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# Regimental Command Sergeant Major

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## *Command Sergeant Major James F. Barrett*

It is hard to believe that it's time for another issue of *MILITARY POLICE*. It seems as though we just published the last issue. I have received several positive comments about the quality of our professional bulletin from soldiers around the Regiment. This is due in large part to the dedication of the folks on the bulletin staff; however, several units from around the Regiment have helped by sending great articles with pictures. These articles detail our soldiers' outstanding contributions and performance. Please continue to send articles.

I don't have to tell you that MP soldiers are some of the busiest soldiers in the Army. I *can* tell you that commanders from everywhere in the United States and overseas are continually requesting more military police. Once again, this is because our MP, corrections, and criminal investigation soldiers—in both the Active and Reserve Component—are performing beyond all expectations. It doesn't take senior officers and non-commissioned officers long to see how competent, innovative, and professional our soldiers are in dealing with a wide variety of situations. After 25 years in this Regiment, I am still amazed at what our young soldiers (many of them 19- and 20-year-olds) accomplish.

While I am deeply honored to serve among the excellent soldiers of our Regiment, I am also concerned

about our operational tempo. We had an extremely high deployment rate prior to 11 September 2001, and we have seen that rate rise steadily since that time. It does not appear that the pace will slow anytime soon. Unlike some branches, we must contend with the increased requirements at home while deploying to several theaters overseas at the same time. Again, our soldiers juggle all this better than anyone else can, and they still manage to win Army competitions in almost every category!

As we approach our 62d anniversary as a Corps, there is little doubt that our soldiers will continue to set new standards across the Army. Unfortunately, we have lost some of our great soldiers in the past months—some to accident or illness, while others made the ultimate sacrifice for their nation. My heart goes out to the families of those who were lost and to the soldiers who served with these fine warriors. Truly, they will be missed by all of us.

I would like to thank you—our soldiers, family members, retirees, and civilians—for your outstanding dedication to our Regiment. I hope that you all have a wonderful anniversary week, and I ask that you always remember the fallen soldiers of our outstanding Regiment.