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The cover artwork from the previous issue was inadvertently not identified.
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Gene Sherman, U.S. Army
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

C elebrating the Military Police Anniversary at the home of the Regiment is always a special and exciting time! This year’s celebration was no exception. Kudos to all that made it happen! As you read this edition of the Dragoon, I hope that wherever you are, your celebration of our beloved regiment’s anniversary was just as special.

The week was packed full of events to include inducting five individuals into the Hall of Fame, the Memorial Tribute, the Warfighter Competition, an in-depth conference, a vendor packed technology exhibit, and then the week culminated with a memorable Military Police Ball. Also noteworthy was the Change of Commandant as we said farewell to BG Phillips and welcomed BG Inch. To me personally, one of the most moving moments was the Memorial Tribute where this year MPRA hosted five Gold Star Families. These great Americans assisted BG Phillips and I as we cut the ribbon on this year’s addition to the Regimental Grove. Observing the families and children of our fallen heroes place bricks into the walkway was moving beyond words. Another personal honor was accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Gonzalez to our MP Ball. Mrs. Ida Gonzalez was one of our University of Phoenix Scholarship winners and a Gold Star family member.

Last year about this time I told members of our goal to honor “all” fallen Military Police Soldiers from WWI, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam through current conflict. I’m proud to announce that we have accomplished this huge task. This could not have been accomplished without the help of the USAMPS historian, our MP museum curator, our corporate sponsors, and most importantly you, our MPRA members. Please check out the photos from our website or better yet, stop by the grove the next time you’re in town.

Work is already underway for our next scholarship season. The scholarship team is already working on the next annual archery tournament which is our primary fundraiser for this effort. This tournament has quickly grown into the largest event in the Midwest region. If you’re a bow hunter, I urge (challenge) you to come to Fort Leonard Wood to participate. You won’t be disappointed!

As I close I would like to send an MPRA thanks to Garrett Container Systems for donating $1000 to our Benevolent Fund and High Tech Crime Institute for donating a percentage of sales to our Benevolent Fund as well. Please continue to spread the word about MPRA and what it does for our Soldiers. Our Benevolent Fund, Scholarship Fund, and other legacy programs cannot work without the support of our members. Every new membership is always a special and exciting time! This year’s celebration of our beloved regiment’s anniversary was just as special.

Thank you for all you do for MPRA!

– SGM (R) Don Rose
President, MPRA
National Board of Directors

EDITOR’S NOTE

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.

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. All articles accepted for publication are subject to editing. We look forward to hearing from you for future issues of the Dragoon!

– Amanda Stillwell, stillwellm@mpraonline.org
FROM THE COMMANDANT

Dear members of the Military Police Regimental Association and all those who are drawn to the great Soldiers, civilians, and family members that make up the Military Police Corps Regiment, today I completed my first month as Chief of your Regiment and Commandant of the US Army Military Police School. If you were unable to come to the home of the MP Regiment last month to celebrate our 70th Anniversary, you may not have realized that we added a change of command ceremony between Brigadier General David Phillips and I, and celebrated BG Phillips retirement, to the list of superb events and ceremonies.

On that sunny day, we said our formal farewell to a selfless leader and his lovely bride, Dawn. The Phillips have given much to our Nation and Regiment over the past 31 years, and our Regiment will always carry the evidence of BG Phillips’ vision, sacrifice and professionalism. My wife, Barbara and I wish them joy, satisfaction and peace in retirement, and hope that they will come south every September to celebrate with our Regiment, and engage more often to help mentor myself and my successors.

Joining the USAMPS team in conjunction with Regimental week provided me a unique opportunity to take a pulse of the Regiment. You should take great confidence and pride in our leaders, Soldiers and civilians (and families!) that have carried such a heavy burden over the last 10 years. I watched our Senior leaders wrestle with the future direction of our Regiment to be an agile and relevant force into 2020, while they scoured the MPRA-sponsored technology display, our young warfighters compete for top honors (congratulations to SGT Jones, SPC Bagby and SPC Tees of the 93rd MP Bn, Ft Bliss!), our Regiment gather in the MP Memorial Grove to honor our 15 fallen warriors, 750 of our Soldiers and families gather to celebrate at the MP Anniversary Ball.

I have also taken these past 30 days to learn the lay of the land here at Fort Leonard Wood, visiting our school directorates and training cadre and facilities. I am exceptionally impressed with the professionalism of our Soldier/Civilian staff, and the available resources and facilities to train our Military Police Soldiers and Department of the Army Civilian Police. From OSUT to advanced leadership courses, from investigations to corrections, from evasive driving to marksmanship, from advanced law enforcement techniques to anti-terrorism program management, the array of training is remarkable.

Last week, Barbara and I attended our first Rights of Passage ceremony. We marveled as this particular training company of National Guard MP Soldiers received their MP Crest and entered the ranks of the MP Corps. As I shook the hands each young Soldier, looking each in the eye, I could see that we had instilled that foundational pride and adherence to our Army Values and Warrior Ethos. These Soldiers will return home to be valued members of their respective company and State, but an integral member of the Military Police Corps Regiment and the single Army that our Nation calls upon to be our Nation’s force of decisive action.

– Brigadier General Mark Inch
I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the men and woman of the Military Police Corps Regiment, their families and our great civilians. Simply stated, thank you for all you do. As I prepare to hang up my uniform I find myself reflecting on how we have evolved as a profession over the course of my career. We are truly blessed to wear the Green and Gold colors of our Regiment but we cannot allow ourselves to forget where we came from.

Over these past three years, I have made it a personal and professional goal to rally the team around our colors. During my initial meeting with BG Phillips we discussed what we would like to accomplish for the Regiment on our watch. At the top of my list was “Pride in Regiment – One Team” scratched on a pad of paper. I explained to my new boss that I felt with restructuring of the army and the pace we were running we were losing our central point of pride, our sense of family outside and above our individual organizations. From this discussion drove the focus of our themes over the past three years.

68th Anniversary: MP NCOs tested in battle forging the foundation for tomorrow’s force; celebrating the year of the NCO
69th Anniversary: The Army’s Triple Strand of Strength; Military Police Corps Regiment

This year’s theme, “Three Strands, One Profession” is a continuation of our message working to get all elements of an already strong team unified, all firing in the same direction in order to accomplish our mission as one combined profession. Let there be no question that together we are stronger and hold the answers to most of our challenges right here in the family. So as the Army focuses on the Profession of Arms, we must do our part.

Over this past three years we have taken a hard look internally and asked ourselves “What can we do better”? How can we better serve the army as professionals individually and as an organization?

Many steps have been taken to improve, such as fine tuning leader development, re-looking and adjusting structure, developing our Military Police Oaths and Mission Statement and the list goes on and on. One thing that has been a constant in this process is that we are a great organization full of the finest Leaders, Soldiers and Civilians the Army has to offer. All efforts have been focused with the intent to make the team and you as an individual even better.

On this 70th anniversary it is daunting to look back and reflect on what we have done over the past 10 years. On the 60th anniversary I have to wonder if we could have envisioned the complexity of what was to come. The reality is we have been extremely busy and in the process became stronger and more capable. As we reflect on this success we must pause and acknowledge that it has been accomplished with great sacrifice. Those that we have lost during this time frame and over the course of our history will never be forgotten. Their families will forever be in our thoughts and our prayers and our fallen comrades legacies will live on. The individual Soldier and the family standing beside them is without question the baseline reason for our existence.

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As we celebrated the anniversary of our great Regiment this past September, I was once again assured that our Regiment is in great shape and in good hands. The professionalism of all involved in our Regimental week celebration was clearly evident. I was greatly impressed by the young NCOs and Soldiers that participated in the Warfighter challenge competition. Those Military Police Soldiers that volunteered and trained hard for the unknown. The best of the best. Every last one of them did an outstanding job! I am proud to be the Regimental Chief Warrant Officer. The Warfighter competition is one of my favorite times of the year and I look forward to supporting the competition next year.

This past September marked the 70th anniversary of our great regiment and the 40th anniversary of the United States Army Criminal Investigation Command. In an effort to continue along the lines of the “Triple Stand of Strength”, this year’s theme is “Three Strands One Profession”, which incorporates the Army’s professionalism campaign. A huge part of the Army’s professionalism campaign is Professional Military Education (PME). I have hit on this topic before, but we as leaders owe it to our subordinates to ensure that they obtain the appropriate level of PME at the right time in their careers. PME develops Army leaders. Officer, warrant officer, and NCO training and education is a continuous, career-long, learning process that integrates structured programs of instruction—resident at the institution and non-resident via distributed learning at home station. PME is progressive and sequential, provides a doctrinal foundation and builds on previous training, education and operational experiences. PME provides hands-on technical, tactical, and leader training focused to ensure leaders are prepared for success in their next assignment and higher-level responsibility. Due to the Global war on terrorism and other factors, there is a huge backlog of PME across the Army and the Military Police Corps is no exception. In order to ensure our Soldiers are competitive for promotion and properly trained, we must push our Soldiers to attend these courses.

As senior leaders, we all share the responsibility of taking care of our Soldiers and our Regiment. Thank you for everything you do for our Nation, our Army and our Military Police Corps. “Do what has to be done!”

– David J. Albaugh, CW5, MP Regimental Chief Warrant Officer

You will have noticed in our anniversary logo this year that in addition to our great Military Police, I/R Specialist and Special Agent representation, there is a subliminal message in the background.

The K9 Team that you see in the background is a reminder to all that we as a professional organization are always working towards improvements in our mission capabilities and conditions for our Soldiers. We owe it to those that we charge with these enormous responsibilities. The development of the MOS 31K is an initiative with the intent to evolve a critical life saving asset into a structured, professional organization within our Military Police Corps Profession.

As we work to build and gain approval from the leadership of our army, know that all efforts in this initiative are in the best interest of our valued Soldiers and the ultimate reason for our existence and that is to support and accomplish the mission of the Army. This capability saves lives and the Soldiers performing this mission need all the tools, professional development and leadership required to ensure success.

As this is my last anniversary serving as your Regimental Command Sergeant Major, I want to express my sincerest appreciation for all you do. I am truly inspired by each and every one of you and I find myself full of pride as I reflect back over my 28 years of service to the greatest regiment in our army. The MP Corps, our Army and the Nation have asked much of you and you rose to the occasion every time. There is no doubt in my mind you will continue to represent our profession with skill, dedication and pride.

To those of you standing in the sand... be safe and continue to represent your profession with high honor. You and your families are in our thoughts and prayers.

From the Kirkland family to yours... “Of the Troops and For the Troops” MP7... Out

– CSM Charles R. Kirkland
Regimental Command Sergeant Major
The Military Police Regiment said “good-bye” to the school’s commandant and welcomed another during a change-of-command ceremony, Sept. 21, at the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Plaza.

Brig. Gen. David Phillips relinquished command of the U.S. Army Military Police Regiment to Brig. Gen. Mark Inch during the evening ceremony. At the conclusion of the change-of-command portion, Phillips was also honored, as he retired after 31 years service in the Military Police Corps.

Inch will serve as the commandant of the U.S. Army Military Police School, as well as the commander of the MP regiment.

Maj. Gen. David Quantock, MSCoE and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, presided over the ceremony.


“I’ve known Dave for a long time, and a few words sum him up; warrior, patriot, a Soldier who exemplifies selfless service, character and my friend,” Quantock said.

Quantock praised Phillips for his efforts and actions as commandant of USAMPS, citing his ability to reach out to allied partners and other U.S. Army branches to enhance the fighting capabilities of the MP regiment.

Quantock went on to explain how Phillips, during his tenure, was able to tie together four different parts of the MP mission — the military police, corrections officers, investigators and military dog handlers — to improve the training and increase their combat contributions.

“Dave has taken these four strands and tied them into one profession,” Quantock told the crowd of more than 300. “We are proud of what you (Brig. Gen. Phillips) have done for this regiment as you head off into retirement, and we are proud of what you will continue to do for this regiment in the future.”

“One great thing about this regiment is that as one great leader goes, another great leader comes to fill that position,” Quantock said.

Inch comes to USAMPS from his previous position as commandant of the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Inch was also chief of staff for Task Force 134, serving with Quantock in Iraq.

“He’s a consummate team builder; he’s a Soldier of character,” Quantock said.

Phillips thanked several for their support, but noted that a “thank you” has some finality to it.

“I assure you there is nothing final in our feelings, nor is this an ending to our relationships. My dream for as long as I can recall was to serve as a Soldier, and God granted me fulfillment of that dream,” Phillips said.

Phillips said the MP regiment was being left in very capable hands with Inch.

“I am both humbled and delighted to join this remarkable team,” Inch said.

Inch said his three priorities for the regiment include instilling the warrior ethos into the Soldiers entering the corps; focus on the mission and the police profession, and maintain balance and build resilience.

“Our number one mission is to provide trained and ready Military Police Soldiers to the current fight,” Inch said. “I commit myself to these priorities.”

Following the change-of-command ceremony, a retirement ceremony was held for Phillips as he was presented a flag and a shell casing fired during the ceremony in honor of him.

– Robert Johnson
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR (R)
JAMES R. ARMOUR

Command Sergeant Major (R) James R. Armour had a distinguished, multi-faceted career spanning over 26 years including service in every Noncommissioned Officer leadership position from Corporal to Command Sergeant Major. Command Sergeant Major (R) Armour had a distinguishing career spanning from January 1966 to August 1992, serving in four separate theaters of combat operations. Command Sergeant Major (R) Armour contributed immeasurably to the shaping of the Military Police Corps Regiment into the versatile, respected, and professional branch it is today. Command Sergeant Major (R) Armour had an indelible and enduring impact on the professional development of literally thousands of Soldiers, and served as an outstanding ambassador for the capabilities, technical and tactical competence, and professionalism of the Military Police Soldiers. His professional excellence and ability to demonstrate to other branches the capabilities of Military Police Soldiers set a stellar example throughout a critical transitional period in which the Military Police Corps transformed into a highly respected and affective Combat Support Branch known as “The Force of Choice”.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR (R)
MERLE D. JONES

Command Sergeant Major (R) Merle D. Jones’ distinguished, multi-faceted career encompassed more than 23 years of military service in every Noncommissioned Officer leadership position from Team Leader to Command Sergeant Major. Command Sergeant Major (R) Jones’ military career spanned from October 1977 to June 2000; during this time he was awarded the Soldiers Medal for heroism which is a true testament to his exemplary and selfless service to the United States of America, the Army, and the Soldiers of the Military Police Corps Regiment. As the 701st Military Police Battalion CSM he spearheaded the year long daunting task of moving his Battalion from Anniston, AL to Ft Leonard Wood, MO in 2000 ensuring a seamless transition of the battalion with no impact to the Military Police schools training mission, the Quality of Life for Soldiers, and their families. Upon retirement, Command Sergeant Major (R) Jones transformed and revitalized the MPRA through his leadership and business acumen, ultimately providing a solid foundation for the success that the MPRA enjoys today. Command Sergeant Major (R) Jones is considered the Founder of the modern day MPRA.
Major General (R) Donald J. Ryder’s distinguished career spanned over 34 years of dedicated service as a highly decorated member of the Military Police Corps with outstanding professional credentials. He served in every military police command position from Platoon Leader to the United States Army’s 11th Provost Marshal General. Major General Ryder’s recognized and noteworthy achievements in many key MP assignments proved critical in promoting and ensuring the continued independence, growth and relevance of the Military Police Corps as an integral and valued combat multiplier and contributor to the Army’s combined arms team. Major General (R) Ryder’s leadership and visionary efforts distinguished himself as a highly respected MP Officer and leader. Ultimately, establishing the conditions for the Corps’ continuing growth and development, and enabled the Military Police Corps to meet the increasingly high demand for the Army’s “Force of Choice” in the Global War on Terrorism.

Colonel Warren Kieffer Rees’ distinguished Army career of more than 26 years with valorous service in combat measurably impacted the Law Enforcement and Force Protection role of the Military Police Corps in today’s Army. He contributed directly to the evolution of the MP Corps into a true combat support branch that has become a valued, versatile combat multiplier on today’s battlefield. During his prestigious and contributory career, Colonel Rees spent much time analyzing and restructuring the internal defense of the nation, currently known as Homeland Security. He was responsible for a renowned course of instruction, the Civil Disturbance Orientation Course (SEADOC), which trained both Military and Civilians from the Dept. of Defense, Dept. of State, the FBI, as well as civilian Police agencies throughout the United States. He would later go on to serve as the Corps Senior Combat Developer of Military Police Doctrine and Mission. He directly influenced the decision of Army Leadership to accept the rear security mission of the Corps, which advantageously changed the way Military Police train, and how they can support the Army.
FIRST SERGEANT (R)
RUSSELL W. STRAND

First Sergeant (R) Russell W. Strand has distinguished himself as an integral part of the Military Police Corps Regiment, dedicating over 35 years in service to this great Nation, in various capacities from Patrolman to Criminal Investigator. After his return from Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, where he served as a First Sergeant, he was assigned to the US Army Military Police School and worked with the Family Advocacy Law Enforcement Program, developing tools for investigating child abuse and domestic violence. His outstanding work resulted in the first two courses relating to the subject matter to be developed in the Department of Defense. Following his service in uniform, he was immediately hired as a civilian instructor and placed in charge of the Family Advocacy Law Enforcement Training program. In just a few short years, he turned the program around, resulting in it becoming one of the most sought after courses of instruction in the Military. His contributions and selfless service resulted in being selected as the US Army Military School Civilian Instructor of the year for 2002. He was eventually selected to become Division Chief for his section. He has developed countless programs, and has trained thousands of students in nearly every aspect of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Child Abuse. The culmination of all his countless contributions resulted in the development of Forensic Experiential Trauma Interviewing. This unique tool changed the way Military Police conduct interviews with traumatized individuals. With his numerous and exemplary contributions to the MP Corps, he has truly made the United States Army a more capable and professional organization.

MG QUANTOCK HONORED

As MG David Quantock departs to become the new Provost Marshal General, he was presented with the Marechausee Award in Gold. Quantock becomes only the fifth Military Police Soldier to receive this prestigious award.
On Sep 21st and 22nd some of the nations top tier companies came to Fort Leonard Wood to exhibit at the annual Military Police Tech Show. Represented were KONGSBERG, Northrup Grumman, High Tech Crime Institute, Concurrent Technologies Corporation, Garrett Container Systems, TRX, USAA, University of Phoenix and many, many more.

Many of these great companies also make donations to our Warfighters each year at the annual awards ceremony. A special heartfelt thanks to everyone who assisted in making this a great event.
BLISS TEAM WINS
MP WARFIGHTER COMPETITION

Close to 100 of the best Soldiers from throughout the Army’s military police community battled intense rain, high winds, heat, bugs, fatigue and each other to determine the best three-person team during the MP Warfighter competition Sept. 18-21.

This year’s winners represented the 978th Military Police Company and 93rd Military Police Battalion from Fort Bliss, Texas.

The focus of the competition was to bring the top military police forces within the active-duty, Reserve and National Guard ranks to determine the ‘best of the best,’ according to the competition’s non-commissioned officer in charge, Sgt. 1st Class Shon Dodson.

Dodson outlined the four-day event as a series of mental, physical, technical and, at times, gut-wrenching challenges that took the Soldiers to the edge.

“Warfighter began early Sunday morning with a 50-question written exam that covered military police history and general MP knowledge,” explained Dodson. “Without much of a break, the teams moved on to a physical endurance test that included push-ups, alternating pull-ups, ankle-lock pull-ups and ended with an unknown distance run with weighted ammo cans. The first day ended with a night land navigation course.”

Dodson said the competition stretched into its second day with marching, warrior tasks, battle drills, an active-shooter scenario and a double-elimination combatives contest. As the competition stretched into its third day, the Soldiers rappelled, tested their marksmanship skills and faced both rain and heat on long ruck marches between events. The final event took the MPs on a 15-mile road march.

This year’s winners were from the 93rd MP Battalion at Fort Bliss were first to cross the finish line following the endurance...
IN THE NEWS

The team of Sgt. Dennis Jones, Spc. James Bagby and Spc. Milton Tees also finished with the highest score in the written exam and placed second in the combatives tournament.

“This feels good because it shows that all of our hard work and training paid off,” said Jones, who competed in the competition last year. “This is something we can bring back to our unit to educate and motivate all of our Soldiers.”

“This competition is also about ‘esprit de corps,’” said Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Kirkland, the MP regimental command sergeant major. “It is an opportunity for the team leaders, sponsors, command and competitors to come together.”

— S.L. Standifird, Hometown News Feature Team
IN THE NEWS

A GREAT DAY FOR K9 COMMUNITY

The much anticipated 31K Military Occupation Specialty (MOS) was approved on August 30th, 2011. Select duties, functions, positions and personnel associated with 31K will transfer from existing 31B Z6 Military Police and 12B K9 Engineer positions. Activation of 31K will be in April of 2013 to allow the reclassification from the current K9 MOSs. In the interim, Soldiers who wish to voluntarily transition to 31K will be identified with Additional Skill Identifiers (ASI) Y2 and Y3. These ASIs will assist in identifying training requirements for the Military Working Dog (MWD) Advanced Individual Training (AIT) course at Fort Leonard Wood. The MOS will be effective on October 1st, 2013 for assessing new recruits.

New recruits will be trained at the MWD Handler’s Course at Lackland Air Force Base to handle Patrol Explosive Detector Dogs (PEDD) and Patrol Narcotic Detector Dogs (PNDD). Upon successful completion of the handler’s course, Soldiers will attend AIT at Fort Leonard Wood. As they progress through their career and gain experience they will be selected to attend additional training to handle the Specialized Search Dog (SSD) or Mine Detection Dog (MDD). Those Soldiers handling either SSD or MDD will be managed by ASIs Z7 and K9.

The Critical Task Selection Board was held on Fort Leonard Wood in September 2011 which identified and developed the implementations of future 31K Advanced Leaders Course, Senior Leaders Course and the MWD AIT course. Courses will further professionalize the MOS by concentrating on both MP and MWD related tasks.

Future MWD structure will provide a more modular force that can better support the needs of the Warfighter. MWD organizations will consist of an MWD Detachment Headquarters, MWD Squad(s), MDD Squad(s), and PNDD Squad(s). The Detachment will consist of a Detachment Sergeant, Plans NCO and an Animal Care Specialist that will provide command and control as well as technical oversight of MWD assets. They will oversee daily training and utilization, and provide immediate medical care to a MWD. The MWD Squad, which will consist of four SSD Teams and two PEDD Teams, will provide commanders with a mix of capabilities for explosive detection on and off-leash. The MDD Squad, which will consist of six MDD Teams, will provide commanders with an explosive detection capability below surface on-leash. The PNDD Squad, consisting of three PNDD Teams, will provide commanders with a narcotic detection capability. Proposed structure will allow MWD teams to deploy as squads rather than on individual augmentee orders. The implementation of the new MWD MOS will ensure the availability of MWD assets to commanders and further enhance the Military Police Corps warfighting functions.

The Military Police Regimental Association Benevolent Fund is dedicated to provide financial relief to members and retirees of the Military Police Corps Regiment and Soldiers or civilians working in support of the Military Police Corps Regiment in times of need. The Benevolent Fund is one of the many ways that MPRA supports Soldiers around the globe every day.

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Military Police from around the world met at Fort Leonard Wood last week for the Military Police Corps 70th anniversary celebration.

“We get together and map out the strategy for the future. It brings them home to the regiment to remind them who they are out in the field. This is where it starts; they can take the pride back with them,” said Brig. Gen. David Phillips.

On Sept. 21, Phillips relinquished command of the U.S. Army Military Police School to Brig. Gen. Mark Inch. The ceremony was one of the highlights of regimental week.

Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald Stegemeier, 14th Military Police Brigade, said it’s crucial that MPs gather together.

“It gives us an opportunity to gather at the home of the regiment. It’s important that we all get together, learn from one another and socialize to build camaraderie,” Stegemeier said, “Usually when people think of regimental week, they think of the Warfighter competition.”

The Warfighter competition was held during Regimental week so in conjunction with other Regimental activities senior leadership could view the events.

Sept. 14, five new Hall of Fame photos were exhibited in the Military Police Museum, located in the John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex.

 Merle Jones, president of Jones Investment Group, and a retired command sergeant major watched as his photo was hung along with Maj. Gen. Donald Ryder (ret.), Col. Warren Rees (ret.), Command Sgt. Maj. James Armour (ret.), and 1st Sgt. Russel Strand (ret.), in the Military Police Hall of Fame.

“It’s pretty humbling. It’s something I never thought about this happening to me,” Jones said.

Jones is considered the founder of the modern day Military Police Regimental Association.

“I am the most proud of giving back to our MPs that are serving in a time of war,” Jones said.

Vendor displays at Nutter Field House, allowed military police to find information on everything from military working dogs to the newest in crime scene technology. Jones’ company, Jones Investment Group, had a booth at the field house.

“The leadership can see the different equipment that is available to them to support and protect their Soldiers,” Jones said. “We as a small business think it’s important that everybody be an investor and understand how to invest properly and take care of their families.”

Some of the other events held during the celebration was a 70-mile regimental run ending at Gammon Field and Memorial Tributes at MP Memorial Grove.

To honor a Soldier that demonstrated the utmost devotion to his Country and the Military Police Corps, Range 21 was dedicated to Sgt. Sean Richard Grilley, a 24-year-old MP killed in Iraq, in 2003.

Jones believes it’s important for Military Police to participate in regimental week to build camaraderie.

“We need to keep the regimental pride and to keep that sharing and cohesive attitude. It’s awesome to bring the team together,” Jones said. “I like seeing old friends come by. I see young kids that were staff sergeants when they worked for me and now they are sergeant majors.”

The 70th Anniversary celebration concluded with a Regimental Ball Oct. 1.

– Melissa Buckley, GUIDON STAFF
QUANTOCK TAKES OVER AS PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL

FORT BELVOIR, Va. (Sept. 28, 2011) -- During a formal ceremony at Fort Belvoir's Long Parade Field, Maj. Gen. David E. Quantock assumed responsibility as the provost marshal general of the Army and took command of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, commonly referred to as CID.

Quantock is the 11th commander of CID since it was first established as a major command on Sept. 17, 1971, and he's the 14th provost marshal general to hold the position since it was established in September 1941. He replaces Brig. Gen. Colleen L. McGuire who will be assuming the responsibility of the J-1 on the Joint Staff.

Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli hosted the ceremony and thanked McGuire for her leadership and significant contributions during her tenure as the PMG and commanding general of CID.

"I know you are very proud of the Soldiers and Army Civilians of this command," Chiarelli said. "I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the outstanding direction and support you've provided them…you've truly done a remarkable job."

Chiarelli then stressed the significance of the mission carried out by the men and women of the military police community and his confidence in Quantock as he assumes his position as the Army's top law-enforcement professional.

"Suffice it to say, the men and women of the Office of the Provost Marshal General, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, Army Corrections Command, and the Health Promotion, Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention Task Force have been extremely busy; and have done a phenomenal, phenomenal job," Chiarelli said.

"Major General Quantock is well-qualified and I am confident he is up for the challenge," he said. "I am absolutely certain he's the right person to lead this organization in the days ahead and I look forward to working with him on issues of great importance to our Army and the nation."

Quantock relinquished his position as commanding general of the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., to assume the role as the PMG and the commander of CID, as the organization enters its 40th year as the Army's premier investigative agency.

"I am absolutely honored to be taking command of these awesome organizations and I cannot wait to start working with you," Quantock said. "It is an honor to serve with all of you."

Following the change of command ceremony, Quantock took the oath and assumed the responsibilities of the Office of the PMG. Throughout its long history, the PMG position was routinely re-established during major combat, but discontinued shortly after the conflicts ended. Former Secretary of the Army Thomas White approved the re-establishment of the office at the onset of the global war on terrorism in 2003.

Looking to the future, Quantock stressed his three top priorities as the PMG and commanding general of CID.

"First is to support the current fight; this is the first and last thought on my mind every day," he said. "What can we do to support our fellow Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen in harm's way?"

"Second is to assist and protect," he added in reference to the Military Police Corps motto. "What have we done to take care of our Soldiers, Civilians and families both at home and abroad."

"And third, to forge the future," Quantock said. "What can we do best to defeat the enemy and do what's best for our Army and our nation."

Quantock was commissioned a second lieutenant and awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice in 1980 from Norwich University. He holds Master Degrees in Computer Science from the Naval Postgraduate School, in Public Administration from Troy State University, and in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. His military education includes the Military Police Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, The Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College.

His principal staff assignments have been as brigade S-3, 16th MP Brigade (Airborne) and as battalion executive officer for the 503rd MP Battalion (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C., during Operation Uphold Democracy and Operation Restore Democracy in Haiti. He served as operations officer, J-3 Command Systems Operations Division, the Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.; as a senior security advisor in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; as deputy G-3, XVIII Airborne Corps; and as deputy chief of staff for the XVIII Airborne Corps.


Quantock's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, 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 Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Joint Staff Identification Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Ranger Tab, and the British and German Parachutist Badges.

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– CID Public Affairs
ANNUALLY, WORLDWIDE THE REGIMENT RUNS AS MANY MILES AS IT IS YOUNG

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers from the 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the Military Police Corps Regiment by running 70 miles, here, Sept. 14-15.

Eleven teams of four Soldiers each ran six miles, starting at 2 p.m., Sept. 14, until they clocked in 66 miles at 1 a.m. The teams passed on the final four miles to the rest of the brigade, which was undaunted, showing up in force for the early morning run.

At the coordinated time, 1 a.m. local time, Sept. 15, the “Watchdog Bde.” joined with MP units around the world to simultaneously run together and celebrate the 70th anniversary of the regiment.

“It was a sight to see: Soldiers running in the middle of the night to celebrate the MP Regiment,” said Giovanni Rojas, staff judge advocate, 8th MP Bde.

For Rojas, being a non-MP member of the MP Regiment didn’t matter.

“I work in this brigade, and I believe it was a fitting tribute to the regiment, so I had no problem getting up early to run four miles,” Rojas said.

The run was first organized under Brig. Gen. David Phillips, regimental commander, MP Corps, who saw it as a meaningful tribute to run as many miles as the regiment is young.

“It was a good event to be a part of, and I liked the fact that we did a physical activity to celebrate the regiment’s birthday. There’s nothing more Army, more MP than that,” said Ronald Holman, the brigade’s assistant operations officer. “I look forward to next year’s run, as I’m excited to be an MP, and I love being a part of the brigade here in Hawaii.”

16th MP Run By Kelly Twedell

The heritage of the Military Police runs deep at Fort Bragg

Military Police units all around the world are taking part in special events to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Military Police Regiment.

Service members from 16th Military Police Brigade participated in the all-night event. The 21st Military Police Company, 503rd Military Police Battalion (Airborne) were first on deck to run the colors at 8:15 p.m. at the Towle Track and Field on Bastogne St.

“Our men and women serve this nation and our Army not only in theaters of war, but daily they are protecting our military communities at home with law enforcement, canine, investigation, and the good order and discipline support needed to assist, protect, and defend our Soldiers, families, and civilian populations everywhere”, said Col. Chad B. McRee, Commander, 16th Military Police Brigade and Director of Emergency Services at Fort Bragg.

Sgt. Maj. Billy Counts and Commander of the 503d MP Battalion, LTC Terry Nihart. Count and Nihart kicked off Wednesday’s event taking their laps around the track with the colors. Units were assigned through the night in blocks of 15-30 soldiers to keep the colors moving around the track until 5:45 a.m. when they ran the final 6 miles to the parade field then proceeded to end the all-night event at the Brigade.

“Historically, there was a need for the military police but there was not a big enough need to make it a distinct branch until the ‘40’s”, said Sgt. Maj. Counts. “We’ve gone from full scale wars to the type of insurgency war we are in right now.
M.P. can do the full realm of humanitarian peacekeeping operations to full scale combat."

The 21st M.P. Company will deploy in October for a one year deployment to Afghanistan.

**Lewis-McChord Run** By Steve Fetbrandt

**JBLM’s MP Units Celebrate**

Members of JBLM’s MP units spent Wednesday night racking up miles afoot to celebrate the 70th anniversary of their profession as an official branch of the U.S. Army. They continued into today.

Seventy years ago, the U.S. Army created the Military Police Corps.

On Wednesday night, nearly 250 of them marked the occasion by running in an overnight, symbolic relay run at Joint Base Lewis-McChord that continued into early today.

By the time it finished, the MP’s tallied 70 miles.

MP’s from the 42nd Military Police Brigade and the 504th and 508th military police battalions took turns running the first 67 miles carrying their respective unit flags around 268 laps of the quarter-mile track in Cowan Stadium.

At 6:30 a.m. today, all soldiers assigned to the 42nd MP Brigade and its two subordinate battalions were scheduled to join forces for the final, three-mile “All Brigade” run to complete the 70-mile feat.

MP units across the country, as well as those deployed around the world, were staging similar runs to recognize the designation of the Military Police Corps as a branch of the U.S. Army on Sept. 26, 1941.

Col. Robert Taradash, commander of the 42nd Military Police Brigade, and Command Sgt. Major Dawn Rippelmeyer helped kick off JBLM’s run by making four laps before handing off their unit’s colors to other soldiers.

The runners all volunteered for the celebration -- “or were ‘voluntold,’” Rippelmeyer quipped with an ear-to-ear grin.

“The significance is continued service to the nation, representing 70 years of continuous military police corps and soldier service to the Army and to the nation,” Rippelmeyer said. “That’s why our corps is doing these 70 miles.”

 Added Rippelmeyer, “For the last few years, probably five or so, they’ve encouraged soldiers to run. This year at Ft. Leonard Wood, home of the regiment, they were going to do it like this and I thought, ‘Hey, that’s a great idea. We’re going to do it like this, too.’”

Col. Robert Taradash, commander of 42nd MP Brigade, said military police have been around since the Revolutionary War, Formed as Marechaussee Corps by Gen. George Washington, they originally were used to maintain order in the Continental Army, assist in troop movements and remove prisoners from the battlefield.

“We’ve been around a lot more than 70 years but today we’re celebrating being an official branch of the Army,” Taradash said. “And, as you know, since 9/11 military police have been in high demand in Iraq and Afghanistan.”

Although JBLM has a lot of new soldiers, Taradash estimated that as many as 70 percent of the MP brigade has been deployed to those battle zones.

“We have a combat support role, we have a law-enforcement role, a training role, detention and containee operations, investigations, military working dogs,” he said. “We bring all of those skills to the fight and we have all of those skills represented here.”

– Maj. Shea A. Asis

8th Military Police Brigade,
8th Theater Sustainment Command
NEW Art EXHIBIT AT MP MUSEUM

A new exhibit was installed this summer at the MP Museum featuring 19 works of art selected from its artifact collection. These artworks, some of which are featured here, were created by Military Police soldier-artists or commissioned civilian artists. The museum’s collection of artwork is just a small representation of the history of Army artwork through the years.

The U.S. Army has supported the creation of a visual art record of its activities since World War I in varying degrees. This included formal assignments of soldier-artists and private sector commissions. The Army Art Collection at Fort Belvoir consists of over 15,500 works of art. To learn more, visit: http://www.history.army.mil/museum.html#tab_3.

Argonne-Meuse 1918, The MP, 1918
Lester George Hornby (civilian artist)
France, World War I
Copper-plate etching on paper, 7½” X 11½”

On Post, 13 June 1968
Frank D. Puleo, SP4, U.S. Army
South Vietnam
Acrylic painting on canvas board, 24” X 18”
Photograph of artist Frank Puleo

Military Police Control Point, 1968
Kenneth L. Haley, SP4, U.S. Army
18th MP Brigade
South Vietnam
Ink drawing on paper, 25” X 18½”
Photo of artist Kenneth Haley
VIP Escort Bob Hope’s Christmas Show, 15 January 1970
Larry A. Cosens, SP4, U.S. Army
Long Binh, South Vietnam
Pencil drawing on paper, 24” X 18”

Refugee Processing, 1994
Jose M. Rivera, U.S. Army
Guantanamo Naval Base, Cuba
Painting on canvas, 23” X 28½”

Far From Home, 2010
Timothy Chiasson, SSG, U.S. Army
OIF and OEF
Limited-edition print, 14” X 21”
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Combined Effort, 1968
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Within the Military Police Memorial Grove

It was the fall of 2007 and a Military Working Dog team, Handler and K9, were sent out on a mission in the neighborhood of Adhamiyah. As they approached a car repair shop, the K9 tensed up indicating a change in behavior. The Handler could only identify this change in behavior as an indication of danger and that a stockpile of explosives lay ahead. The Handler had absolute faith in his dog’s skills, which yet again were spot on.

This year’s installment into the Memorial Grove was especially fulfilling yet somber as the association was able to lay named bricks of all of our known fallen Soldiers from World War I to present. The 2011 installment is Phase V of seven phases culminating with the project completion date in line with the 75th anniversary of the Military Police Corps Regiment.

The Memorial Walkway committee, under the leadership of CSM Barry Oakes, continues to make bold strides with determination and focus as they complete daunting task each year working towards planned completion. This year’s campaign started just one day after the 2010 Memorial Tribute. Through the generosity of the Soldiers of the Regiment, civilians honoring fallen Soldiers and other associations of Military Police units, 713 named bricks were purchased and placed into the grove thus completing a huge task of recognizing those that paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms that we enjoy today.

Identifying those that had fallen was time consuming and tedious as the museum Military Police historian, Jim Rogers, worked for a couple of years exhausting every possible location which would house the names of the fallen.

Once this task was complete, he sought to recognize them by placing their names on conflict panels which can be found in the Military Police Regimental Room within the McHaffey museum complex located at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. From these panels, the association pulled the names of every Fallen Soldier which did not have a named brick in the grove and the rest became reality just prior to the 2011 Memorial Tribute.

The purchase and placement of these bricks was in keeping with this year’s theme of “Honoring our Legacy”. Considering that the association, in years passed, only installed 250 to 350 named bricks, installing this year’s total of 798 bricks would prove to be a challenge.

As always, members of the Regiment would step up to the plate through volunteerism to get the task accomplished with time to spare. It is only fitting that they are recognized for their efforts in surpassing all expectations to accomplish this monumental task.

MPRA Employees worked diligently receiving orders and tracking names of those fallen. What we didn’t realize is the many volunteer hours that was placed into establishing a database which would lend to tracking, establishing orders, approving...
ing proofs and ensuring that the entire order was complete with bricks on ground two weeks prior to the tribute. This task was overwhelming yet accomplished on schedule.

This year, 43 days without rain took its toll on the grove grounds. Volunteers from the 787th Military Police Battalion executed a combined effort throughout the battalion to ensure that the grounds were green and clean for the tribute, a task that was not new to the battalion as they were the ones that maintained the grove to a high standard of preparedness throughout the year.

The battalion also used volunteers which were detrimental to the placement and cataloging the named bricks thus making it easier to show these bricks on the web site as well as the kiosk. These volunteers worked 10 hours a day to ensure the grove was ready for the tribute. A special thanks to the volunteers of the CID Special Agent Course, Class 05-11 and Class 06-11 who took time to come to the grove and take photographs of the named bricks as a part of the cataloging process. They processed the grove in three short hours, a process that would have taken one person 100 or more hours to complete.

The Memorial Grove has truly become a place of reflection and a place that serves as a sobering realization that Freedom isn't free... Thanks to everyone who worked diligently throughout the year to make the grove a place for reuniting memories of all that visit.

– Roger Macon
On any military installation, it's a familiar scene: A unit of troops running in formation, cadence being called, the unit colors streaming in the wind. The formation is symbolic of fitness but also of pride and cohesiveness, the tenants of any military organization.

It's difficult not to be moved by the display of unity as a formation moves past but it's even more poignant when the formation runs for a broader cause. That was the case for the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment (HHD), 728th Military Police Battalion (MP BN), 8th MP Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command. While deployed to Afghanistan, the HHD, 728th MP BN, conducted a run in February of this year in support of the Troy Barboza Law Enforcement Torch Run, an event in which the unit would routinely participate when they were home in Hawaii.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)® is more than just an event. It is an alliance of law enforcement officers globally supporting Special Olympics, which organizes year-round sports training and competition with the goal of empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities in over 180 countries. Through these local and international events, Special Olympics athletes are able to participate in their communities and develop a sense of accomplishment, self-confidence, and acceptance in what might otherwise be a life of isolation and social exclusion.

As a volunteer for Special Olympics, retired Police Chief Richard LaMunyon understood the significance of the organization's mission. Not only does Special Olympics nurture athletes, but it encourages societal change through the creation of a culture of tolerance and respect. To him, supporting Special Olympics was a natural extension of the law enforcement ethos “to serve and protect,” an interaction with the community on a different level, a medium for camaraderie among fellow officers, and an opportunity to experience having a direct positive impact on an individual's life.

In 1981, with the backing of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, LaMunyon established the Law Enforcement Torch Run. Through his event, and a variety of fundraising efforts, the LETR provides financial support to Special Olympics. Every year, over 85,000 law enforcement officers volunteer to participate in the Torch Run across 35 nations, 12 Canadian providences, and 50 US states. In 2010 alone, over $38.3 million was raised for Special Olympics programs internationally and more than $300 million since its founding.

Beyond the fundraising, LETR increases public awareness of Special Olympics. Local law enforcement officers run the Flame of Hope™ to the Opening Ceremony of community, state or province Special Olympics competitions, and National Summer or Winter Games. Additionally, every two years, law enforcement officers from around the world gather to carry the Flame of Hope in a Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg in honor of the Special Olympics World Summer or World Winter Games.

It's no wonder that the HHD, 728th MP BN continued to support the LETR even while overseas. In fact, the 728th MP BN conducted a Torch Run in Iraq just a few years before. But this year was the 25th anniversary of the Troy Barboza Law Enforcement Torch Run in Hawaii, named after a fallen Honolulu Police Department officer who was an active coach and volunteer with Special Olympics. In their participation of the Torch Run, the military police officers of the 728th raised funds for Special Olympics through LETR t-shirt sales, which they donated proudly during their run. But, too, they honored the volunteerism and humanitarian spirit of their fallen comrade.

It's likely that the same ideals of humanitarianism, pride, and respect are what motivate the thousands of other military police officers that have participated in Torch Runs for the last thirty years across the Army, National Guard, and other services, be it here at home in our United States, or 8400 miles away in a combat zone. It is a great testament to the mettle of the military police officer, and the strong heritage of answering the call to serve.

That's why, at this year's 70th Military Police Corps Regiment Anniversary, the Military Police Regimental Association (MPRA) officially endorsed the Law Enforcement Torch Run. The principles that guided the founding of the LETR fit well with the MPRA's strong values of Mutual Respect, Pride in Heritage, Responsible Service, and being Always Relevant. Through their endorsement, MPRA not only promotes the goals of the LETR, but recognizes the selfless service of those MP units and officers already supporting LETR and the programs and athletes of Special Olympics.

As a run comes to an end, and a formation is dismissed, the unit colors endure. It's much like the effects of the LETR and the law enforcement officers who participate. Just ask Special Olympics athlete Stephanie Hammond as she remembers the support of fallen Police Officer John Hege of the Oakland Police Department who died in service this year. “John loved seeing all my medals from Special Olympics and he was one of my biggest supporters,” Stephanie remarked. “I am dedicating my sports season to John and will do my best to honor his memory.”

The MPRA encourages the military police community to seek out the LETR in their local areas, to participate and make a lasting impact, like the colors of a unit, and the proud heritage of the MP Corps.
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