

# 89th Military Police Brigade Awarded Meritorious Unit Commendation

In August 2009, the 89th Military Police Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas, was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), 14 September 2006–29 October 2007. According to the orders, “The brigade’s superior performance of all assigned duties and its commitment to creating a professional and competent Iraqi police service contributed immeasurably to the success of Multinational Corps–Iraq.”<sup>1</sup>

In addition to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, units that served under the command and control of the 89th Military Police Brigade in Iraq were also identified and singled out on the same orders. These included Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment (HHD), 92d Military Police Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; HHD, 97th Military Police Battalion, Fort Riley, Kansas; HHD, 720th Military Police Battalion, Fort Hood; and HHD, 759th Military Police Battalion, Fort Carson, Colorado, as well as twenty-four company-size, Regular Army and Reserve Component military police, infantry, and artillery units.

According to Army Regulation (AR) 600-8-22, Meritorious Unit Commendation recognition is appropriate only in those instances when a unit has displayed “such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above



other units with similar missions. The degree of achievement required is the same as that which would warrant award of the Legion of Merit to an individual. Only on rare occasions will a unit larger than a battalion qualify for award of this decoration.”<sup>2</sup>

“I remain immensely proud of all of the Soldiers who served with the 89th [Military Police Brigade] and Task Force Griffin during OIF 06-08,” said Colonel Mike Galloucis, who was the commander of the 89th Military Police Brigade from June 2005 to November 2007. “We had a great team and an important mission. The men and women who served with the brigade during this challenging period did a magnificent job under some of the most difficult conditions our Nation has faced in Iraq. Their work in improving the capabilities and professionalism of the Iraqi police contributed significantly to the success of the surge and helped set the conditions for the relative calm and stability we see in Iraq today. This Meritorious Unit Commendation officially recognizes that great work and their sacrifice.”

The HHC, 89th Military Police Brigade, is currently stationed in Iraq, serving its third tour since 11 September 2001.

#### Endnotes:

<sup>1</sup>Permanent Orders 233-24, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 21 August 2009.

<sup>2</sup>AR 600-8-22, *Military Awards*, 11 December 2006.

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