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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!

Jim

From the President



All of us at the MPRA National Board of Directors are very excited about sending you yet another great edition of our quarterly magazine. I want to take this opportunity to thank Nicole Robinson, Jim Rogers, and all of the contributors for consistently producing a first class product that our association and the Regiment can be proud of. If you or your unit submitted an article, we hope you like what you see, and we certainly welcome any future articles or contributions.

The Association has been busy over the past quarter, and we are gearing up for what will prove to be very exciting spring and summer months. We are currently in the final weeks of accepting applications for our Annual Scholarships. The intent is to award 25 scholarships this year, after awarding 22 scholarships in 2008 to deserving family members of Military Police Soldiers. To date, we have received only 7 applications, so we encourage any interested members to apply. Scholarships are awarded based on criteria set by an independent outside agency hired by MPRA. The Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament was held on the 10th of April and proved to be a huge success despite the rain and cold. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported this worthy cause.

Did you know that 2009 is the "Year of the Local Chapter" for MPRA? Local Chapters and the hard-working volunteers that run them are crucial elements to MPRA's success. Without them, we certainly couldn't do what we do for the Regiment on a daily basis. If you are interested in starting a local chapter for MPRA, or if you want to find your nearest local chapter, give us a call at 573-329-6772, or email us at rickardc@mpraonline.org for more information. All of our local chapters will be receiving a letter from the National Board of Directors in the near future, outlining the details for our upcoming MPRA Local Chapter Event which will be held during Regimental Week this fall.

The second statue for the Military Police Regimental Walkway/Grove project is underway. Mr. James Hall, a local artist who sculpted the crossed pistol statue is hard at work on a 2 foot replica of the famous WWII Military Police "Of the troops and for the troops" Soldier. The actual statue is scheduled to be dedicated in the fall of 2010.

I want to formally welcome all of our new board members. Please take the time to look through the list (page 36) of hard working Soldiers both active and retired who have contributed countless hours daily to serve Military Police Soldiers and their families. I certainly appreciate your hard work and dedication. God bless you, the Regiment and our Nation.

Tony L. McGee

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From the Commandant



Greetings from the Home of the Regiment. Several initiatives are nearing fruition, including implementation of an ASV (M-1117) crewman's course, the expansion of the Department of the Army Police Academy, and development of a Military Police Strategic Vision out to 2020. In addition, we're capitalizing on accomplishments of our Soldiers and challenging the status quo.

In visualizing our Regiment's future, we are shaping the training of our Soldiers to be the most in-demand combat enabler on the battlefield. In order to accomplish this vision, all echelons of Military Police leaders need to focus on one critical factor: the Military Police Soldier brings functional competencies to the fight that no one else possesses.

Dedicated Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines are cross-trained as "in lieu of" Military Police. These warriors conducted operations under the command and control of Military Police headquarters and accomplished their missions, yet lacked one significant factor--they were viewed as ILO units, not MP units. The continued call from our maneuver peers is for "hard coded" MP units. The reason for this is obvious to many outside of the Regiment, but many times overlooked from those of us inside of the Regiment.

The reason goes back to our founding charter; we are Military Police. We are not infantry, cavalry, or signal, although we possess many of those skills and are

resourced similarly. In the past there was a clear distinction between a maneuver unit and an MP unit, yet on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan, it is difficult to tell the difference. Many maneuver units are now resourced similarly to our MP units. Each has up-armored HMMWVs, ASVs, and MRAPs. Many of the missions are similar and there are many parallels between the current fight in Iraq and the doctrinal corps rear area of the Air-Land Battle Doctrine of the Cold War. Yet, there is a difference; the MP stands for something in the eyes of others. The Military Police Corps provides expertise in police, detainee, and stability operations in order to enhance security and enable mobility.

In view of this fact, we must maintain our skills as warriors, yet sharpen our functional competency as Military Police. There are over 500,000 Soldiers serving in various capacities, but only 60,000 Military Police. We must remember and reinforce what makes us special among those in uniform. We must not forget our foundations as Military Police. And above all, we must not sacrifice our Regiment's future by forsaking what makes us different, special, and in high demand. We must reinforce our relevancy as MP Soldiers, with emphasis on the MP.

Brigadier General
David Phillips

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From the Regimental Warrant Officer



There are many questions I'm always asked and I'll address one of them in this issue. Why is CID a "stovepipe" organization? In other words, why does the CID Commander report directly to the Army Chief of Staff? Well, it all started in Germany and ended with a former stripper testifying in front of a Senate Sub-committee during the Vietnam Era.

In 1966, General Harold Johnson, Army Chief of Staff, selected CSM William O. Wooldridge as the first Sergeant Major of the Army. His new job was chartered "to look after the interests of the Army's 1.25 million Soldiers." He was appointed to this prestigious job to improve morale.

When CSM Wooldridge was stationed in Germany, he worked with several senior NCO's who skimmed \$350,000 a year from the slot machine profits at the clubs of the 24th Infantry Division in the Augsburg-Mannheim, Germany area. This was just the start. The operation went to Fort Benning, GA and then to Vietnam. After CSM Wooldridge completed his tenure as the Sergeant Major of the Army, he requested to be stationed in Vietnam where he was the Command Sergeant Major to the Military Assistance Command. He meticulously selected the NCO's to be in charge of the clubs. The clubs purchased merchandise through a corporation developed by CSM Wooldridge called MareDEM, Ltd.

While the Vietnam War was raging on and Soldiers were dying by the thousands, the club systems were thriving. The NCO proprietors were making money at the Soldiers' expense. The non-appropriated funds were spent on entertainment, snacks, furniture, and other such things; kickbacks and graft were part of it all.

June Skewes, an Australian born entertainer (who was known by her professional name, June Collins) had spent many years in Korea and Vietnam. She would later co-author the book *The Khaki Mafia* with Robin Moore (author of *The Green Berets* and *The French Connection*). To make money, she started as a stripper and later became a booking agent for bands. She testified to the sub-committee that she could book her band for \$150, \$100 to the band, \$25 to her and \$25 would be a kickback to the sergeant in charge of the club. Some club managers requested sexual favors which Ms.

Collins would never supply. She became extremely upset with all the corruption she was around so she reported everything she knew to CID.

During this time frame, CID offices reported to the Provost Marshal at each installation, who in turn would report up the chain. When the "Khaki Mafia" operation moved from Europe to Fort Benning, "the CID in the US was ineffective primarily because access to the reports from the earlier Augsburg, MG Turner told the sub-committee that he was ordered by General Johnson to hinder the investigations but he testified later that it was his decision. The investigations were closed until the Senate Sub-committee started their investigation, which led to the re-opening of the investigations and to the Central District of California handing down a 21-count indictment.

I would like to go into more detail but I'm allowed only so much room. When you are responsible for the lives and well-being of Soldiers, you should not take advantage, especially for your own gain and greed. CSM Wooldridge and three other NCO's were convicted but did not receive prison sentences. "Instead the federal judge put them on probation with the proviso they perform charity work without salary and sign over virtually all their assets to the government." The judge stated "I want the defendants penniless. I just want to make sure you don't have anything."

In 1971, the Senate Sub-Committee published a 300-page report and on 17 September, 1971, the US Army Criminal Investigation Command was established as a major Army command.

It was extremely educational for me to do the research for this article. When I went to ASAC, WOBC and WOAC, we were taught the basics of CID's history but really getting into the details was eye-opening. I was able to access many newspaper articles and I read the book *The Khaki Mafia*. The book is no longer in print but it is great reading.

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T.L. Williams

Letter to MP Spouses

I am honored to write to you. I use the word wife in this article, but I know there are many male spouses. I want you to know that I care about you, and am speaking to you as well.

I am so proud of each and every one of you. I respect you--you are my heroes. I have been an army spouse for twenty-eight years and have seen many changes come about. Army wives used to have a "pecking order," and distinctions were made between wives based on their husband's rank or job. The male spouses weren't even invited to any of the functions because "they're guys..." We used to go to functions wearing white gloves and if we were a senior enough spouse, we were required to sign up for time slots to pour tea for 15-minute increments. Everyone had to have calling cards, which were left in a bowl at the hostess' front door. When visiting someone else's house, you had to wear "church clothes."

We had to dress and act certain ways, never knowing if we were saying or doing the right things at the right times. We were always being judged by what we said or failed to say.

Officer wives were not to associate with enlisted wives, which always bothered me greatly because I felt it shouldn't matter what our husbands do. We are all just wives doing our best to support our husbands. I never did obey the rule not to associate with enlisted Soldier's wives. I did have to pour that tea though!

Over the years things began to change. There are probably lots of reasons why, but the reasons are not important. The changes themselves are the important thing. We no longer have officer's clubs and enlisted clubs; we have community clubs. The distinction between officer wives and enlisted wives has begun to melt away. Women are finding out that spouses are all the same. We married our husbands because we love them.

We can now show up to many social functions in casual clothing including jeans and T-shirts. I can now say what I want to say, when I want to say it without getting kicks under the table because I said the wrong thing (again). OK, I admit...I do still get an occasional kick. My husband says he never knows what I will say next. I have to tell you though that I welcome these changes with open arms. I can finally be free to

be myself. Our world is different now from what it was back then. War has become a reality instead of just a thing our husbands trained for. This is a time for spouses to band together. Our husbands are deployed for months at a time (and multiple tours), and we are left here to handle the home front. My husband has been deployed for a total of 31 months. Like many of you, I know what it is like to go shopping by myself and feel the pangs of loneliness as I watch other couples shopping together. It's hard to attend functions such as military balls and socials all by yourself. Days drag by; you find your strength and stamina slipping away. People can be all around you, and yet you feel so lonely because your spouse is deployed. Crying becomes the norm. Fears envelop you. I got through the long separations by clinging to God. Other spouses supported me with friendship and understanding, which helped me to have more strength.

I also want to give credit to our children. Army children are with us during the good times and the hard times. Our children are MP STRONG. They are tough and they stand taller because they have survived some of life's toughest moments. My three children (Noelle, Sarah, and Dan) helped me enormously and I love them so much.

We also go through difficult times when our spouses return. The first few hours are wonderful, but then we begin to see the hurt our spouses carry. We lay awake at night with them when they just can't sleep. We want to take a break from all that we have had to handle by ourselves, but we realize just how much our husbands need a break, too. Unfortunately, no one gets a break, as the adjustment to being back together after a year or more is difficult, to say the least; there are definite ups and downs, good days and not so good.

These are the times we are in now. Rank doesn't matter. It's you who matters. It's you who makes a difference. Every time you hug a spouse, go to the movies together, or even go out for lunch, you are helping someone and making a difference. Just listening to what another wife is experiencing is an incredible help. A lot of times you find out that you are going through the same things, and merely talking about it is as comforting to you as it is to the person who is reaching out. You are making the

best of hard days and being there for each other. Those are the things that matter now. Our corps has always been a strong corps. Our wives stand out because of our closeness. Let's get rid of distinctions and focus on lifting each other up. By doing this you are making a difference. You will never know just how important that hug or smile might be to another wife. Reach out.

I do not know what the future holds but I am excited to walk into it hand-in-hand with you. We are MP wives!! I care about you!

Hugs and smiles,
Dawn



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Joint Efforts Aid in School Improvements

By Article by Multi-National Force-Iraq Press Desk Baghdad, Press Release

Camp Bucca, Iraq—On Sept. 12, the 42nd Military Police Brigade Civil Affairs team, along with several other Service members, convoyed to the local town of Safwan to help paint classroom walls in the Al Ibrihimi Primary School.

The walls were covered with crayon and pencil markings, in addition to dust and dirt. With the help of the school's staff and Al-Subai Contracting Company, the classrooms have a new look and are ready for the students.

The school also went through other restorations as part of a project originally

requested by the Safwan Town Council.

“The project was proposed in an effort to install water and electrical systems, and to repair the school's windows,” said Sgt. Adam Kirschner, 42nd MP Bde. Civil Affairs team. “They also provided new and additional furniture.”

The town council asked the Iraqi Ministry of Education and the school's headmaster for a list of needed repairs.

The 42nd MP Bde. Civil Affairs team sent the proposal to Multi-National Division Southeast for approval and funding. Following approval, the job was awarded to Al-Subai, a local national contractor.

Painting the interior of the school building was not included in the contract, but was desperately needed.

The team spoke with the town council

▲ Sgt. Adam Kirschner, 42nd Military Police Brigade Civil Affairs team, uses a roller to paint the classroom walls in the Al Ibrihimi Primary School in the town of Safwan. The walls had not been painted in years; and were covered with crayon and pencil markings. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Amie J. McMillan)

and the contractor to come up with a solution. They decided to paint in a cooperative effort to improve the classrooms' interior walls.

“The school now provides a safe, clean, and functional learning environment for the children of rural Safwan,” said Kirschner.

Camp Bucca is a forward operating base along the Kuwaiti border near the port city of Umm Qasr, Iraq's southern most city. ✕

To all of Our Troops,

Today marks the 6 year anniversary of the fall of Saddam Hussein; his fleeing and the Iraqi people pulling his statue down with their bare hands. You or one of your many brethren has been here helping the Iraqi people and Iraq. It has been six years of sufferance and six years away from your home and families. I would like to thank each man and woman that has served in the country of my birth.

I do not want a single soldier to doubt what they have done in Iraq because of the news; American or from any country. Too many times the news doesn't reflect the truth of our accomplishment. The news seems to use political wants instead of fact in their stories. It is a fact that we have profoundly helped Iraq and its people. It is a fact that because of your sacrifices Iraq has a chance at true democracy.

I was born in Iraq and I lived here with my family until after my college. I saw first hand how Saddam Hussein destroyed this great country and fractured its people. A country with a history of higher learning reaching back to the middle ages; Baghdad was a places that European Scholars traveled to learn. In the 1950's through 1960's 82% of Iraqis finished high school and advanced to some form of higher education. After the damage from Saddam Hussein and his regime; 12% of Iraqi's managed to enter high school in 2003. Today the number of High School attendance has jump to 36%. In the time we have been here it is an increase over 300%.

The Iraq of today now sees teacher well paid and a focus on the importance of education it had in the past. When we came to this country the teachers and professors made \$3 to \$5 dollars a month; today's teacher are one of the highest paid professions in Iraq making well over \$500 to \$700 a month. Before the fall of Saddam Hussein the children in Iraq was taught mostly how great Saddam Hussein was and taught propaganda; now Iraqis are learning about Math, Literature, Arabic and real history with a renewed pride in their country.

Because of your dedication and efforts women's issues and rights can be discussed by Iraqi women. Women have a say in their parliament. Iraqi women have a say in their government. Until we toppled Saddam Hussein there was one lone “yes” woman in his bogus government. Now there are many women elected into Iraq's government with a provision pending to have 25% of the parliament women. Iraqi today may not reflect the women's rights of America but they are beginning to reflect women's right before the Saddam's Regime.

In today's Iraq the family and each person's standard of living has increase substantially; less unemployment, greater job opportunities and a higher quality of life. Opportunities to travel; until the fall of Saddam Hussein the average Iraqi couldn't even get a passport until they were 75 years of age or just to Mecca. Now I watch as my brothers' travel to places and see sights I never thought they would have the opportunity to see. Imagine how different Iraq will be by just having the experiences of seeing how the rest of the world lives and governs its self. None of this would be possible if it weren't for each our soldier's service.

Iraq has a new sense of religious freedom. Until the fall of Saddam Hussein no Shi'a could celebrate or openly practice their religion. While Al-Sadar speaks against the truth; until the fall of Saddam Hussein neither he nor his family could speak of something as simple as Ashura. Though he uses his speech to hurt instead of help; the Iraqi people are beginning to see right through men who are using religion as a vehicle for power instead of a vehicle for faith.

Just in reading Iraq's news papers and TV channels we see that we have given them the inalienable right of free speech. Before we came to help the Iraqi people there were only 2 TV channels; which were state controlled. There were no satellites allowed in any home. The people of Iraq had not right of free speech and assembly. The simple fact that they can hold a protest and voice there opinion is proof above all else that we have made a massive difference in the life's of each Iraqi.

While Iraq is still growing and will face many challenges ahead each of you can be proud of the foundation and hope we've given Iraq to find itself. While I am sure mistakes have been made; I am also sure that the heart of every decision was to help Iraq and its people. While I am sure they are some Iraqis that hate Americans; I am sure the majority of Iraqis that thank us each day for the hope we have given them. While we have not please every country in the world by helping Iraq reach freedom; I know that each soldiers serves their country because America has always been the beacon of hope for all how are suffering injustice and tyranny. Americans have always come to the aide of those who need us because that what it means to be American.

I wanted to thank each of you from what you have given, for the lives you've touched and thank you for your sacrifices you have made. As you go about your day please don't watch the news and be disheartened. Whether it is our news in America call this was the "not good war"; because each of you know that everything you and your comrades have given was for the good of thousands. As you see the scenes of protestors in Iraq; realizes that their right to protest is just another sign of our victory

to free Iraq. If you are browsing a web site of Iraqi news papers; realize that their freedom of speech is only because of the never ending determination of our Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

I hope that each of you know in your heart that there are far more Iraqis that are thankful than that are resentful. Tomorrow I hope you hear the appreciation as much as you their protests. As an Iraqi by birth I thank you, as an American I am proud of you and as a human I feel in awe of your scarifies for this good and noble cause.

Respectfully,
Salah

Sir,

I was born in Iraq, Dewahnia in September 22 Of 1966. As for my degree I graduated from the University of Baghdad with a major in Arabic language. I went to USA in July First 1993. I have two girls. I worked with the Mayor of Louisville on the international affairs committee; I was speaker for the Louisville public library regarding Iraq and Middle Eastern culture.

I was first BBA at camp Bucca starting a 3 Feb 2006; in which point I worked with the TIF, FOB, ICO/ ICOTA and visitation. I also worked with the JAG and Ministry of Human Rights in regards to helping detainees file and figure out needed papers work.

In my current position I work closely with the brigade commander in regards community outside of camp Bucca. I work closely with ICO/ ICOTA in the ICO village. My biggest accomplishment in the ICO Village is the ICO Museum which I built to show the progression of the ICO in camp bucca. I also assist the Brigade with visitors.

Salah Al-hindawy

Remembering Major General Paul M. Timmerberg (Retired)

17 August 1927 - 20 February 2008

By Colonel Patrick Lowrey (Retired)

The career of Major General Paul M. Timmerberg (Retired) is legendary in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps. The remarkable impact of his thirty-four years of valorous and distinguished service on the force protection role and law enforcement mission of military police resulted in his second Army Distinguished Service Medal upon his retirement on 31 August 1983 and his induction into the U.S. Army Military Police Corps Regimental Hall of Fame on 24 September 2002. He passed away in Overland Park, Kansas, on February 20, 2008, at the age of 80.

Paul Timmerberg was born in Montgomery City, Missouri, on 17 August 1927. On 4 March 1949, he entered the Army Officer Corps as a graduate of Officer Candidate School. He completed multiple combat tours in Vietnam and other overseas tours in Japan and Germany, holding command positions at every level of command up to and including brigade level.

In a period of constrained resources in the 1970s, when the value of the Military Police Corps as a separate branch was questioned at the highest levels of the Army, the professionalism, integrity, and fairness projected by Major General Timmerberg was influential. As the senior military police officer on active duty and the commander of one of twelve Army major commands (MACOMs), his unifying actions within the Army were at the forefront of the decision to continue the designation of the Military Police Corps as a permanent branch of the U.S. Army.

In September 1975, about one year after the Army Provost Marshal General was permanently disestablished, Brigadier General Timmerberg assumed command of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC). There was serious dissension in the field between MACOM provost marshals (representing senior four-star commanders) and worldwide regional commanders of the relatively new, stove-piped USACIDC. In the eyes of Army civilian and military leadership, command and



➤ BG Timmerberg, Commander of USACIDC, July 1976

control issues regarding Army law enforcement had undermined the effectiveness of the Military Police Corps. In response, Major General Timmerberg established the requirement to continuously inform field

commanders and their provost marshals about ongoing investigations—a command and control need he had perceived from an opposing vantage point during his previous assignment in Europe. ▶



➤ 1LT Timmerberg on guard mount in Tokyo Japan, 1950



➤ 1LT Timmerberg, 720th MP Battalion, Japan, circa 1950



➤ Paul Timmerberg in Merchant Marine service



➤ Dorothy and Paul Timmerberg, circa 1950



➤ CPT Timmerberg at head of the 529th MP Company, Heidelberg, Germany, 1959



➤ MG Timmerberg and President Reagan at the White House on 22 July 1983

This unified concept in the conduct of worldwide criminal investigations met the Army's need for discipline, law, and order and gained the immediate acceptance of senior Army field commanders. Major General Timmerberg's demonstrated success resulted in an unparalleled Army command tenure of eight years, with promotion to major general in June 1978. His eight-year tenure as a MACOM commander (completed just before his retirement) restored the confidence of Army leadership in the Military Police Corps and confirmed the value of the Corps after the disestablishment of the Provost Marshal General. Throughout his term as the commanding general of USACIDC, the four Secretaries of the Army and three Chiefs of Staff under whom he served universally regarded USACIDC as the preeminent Department of Defense criminal investigation element, lavishly praising Major General Timmerberg.

As he held positions of increasing responsibility throughout his long career, little did Major General Timmerberg realize that he would eventually become one of just a few distinctive icons in the storied history of the Military Police Corps. In Major General Timmerberg, the Army leadership saw the best of the Military Police Corps—and the Corps had a leader whose strength, character, and balance brought calm and healing to one of the most divisive periods in Corps history.

Colonel Lowrey (Retired) is the editor of Retired Military Police Officers Digest. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and a master's degree from Pennsylvania State University.

(Go to page 18 to view some of the Timmerberg artifacts recently donated to the MP Museum)



CPT Timmerberg and family listing in the 1961 yearbook of the Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth



LTC Timmerberg as 1st Infantry Division Provost Marshal, Vietnam, 1967



Timmerberg promotion to colonel, Carlisle Barracks, December 1969

Timmerberg Building Memorialization

Recently, the Fort Leonard Wood Historic Board approved the memorialization of the Forensic Lab Training Facility (building 3209) in honor of the late MG Paul M. Timmerberg. The memorialization ceremony will take place during this year's Military Police Anniversary week in late September. A memorial plaque and a special exhibit of Timmerberg artifacts are planned for the building.



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Timmerberg's service cap with general officer oak leaves on brim



Tie bar presented to MG Timmerberg upon his visit to the White House in July 1983.



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New Book on General Bandholtz Available in Gift Shop

"A Forgotten Soldier, The Life and Times of Major General Harry Hill Bandholtz"

Published 2009 by Infinity Publishing, West Conshohocken, PA. ISBN 0-7414-5189

The book covers Bandholtz' early life and military career, service during in Cuba during the Spanish-American War, his long service in the Philippines, his accomplishments as the Provost Marshal General of the American Expeditionary Forces in France,

his service in Budapest, Hungary, followed by his return to the US and his notable work during labor tension in West Virginia, his orchestration of the ceremonies for the Unknown Soldier internment, and responding to a local disaster in Washington D.C. The reoccurring theme throughout the book includes Bandholtz' dedication to his country, his personal integrity, and his great tact in negotiations, and his determination to develop and establish a professional military police organization.

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MPRA Scholarship Golf Tournament Held

Although the temperatures hovered close to freezing, everyone showed up in full force to benefit the Military Police Regimental Association's Scholarship fund. The Military Police Regimental Association held its annual Scholarship Tournament at Fort Leonard Wood on Friday April 10th, 2009 to benefit its Scholarship Program.



The tournament was a huge success with 37 teams (148 golfers), over 50 corporate sponsors and countless volunteers. The tournament raised over \$ 9,000 which will be awarded to MPRA Scholarship winners in mid June.

A special thank you goes out to all of our sponsors especially our gold, silver and bronze sponsors Lowe Chevrolet of Waynesville, ReMax Realty of St. Robert and Fast Break Sports St. Robert/ Fort Leonard Wood. MPRA also thanks the Comfort Family for their continued support of the tournament and the scholarship fund as they donated \$1,500 to the fund for the fifth year in a row in memory of ISG Comfort.

The tournament was planned, organized and executed by the Military Police NCOES cadre from the MANSCEN NCO Academy with support from the 252nd MP Det. They did an excellent job with the tournament again this year and we appreciate their hard work and support of MPRA and the Scholarship Program.

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Thanks also to the MPRA paid staff for their support (Chuck, Beth, Tiffany, Nicole and Amanda).



Participants in the MPRA Golf Tournament having a good time on the links.



Members of the winning team pose for picture with MPRA National Board Members. Pictured L-R Mike True, MPRA National Vice President, Curtis Felton, Kevin Ramey, Clenice Brown and Tony McGee, MPRA National President. (not pictured winning team member Tom Arrington).



Kevin and Karen Comfort present their donation in memory of their father ISG Comfort to MPRA Vice President Mike True and Board Member Dorsey Newcomb.



Registration began at 0800 even though it was rainy and cold, everyone lined up to sign up for a good cause.



MPRA National Board of Directors Member Dorsey Newcomb thanks golf tournament participants for their support to the MPRA Scholarship Program prior the start of the event.

525th Participate in Bataan Memorial Death March

By Army Staff Sgt. Emily J. Russell
JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba (April 10, 2009) – Six members of the 525th Military Police Battalion tested their endurance when they participated in the Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., March 29.

Training for the 26.2-mile march began in February and lasted approximately six weeks.

“We trained as a group and progressively increased our distance by about four miles each Saturday until we reached 26 miles,” said Army Sgt. 1st Class Jorge Moreira, non-commissioned officer-in-charge of the team. “We did 26 miles on the last two Saturdays, back-to-back.”

Twice a week, each member was responsible for training on their own. For some members, this meant participating in physical fitness training with their unit three days a week, and then training on their own an additional two days.

“It was pretty much normal [physical training] except for the Saturdays when we marched all over U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay,” said team member Army Staff Sgt. Johanna DeJesus. “It was pretty hard.”

The team marched up and down many steep hills, including John Paul Jones Hill, which is known for its challenging climb.

For DeJesus, the biggest challenge was bonding with the rest of the team.

“I was the only female there and I didn’t have a bond with the rest of the team,” DeJesus said. “I was the only one from my unit, and there was a bit of a language barrier.”

It wasn’t until the last week of training that the entire team was able to come together to train at the same time. With two members off-island for the Soldier and NCO of the Year competition at U.S. Army South, and other members attending schools and training, it posed a small challenge when it was time to get everyone together and in step.

“We had a lot of support from the unit,” Moreira said. “They were very accommodating to the Soldiers to help them participate in training.”

With different work schedules, varying shifts and other important events that kept team members apart, the unit supported the



➤ Army SPC Juan Jackson, SSG Johanna DeJesus and SFC Jorge Moreira keep a steady pace with team members during the Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., March 29, 2009. Team members from the 525th Military Police Battalion attached to Joint Task Force Guantanamo trained for six weeks before the event. (JTF Guantanamo photo by Army SGT Jonathan Vasquez.

team and helped them find time to come together and train.

“The real challenge was during the last week when we came together for the first time, with all our members,” Moreira continued. “We had to train at the same speed, and make sure that we didn’t discourage each other because everyone is at a different [athletic] level.” After training for weeks, the team began to form, providing support and cheering each other on.

“[During the race, Army] Spc. [Juan] Jackson talked to me the whole 26 miles. He’d cheer me on saying, ‘Let’s go sergeant, you can do it!’ It started annoying everyone else,” DeJesus said with a laugh. “It was good to have someone to support me. The whole team supported me a lot.”

The Friday before the race, the team registered – along with nearly 6,000 other competitors – and had the opportunity to meet survivors of the Bataan Death March, which took place in the Philippines during World War II.

The Bataan Memorial Death March honors tens of thousands of American and Filipino Soldiers who were marched for days – enduring extreme heat through the Philippine jungles – after they surrendered to Japanese forces on April 9, 1942. These brave men, after fighting through deadly conditions, facing

malaria and surviving on minimal rations with little or no medical help, faced incredible hardship in the prison camps, if they survived.

Many of the men who endured this brutal march were members of the New Mexico Army National Guard. In 1989, New Mexico State University’s Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps began the memorial march as a tribute to the survivors and the families who lived in the state. Over the years, it has grown from a small university-sponsored event to one that is recognized worldwide.

“It was awesome to meet the survivors,” DeJesus said. “To think this person was a prisoner of war for so many years, and he survived, and wants to tell his story ... is amazing.”

The team competed in this event for many reasons. Whether it was for the challenge, or to honor those who served, or for the sake of camaraderie, each member trained hard, came together as a team and proved their mettle as one of 30 teams.

“We competed in the co-ed bracket with 29 other teams, and we were the last to depart the starting line,” Moreira said. “Mile-by-mile, step-by-step, we passed 25 teams, which was a real challenge. By mile 20, we were in approximately fifth place, but then we hit the ‘sand pit.’”

The sand pit was a four-to-five-mile stretch of soft sand that takes the participants mostly uphill.

“We really lost steam during this stretch,” Moreira continued. “Our goal was to remain as a team and finish as a team.”

The team, determined to finish together, helped each other through the mental road-blocks.

“DeJesus has a lot of will,” said Army Sgt. Jonathan Vasquez. “When it got rough, she found it within herself to push through. We sang cadences to motivate everyone and before we knew it, she was out front, leading the way.”

The team, comprised of Army Pfc. Chad Hostetler, Spc. Juan Jackson, Sgt. Jonathan Vasquez, DeJesus and Moreira, celebrated their achievement of completing the march, and finished in ninth place.

Another Soldier, Army Sgt. Steven Jones, competed in an individual category and placed 13th out of 401 competitors.

“The feeling was overwhelming when we crossed the finish line,” DeJesus said.

“Completing it was painful, but very satisfying,” Vasquez said. “I recommend it to anyone.”



➤ Army Pfc. Chad Hostetler, Spc. Juan Jackson, Sgt. Jonathan Vasquez, Staff Sgt. Johanna DeJesus and Sgt. 1st Class Jorge Moreira wait for the start of the Bataan Memorial Death March, March 29. –Photo courtesy of Army Sgt. Jonathan Vasquez

“We passed hundreds of people left behind along the way, blistered and bleeding. Some gave up because they were discouraged because they were left behind,” Moreira said. “I was really proud because nobody gave up.

We started together and we finished together, that’s what matters.”

For more information about Joint Task Force Guantanamo, visit the website www.jtfgtmo.southcom.mil.

709th Prepped to Train Afghan Police

By Mark Markos
USAGrafenwoehr Public Affairs

“Even with those additional forces,” said Gen. David McKiernan, commander of the U.S. and NATO forces, February 18 in a briefing at the Pentagon, “I have to tell you, 2009 is going to be a tough year.”

The 709th Military Police Battalion Commander LTC Robert Dillon, however, said his troops are up to the challenge during a casing of the colors ceremony held February 12 at the Grafenwoehr Field House in preparation of the battalion’s year-long deployment to the country.

“I believe 2009+.....will be a turning point for Coalition efforts in Operation Enduring Freedom, and we, in (Task Force) 709, will be there to do our part,” Dillon said during the ceremony.

Task Force 709, which consists of Headquarters Detachment 709th MP Battalion, and the 92nd and 554th MP Companies, will do their part by training local law enforcement officials.

“Our primary mission will be developing

the Afghan national police which may also expand to Afghan border police,” Dillon said. Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Kirk, 92nd MP Company, explained the mission focuses of working as a proactive, not reactionary force.

“We’re going to train (the Afghan police) in what you call problem orientated policing, which focuses more on prevention as opposed to simply reacting,” he said. “We will teach them how to gather intelligence..... how to properly maintain security, how to properly secure their areas, (and) how to go around and talk to people.”

Training for the mission began more than eight months ago and encompassed what Dillon called a two-prong approach.

“One of our deployment tasks that we’ve concentrated on is security being able to conduct a combat patrol mounted, dismounted, conduct a checkpoint, protect yourself, force protection, secure and defend their location, which might in this case be a police station. That was our basic foundation of what we wanted every Soldier to be able to do.”

“Within that, and supporting that,” Dillon continued, “we tried to take it one level up.

As we’ve been in Afghanistan and Iraq for about four to five years now, and you can only teach them to handcuffs on so many times.

“It is now time to take it to the next step, and the next step is higher level police management, getting them in line with some of the progressive things that police do in the United States.”

Training at the next level with a strong foundation, Dillon said, has prepared the troops for Afghanistan, which has seen increasing violence.

“To be the best you can possibly be trained is the way to deal with uncertainty like that or increasing attacks,” Dillon added.

It is the training, said Kirk that allows him to feel confident going into the mission without fear or apprehension.

“I have all the faith in the world that our Soldiers from the lowest ranking private, to the senior person in our company, can go out and do the right thing, make the proper decision to protect the Afghan people, to protect ourselves and bring us all back,” he said.

Fort Belvoir CID Gets Their Close Up

by Colby Hauser, CID PAO and photos by Jeffrey Castro

The USACIDC Public Affairs Office and the Fort Belvoir Resident Agency joined forces early this year to assist CID recruiting efforts by producing a new Special Agent recruiting commercial for dissemination to all Army installations worldwide.

The Belvoir RA, commanded by SA Brian Janysek and his team of agents, Soldiers and civilians provided various training scenarios and demonstrated investigative and law enforcement techniques for the videographers, photographers and a news crew from Soldiers and Radio Television to help educate the Army community about CID.

"It was a great opportunity for us to really help support the command group with this mission," Janysek said.

The all-day shoot, highlighting some common and some uncommon CID skill sets, was supported by the Fort Belvoir Visual Information Service Center and quality controlled by Janysek to ensure a proper image was depicted for future CID candidates. The CID recruiting commercial can be viewed and/or downloaded from the CID Web site, www.cid.army.mil or from the CID AKO Intranet. A longer recruiting video is also being produced and will be released soon.

The recruiting video began airing on AFN stations worldwide in mid-March. Soldiers Radio and Television produced two news stories, one for Army Now and the second for Army News Watch, which aired in late February and mid-March respectively. Both news stories are posted on the Army.mil Web site.



SA Melissa Divvers prepares a weapon for cyanoacrylate aka "superglue" fuming.



From left: SA Michelle Frazier, SA Christie Godwin and SA Carlin Young collect "evidence" from a staged, outdoor crime scene.



The film crew, Bob Poleski (right) and Bryan Bovslog prepare to shoot a scene.



SA Amy Sears is filmed working a staged crime scene.

Grafenwoehr MP's Organize, Train the First District-Level Afghan SWAT Team

Story and photo by Sgt. Matthew C. Moeller
5th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Being one of the only three Military Police officers tasked with mentoring Afghan National Police in an area larger than the state of Delaware means being creative.

"We were on a soft-knock in Nishagam, and we noticed that it might be good to have a specially trained team," remembers Army Sgt. Nathan Byrd, the team's leader, "Well a couple of days later we were watching the movie 'SWAT'."

For the three Grafenwoehr based Soldiers from the 3rd Platoon, 527th MP Company, the idea of establishing the first SWAT-like team made up of Afghan police in Regimental Command East, was too appealing to pass up.

Modeling the program off the Army's own Special Response Teams, which Byrd was a former member, the three Soldiers developed a comprehensive 15 day program called Special Tactics and Training, aimed at turning an ordinary ANP officer into an expert tactical responder.

After getting permission to run the program on FOB Bostick, the team turned to the ANP station in the nearby town of Nari for their first recruits.

"We basically went to this one police station and said, give us your best, and we'll make them better." One of the team members, Army SPC W. Eric Mraz said.

The six selected by the ANP for the first class varied in age from 20 to 35, and the only English any of the recruits spoke was 'yes' or 'thank you'.

Moving past language barriers with the help of interpreters and hand gestures, the three MPs soon realized how serious the recruits were about training.

According to Byrd, the recruits start every day with physical training so intense it leaves their instructors tired. After that, they begin their lessons for the day, covering everything from escalation of force, room clearing, hostage rescue procedures and hand to hand combat.

"We were hoping to get people who would just retain the knowledge," Mraz said. "And instead we've gotten a group of men, who not only retain the knowledge,



Army Spc. W Eric Mraz, 3rd Platoon, 527th MP Company, shows Afghan National Police officer 'Jimmy' how to walk with a weapon as part of the Special Tactics and Training course at Forward Operating Base Bostick, March 21. The experimental program is aimed at providing local ANP stations with SWAT-like teams.

but they ask questions, and they build on top of it, and they constantly want to learn more."

During the training, the MP's discovered that the men they were instructing shared many of the same qualities of themselves.

"I don't know how these guys were picked," Mraz said smiling. "I know we said we want the best of the best to be in this team, but it's like they picked six guys who had our personalities."

According to Byrd, the MP's even gave the ANP trainees nicknames similar to their own Afghan names. "There's Jimmy, Dean, Snake, Goolie, Lizard and Rock," he said. "Now they call each other by their nicknames, they won't answer to anything else."

Jimmy is the class clown and the team's favorite recruit.

The seven-year veteran of the ANP stated through an interpreter that he joined the program to better defend his country by learning antiterrorist techniques.

"I like training for myself and for others

defense," Jimmy said.

If a success, the three MP's hope their ambitious idea will be implemented in stations across Afghanistan.

"Right now this is just our trial period, our test baby basically," Mraz said. "Once we have fine tuned all the training, that's when we hope to propose it to other MP's who are working in other (areas of operation)."

The ANP officers have decided to call themselves the Special Tactics Team, in order to differentiate themselves from other SWAT-style teams across the world.

"If I could turn on the TV in ten years and hear something about the STT in Afghanistan, and know I had a part in that," Mraz said. "Well that would be pretty cool."

Police Training Consolidates

By Allison Gipson,
GUIDON Staff

The United States Army Military Police School hosted a visit of various Defense Logistics Agency senior staff and chiefs of police to the Department of the Army Civilian Police Academy, here, April 1-2, to draft a memorandum of agreement for a new training partnership.

During the visit, the DLA senior staff were given a detailed tour of classrooms, training areas, ranges, the defensive driving track and the new academy operational site at Bldg. 1029, said David Reed, United States Military Police School, Law Enforcement Operations Branch chief and academy chief.

"They observed defensive tactics and handcuffing training in progress and had a chance to meet the instructors and course manager," Reed said. "The collective response to the site visit and tour with the DLA was overwhelmingly positive."

After the tour, the DLA senior staff met with Deputy Director of Training Reginald Cole to further talk about the training partnership and the centralization of police training at Fort Leonard Wood.

"This is a historic event," Reed said. "These are the first steps toward the future goal of a DoD Law Enforcement Training Center of Excellence. With the agreement, all the future DLA police students will be trained at USAMPS," Reed said.

USAMPS currently sets the training standards and curriculum for nearly 3,000 DA civilian police and 2,500 DA security guards worldwide, Reed said.



➤ Officer Richard Bell, Anniston Army Depot, Ala., puts Tynisi Darby, Ft. Gordon, Ga., in handcuffs during a demonstration, April 1, for DLA senior staff visitors. Courtesy photo.

"Over 7,000 police are employed in various agencies across the DoD," Reed said. "USAMPS directly impacts with creating law enforcement initial training standards."

Reed said initial training for new DA police takes place at USAMPS with overflow students being trained at two other accredited locations.

With the new operational site opening in August, the Army is looking at closing

the other locations down and centralizing police training at Fort Leonard Wood, Reed said.

The DLA currently trains at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, in Glynco, Ga.

The memorandum of agreement is scheduled to be signed within 60 days. ✂

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➤ 3rd Platoon, 772nd Military Police Company and Numaniyah Iraqi Police (IP) officers pose for a photo after more than 100 supply-filled school bags were handed out to Al Aldreeg students on 26 March 2009 during an exercise to build IP community policing skills.

First Corps of Cadets Chapter

The First Corps of Cadets Chapter conducted its annual Military Police Ball on 4 October 2008 in Boxborough, Massachusetts with over 600 guests in attendance. The 211th Military Police Battalion was honored to have Massachusetts Lt. Governor Timothy P. Murray, Rep. Michael Capuano, BG Rodney L. Johnson, and BG Peter M. Ay-lward all on hand to address those in attendance. We also inducted the following members into the Order of the Marechausee: LTC Richard F. Johnson, CSM Herman L. Anderson, CSM David Costa, and 1SG Steven J. Buccheri.

Our chapter welcomed home the 972nd Military Police Company following its return from overseas service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 972nd was stationed at FOB Freedom in Baghdad where the unit provided motorcade escort, residential security, and quick reaction force coverage for the Government of Iraq's most senior leaders, to include the president and prime minister, as well as visiting U.S. and foreign dignitaries. Senator John Kerry joined us at the unit's official Welcome Home Ceremony conducted at Faneuil Hall in Boston on 19 October 2008.

Just days later on 29 October, we bid farewell to the 772nd Military Police Company on the Taunton Green in Taunton, Massachusetts as the unit departed for a mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 772nd is currently stationed at FOB Delta, where the company serves under the 41st Fires Brigade and executes a Police Transition Training mission in the Al-Kut area. The 747th Military Police Company is preparing to deploy in the July time-frame with a similar mission in Iraq and the battalion headquarters will also



➤ SPC Kevin MacDermott, 772nd Military Police Company, of Bridgewater, Massachusetts assists a student from the Al Aldreeg School with the strap of his new backpack.

deploy to Iraq this summer to execute command and control of a detainee operations mission.

In order to prepare for these upcoming mobilizations and deployments, the 211th Military Police Battalion completed a demanding Annual Training (AT) period at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts in March 2009. Throughout AT, the unit incorporated all individual warrior tasks and battle drills into a comprehensive collective training exercise, with training supervision conducted by the 972nd Military Police Company in order to take advantage of pertinent tactical and technical expertise recently acquired in theater. ✂

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Proven Performance

On 06 March 2009, SSG James Barrett was recognized as the MANSCEN & FLW Drill Sergeant of the Year for 2009. If you look at the road that lead up to that point you might think that the title of MANSCEN DSOY is a suitable end state for the hard work and dedication of a Drill Sergeant. However, it is only another waypoint to the TRADOC Drill Sergeant of the Year competition.

Beginning in September 2008, SSG Barrett represented Alpha Company, 795th Military Police Battalion at the Battalion Drill Sergeant of the Quarter board. He was recommended to move to the next level. He met with great success at both the 14th Military Police Brigade and the Maneuver Support Center levels, being enamored with the title Drill Sergeant of the Quarter for each.

Drill Sergeant of the Quarter is not an easy title to achieve. To be eligible to compete, one must be serving as a Drill Sergeant for at least six months and have no record of disciplinary action during this timeframe. The board proceedings are basically the same as any other competitive or decentralized promotion board, except there are additional subject areas specific to Drill Sergeant Duty. At each level the competitors must face a panel of five senior enlisted members asking a litany of questions.

Once SSG Barrett was notified that he was eligible to compete for the MANSCEN DSOY he jumped in head first. When asked if continuing to train Soldiers or training for the competition was more important, he replied that he wanted to train his Soldiers. SSG Barrett executed impeccable time management as he utilized every available moment to sharpen his skills. Every morning he would go to the gym, run or ruck prior to the unit's physical training. Additionally, he gained the assistance of several agencies on post to prepare. Every day he sought assistance from his fellow Drill Sergeants while he spent time at the weapons pool, land navigation course, and at the BRM ranges with a sister unit to



COL Smith and CSM Hayes pose for a picture after awarding SSG Barrett MANSCEN & FLW Drill Sergeant of the Year for 2009.

refresh and refine his knowledge.

All of his formidable effort and persistence would be tested from 2-5 March 2009. The competition started with an Army Physical Fitness Test. After the APFT the competitors were shuttled to Range 18 where they fired the M203 grenade launcher, then to Shea Gym for Combatives instruction and the clench drill. Day one ended with a lengthy written exam. Day two started at 0300 hours with night land navigation followed by day land navigation. An urban orienteering course was conducted in which the competitors were navigating across post and being evaluated on several Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills. Day two was finally completed with a written essay examination.

At the point of exhaustion day three began at 0200 with a 12 mile road march followed by grouping, zeroing and qualification with the M16A2 rifle. On the afternoon of day three the DSOY competitors faced a panel of Command Sergeants Major for the oral board portion of the competition. On the morning of day four each competitor had a surprise interview by the media asking tough questions as part of their evaluation.

At the end of a very long week three Drill Sergeants from Fort Leonard Wood walked on the stage not knowing who performed to the highest standard. Ultimately SSG James Barrett walked off the stage to his family and friends knowing that his hard work paid off.

Colonel (Retired) Charles Borchini

The Army was a wonderful life for me and my family. I often wish it was just beginning. At least I have many pleasant memories to look back upon.

After I decided to retire in the fall of 2000, I started looking for jobs. The economy was still good, my wife had a job and was making extra money on the stock market. The world hadn't gone crazy yet and I wasn't too worried about finding something sooner or later. MOAA was a good source, and I found a job through them. However, while I was at Walter Reid for my retirement heart scan, I received a call from an old friend and mentor from Somalia. He asked me if I had retired yet, as the Marines were setting up a think tank and needed someone with my unique background and skills. Needless to say I took the job with the Marines, retiring from the Army on one day and going to work the next at Quantico. I had an absolutely phenomenal experience working for the Marines. Quantico and the Marine Corps quickly became my new home. I worked with a wonderful group of retired Marine colonels, researching and writing studies, conducting seminars, and traveling around the world to various bases giving lectures and seminars on culture.



For some reason, my wife and I decided to move to Florida. In 2005 we sold our long-term home in Northern Virginia and I left my job with the Marines. After a few months putzing around the house I quickly

found that retirement wasn't quite what I thought it was going to be. In 2006 Stefan Pollack, an old Army friend and MP came to my rescue. He asked me to work with him in his company to sell and market loudspeakers to various US military and international customers. This has kept me busy, engaged with the military, and allowed me travel throughout the country and overseas to some places with which I am familiar and others where I have never been.

In 2002 I was asked to join the Army Science Board, based again on my experience and skills. I've worked on various studies for the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Army, including one on information operations and PSYOP. Involvement with the ASB has increased my respect for those who wear the uniform today, and given me a deeper insight into some of the issues confronting our Army along with potentially novel ways to deal with them.

My advice, don't retire too early, keep busy, enjoy what you are doing, even if it isn't the perfect job. And keep in touch with your friends.

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