

Celebrating the Military Police Corps' 66th Anniversary in Afghanistan

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The Combined Security Transition Command–Afghanistan, Detention Capabilities Directorate (DCD), along with other fellow military police Soldiers, celebrated the 66th Military Police Anniversary on 26 September 2007 in Kabul, Afghanistan. Colonel Anthony D. Zabek, Director of DCD, hosted more than 45 personnel and guests at Camp Eggers to celebrate the occasion.

DCD is responsible for renovating the Afghan National Detention Facility; training and equipping the Afghan National Guard Force (ANGF); and developing the unit into a self-reliant, self-sustaining force capable of conducting independent confinement operations. The ANGF mission is to provide secure detention of Afghan enemy combatants transferred from the custody of U.S. Forces at Bagram Theater Internment Facility and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Distinguished guests attending the ceremony included the commander of the Combined Security Training Command–Afghanistan, Major General Robert W. Cone, and the Commander of the Afghan National Detention Facility, Brigadier General Haji Safiullah.

Major General Cone thanked the military policemen for their excellent service and dedication to duty throughout the years. He also stressed the importance of the military police mission in Afghanistan and, particularly, the strategic visibility of detainee operations missions. Major General Cone concluded his remarks by saying, “If I had it my way, there would be an MP brigade in Afghanistan.”

Although there were no receiving lines, no disc jockey, no color guard, no memento wine glasses, and no cost for dinner, military police Soldiers in Kabul enjoyed themselves and paid tribute to the Warrior Police force—a force keeping the Army Strong!

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