

The Military Police Corps' Regimental Crest

The U.S. Institute of Heraldry developed the Military Police Corps' regimental crest to symbolize the proud history and rich heritage of the Military Police Corps.

The regimental crest depicts the support that military police provide the Army in executing their three missions: assist, protect, and defend. The crest identifies the Military Police Corps as a member of the Army Regimental System.

The centerpiece of the Military Police Corps regimental crest is the Roman fasces. The fasces is carried by Roman soldiers who performed peacekeeping duties. The fasces is the ancient symbol of the magistrate's authority. The sword that appears on the crest represents military leadership and guidance. The sword symbolizes the idea that military police Soldiers must set the example for all Soldiers.

The key represents security and embodies the role of protecting the vital military assets that are necessary for combat. The scales of justice embody the values of impartiality and fairness that must govern every military police action. The crossed pistols are the traditional insignia of the Military Police Corps and represent military and martial preparedness.

The banner on the regimental crest denotes the three military police missions. The word "protect" stands for the military police combat support role of protecting fellow Soldiers and equipment on the battlefield. The word "assist" embodies the law enforcement mission of aiding the commander in maintaining order and in safeguarding the rights of Soldiers and their families to be secure in their homes. The word "defend" represents the combat mission of resisting, containing, and defeating the enemy in the rear area to secure forward support and command and control elements that are needed to sustain and win the main battle.

The encirclement of the shield by the banner and crossed pistols symbolizes the unity of the Military Police Corps.

