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The Military Police Corps Regiment continues with a high operational tempo, as a critical combat multiplier and force enabler with ongoing deployments of individual Soldiers and multibattalion brigades. The transformation and flexibility of the Regiment, along with the strategic vision of those military police leaders who looked out over the horizon in years past, set the conditions for our critical role in the current War on Terrorism. The performance of our Soldiers is nothing short of phenomenal.



The roles and responsibilities of the Regiment cross all phases of conflict and consequence management. Our most junior leaders carry the mantle for the Regiment when supporting maneuver forces. To set conditions for success—regardless of the command relationship—we are issuing a new doctrinally synchronized military police mission statement. This succinct statement encapsulates what we do as a combat enabler and provides our leaders with a foundation from which to build a dialog with maneuver commanders. It was developed through a combined effort of the U.S. Army Military Police School staff and Military Police Captains Career Courses 01-09 and 02-09. The final version, which was penned by Captain Megan Williams, was sent to the field for staffing and input. The military police mission statement is as follows:



The benefit of arming our junior leaders with a military police mission statement is significant because it echoes our current military police functions, establishes expertise in key areas that translate into assets for a brigade combat team commander, and maintains relevancy through continuing operations—deployment **and** garrison missions. The military police mission statement also opens opportunities for additional “green cycle” training by reemphasizing the “police” in “military police.” Law enforcement road duty is **not** a red cycle training distractor; it **is** green cycle critical, functional training. The “police” in “military police” is what keeps our Regiment relevant. Any unit can be trained in basic military police general skill sets as an “in lieu of” unit, but it takes years to train military police officers and noncommissioned officers with police, detainee, and stability operations functional expertise.

Of the Troops and For the Troops!