, this time in the role of Chief of Staff for a Military

Police Brigade. In that role he led the staff of a military police brigade headquarters, supervising military police operations. He provided leadership to the brigade staff by coordinating command and control functions for over 8,000 Soldiers, civilians and contractors engaged in the mission to provide safe care and custody for thousands of insurgents detained in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Faulk also took the responsibility of personally conducting numerous VIP and media visits to provide transparency and publicize the noble efforts of the coalition forces in engaging with detainees to help them become productive citizens of Iraq.

Later, Faulk also supervised the Brigade's relocation to Baghdad and simultaneous relief in place with two other Brigades, accomplishing both missions with no operational impacts.

Of his time in the U.S. Army Reserve, Faulk had this to say: "I have enjoyed my service as I find it personally rewarding to serve my country and to help younger Soldiers do the same," he said. "The Army is a unique environment: It provides you just enough structure to organize and a lot of flexibility and autonomy to learn and grow as you shape your organization for future success and future service."

Faulk earned two Bronze Star Medals for his service; one for each deployment to Iraq. ✂



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Reality-based training

Empowering warrant officers, enhancing learning and developing stronger leaders

by CWO Four Shaun M. Collins

The Military Police/U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC) (commonly referred to as "CID") Warrant Officer Advanced Course (WOAC) is where Chief Warrant Officer Two and Chief Warrant Officer Three CID special agents receive the training necessary to assume duties as Special Agents-in-Charge and Operations Officers within CID organizations. In the past, the WOAC has been taught in the same manner as the vast majority of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) courses—using lectures and PowerPoint slides. However, during the past couple of years, the WOAC has undergone some tremendous changes that will better prepare our leaders to meet the challenges of tomorrow. Based on student critiques and input, the U.S. Army Military Police School (USAMPS) conducted a critical task selection board and reevaluated the training mechanisms employed within the course. As a result, an updated list of curriculum topics has been generated. More importantly, a revolutionary educational environment has been created.

In past iterations of WOAC, students complained about the "Battle Brief" portion of the course, in which they were required to analyze historical military battles and articulate lessons learned from military tactical perspectives. Students indicated that the briefings did not contain viable learning lessons because they could not foresee themselves as a commander directing battle action from the top of a hill. A subsequent analysis of the training intent revealed that, although TRADOC requires the inclusion of battle briefs in all Army WOAC curricula, there are no restrictions or guidelines regarding the nature of the briefs. Therefore, it was decided that the battle briefs could be conducted on law enforcement "battles" rather than on traditional military battles. Now students are required to research and analyze historical law enforcement battles (such as those that took place at Waco, Texas, and Ruby Ridge, Idaho, etc.). These battles are more professionally relevant to the stu-

dents. The students have indicated that they derive meaningful learning points from this approach—learning points that can be employed in their daily duty assignments and used to train their units to be more mission-capable. In addition to the clear increase in student interest in the battle briefs, TRADOC has also expressed interest. Following an inspection of the training program, the battle briefs were designated as a TRADOC best practice.

Another critical change involved the manner in which WOAC was presented. Although PowerPoint presentations were once considered revolutionary, they have since become so overused that students routinely refer to them as "death by PowerPoint." The students described the traditional, "canned" WOAC presentations as dry, mundane, and asserted they stifled innovation and original thought. These complaints were researched and found to be valid. More effective mechanisms for encouraging creativity and gaining student buy-in to the learning process were explored. As technical experts with vast knowledge and recent experience in various course areas, WOAC students should be encouraged to pool information and share their ideas in this ever-changing technical field rather than be subjected to lectures based on a narrow learning perspective. Consequently, the course has been transitioned from a lecture-based environment to an environment characterized by discussion and peer instruction led by a facilitator who ensures that the students work through the critical concepts and issues. This approach allows students to address theories, issues, and problem solving at a college graduate level. The revised instructional methods have ignited interest from Webster University to enter into a consortium agreement with USAMPS to award graduate college credit for course alumni. This is likely to spawn a congruent credit award from the American Council on Education (ACE).

Additionally, the focus of WOAC student research projects and papers has evolved from general leadership topics to research projects that require students to address CID policy, operational, or training issues that they believe could be improved upon.

A significant portion of the course focuses on effective ways for students to influence organizational change, which helps them develop their research papers. Upon completion of the papers, faculty members assist students in "actioning" their proposals through appropriate channels, thus empowering the students to use the academic requirement to leverage actual organizational change. Because the papers are no longer just an academic exercise, students exert substantially more effort in researching, developing, and completing them, focusing on solutions rather than merely problems or abstract ideas. Students must identify the root problem to ensure that their proposals do not simply address a symptom, thereby missing the greater issue or ignoring potential second- and third-order effects of their proposals. They are taught how to remove emotional responses from their presentations and how to use logic and reasoning to build well-developed courses of action and intelligently articulate organizational benefits.

Topics on which students have written proposals include, but are not limited to:

- CID Warrant Officer Online Proposal Workshop Forum.
- Restructuring Protective Services Program.
- Formalized Curriculum for CID Interns.
- Retaining Quality CID Agents.
- Realignment of Drug Suppression Teams.
- Use of Reserve Instructors at USAMPS.
- Protective Services Battalion (PSB) Assignment Management.
- Technical Listening Equipment—One Party Consent Monitoring.
- Revising Evidence Description Doctrine.
- Using Major Procurement Fraud Unit to Revitalize Installation Fraud Programs.
- Active Component/Reserve Component Organizational Mentorship Relationships.
- Establishing a Progressive Training Program in CID.
- Establishment of Joint Data Repositories and Reporting Systems.
- Agent/Agency Liability Related to Use of Force.
- Future Handgun Systems.

- Reserve Component Training Models.
- CID Command Relationship Management.
- Combined DNA Indexing System (CODIS) Database Input and Submissions.
- USACIDC Weapons Policies
- Assignment of Apprentice Agents to PSB
- Apprentice Agent Evaluation Process
- CID Recruitment
- Creation of a Sworn Statement Guide for Agents

Senior leaders who have issues that they would like to see developed should nominate the topics for evaluation and staffing in this forum, which presents a great opportunity for senior warrant officers to help shape the future of CID and the Military Police Regiment.

Chief Warrant Officer Three Bryan Janysek and Chief Warrant Officer Three John Spann further proposed that WOAC be used as a cold-case review forum for serious, unsolved CID investigations (a practice also employed at the Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] National Academy). CID adopted the proposal, and cold-case review became

a graded WOAC practical exercise. To date, two unsolved murder investigations (ranging from 12 to 16 years old) have been reviewed; and the results have been phenomenal. Students have put an unprecedented level of effort into the cold-case review and have produced top-quality results, which has benefited the students themselves and CID field elements. This tactic will almost certainly help to solve real-world cases.

WOAC provides an opportunity to train future CID Special Agents-in-Charge and Operations Officers on the skills that they will need to excel, but it also provides a great opportunity to exploit a "think-tank" comprised of literally hundreds of years of investigative experience in each class. The students, who consist of mid to senior level CID warrant officers, want to make a



meaningful difference and eagerly embrace the opportunity to do so in this forum. As future senior leaders and operations officers within CID, they have a tremendous stake in the health and future of the organization. We are collectively impressed with the caliber of these students and look forward to the benefits that can be gleaned from inspiring them to find ways to develop needed changes within the command and helping them present their solutions with a sound and unified voice. Our overarching message to the students is: "Don't try to make a difference—be the difference."

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New Artifacts at the MP Museum: The Bandholtz Acquisition

by Jim Rogers, MP Corps Museum Director

The museum recently acquired a Colt revolver with provenance to “the Father of the MP Corps”, General Harry H. Bandholtz. The pistol was Bandholtz’s issue sidearm, which he probably received as a young officer sometime after late 1894. He carried this revolver during his service in the Spanish-American War in Cuba. Bandholtz participated in the battles at El Caney, San Juan, and Santiago in July, 1898. For his actions in the El Caney battle, he was brevetted to Captain and (posthumously in April 1927) awarded the Silver Star.

The pistol remained in Bandholtz’s possession until his death in 1925 and was retained by his widow, Inez. Documents acquired by the museum with the revolver trace the subsequent possession of the pistol from Mrs. Bandholtz through two collectors to the time of discovery by museum staff. A letter from the Colt Company historian dated in 2006 that verifies that this pistol, serial number 60759, was in a shipment of 450 revolvers to the U.S. Government on November 30th, 1894.

The pistol itself is a Colt New Army Model 1894, .38 caliber double-action revolver with a 6-inch barrel. Many of these models were subsequently upgraded by the Army, but this example does not have these modifications, resulting in a rare original example of a Model 1894. It has walnut grips and still has over 95% of its original bluing finish. There are post-manufacture commemorative inscriptions on both sides of the frame (see photos), most likely added by Bandholtz. The full serial number appears on the bottom of the grip, and the last three numbers “759” appear on several components. The right side of the wooden grip and some components are stamped with the initials of the inspector, “R.A.C.” (Rinaldo A. Carr), and the left side displays the production date of 1894 over the initials of the sub-inspector “D.M.T.” (Daniel M. Taylor).

This revolver is not only an original and mechanically unaltered Army-issue sidearm in excellent condition from the Spanish-American War; it has singular value to the Military Police Corps because of its documented Bandholtz history. As was the case with the museum’s previous Bandholtz acquisition, this was the result of museum staff detective work and negotiations, and the financial support of the Military Police School. (See MPRA Quarterly, Winter 2009, Vol. 20 No. 2, pages 8-11)



Above: Bandholtz’s serial numbered Spanish Campaign medal, from the museum collections. The star device on the ribbon is a “Citation Star”, the predecessor to the Silver Star. The Citation Star was established in 1918 for recognition of gallantry in action retroactive to the Spanish-American War, and was worn on the ribbon of the corresponding campaign medal. Below: Silver Star certificate, dated 12 April 1927.



First Lieutenant H. H. Bandholtz, 7th Infantry Regiment, circa 1897-98.



Above: Detail of the commemorative engraving on the left side of the frame. Notice the “759” stamped on the cylinder catch and the “R.A.C.” inspector’s stamp on the frame. Left: Detail of the commemorative engraving on the right side of the frame, featuring the locations and dates of the battles that Bandholtz participated in.

The Battle of El Caney began the morning of 1 July 1898, with a division under BG Henry W. Lawton assaulting entrenched Spanish positions in the village of El Caney as part of the campaign to take Santiago, Cuba. During the battle, Lieutenant Bandholtz was ordered to replace the wounded 7th Infantry Adjutant, Major Corliss.

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