

# Key Military Police Manuals Revised

The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and U.S. Army Military Police School announce the publication of the latest versions of Field Manual (FM) 3-39 (formerly FM 3-19.1) and FM 3-39.40 (formerly FM 3-19.40). A series of internal reviews, conferences, and worldwide staffing processes were conducted to guide the changes in these manuals. The revised FMs are available at the Reimer Digital Library (<http://www.adtdl.army.mil/>) and the Maneuver Support Knowledge Network (<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/portal.do?%24p=500639>).

## **FM 3-39, *Military Police Operations***

FM 3-39 has been modified to be aligned with revisions to FM 3-0, *Operations*, and other Army and joint doctrine. The information in the manual is organized into nine chapters, with five appendixes that provide additional details about selected operational topics. The first four chapters, which follow the flow of FM 3-0, describe military police aspects of the operational environment, the Military Police Corps Regiment, and the foundations of military police operations. The remaining chapters contain discussions on planning, preparing, executing, and sustaining military police operations, with a focus on operational to tactical levels of war.

## **FM 3-39.40, *Internment and Resettlement Operations***

FM 3-39.40 has been modified to be aligned with the military police keystone manual, FM 3-39, *Military Police Operations*. FM 3-39.40 provides guidance for commanders and staffs on internment/resettlement (I/R) operations. It addresses I/R operations across the spectrum of conflict—specifically addressing the doctrinal

paradigm shift from traditional enemy prisoner-of-war operations to the broader, more inclusive requirements of detainee operations. Additionally, FM 3-39.40 covers the critical issue of detainee rehabilitation. It describes the doctrinal foundation, principles, and processes that military police and other elements employ when dealing with internment populations (including U.S. military prisoners and multiple categories of detainees such as civilian internees, retained personnel, and enemy combatants) and resettlement populations (including multiple categories of dislocated civilians).

The information in the manual is organized into ten chapters, with fourteen appendixes that provide additional details about I/R topics. Chapters 1 through 3 describe the military police function of I/R operations. Chapters 4 through 6 focus primarily on detainee operations, including the planning, preparing, executing, and sustaining of all I/R operations. Chapters 7 through 10 focus on the confinement of U.S. military prisoners, rehabilitative programs for U.S. military prisoners and detainees, parole and release or transfer programs, and resettlement operations for dislocated civilians.

## **Use of the Revised Publications**

The foundations of military police operations provided in these manuals and related military police doctrine support the actions and decisions of combatant commanders at all levels. However, the manuals are not a substitute for thought and initiative among military police leaders and Soldiers. No matter how robust the doctrine or how advanced the military police capabilities and systems, it is the military police Soldier who must understand the operational environment, recognize shortfalls, and adapt to the situation on the ground.

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