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Military police who entered into service during the Cold War are becoming less prevalent among our ranks. Our Regiment now consists primarily of Soldiers who joined the Army following the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks on our country.

The skills of this new generation of military police have been honed through a decade of deployments, war, and high operational tempo. Their training has been experiential compared to that of the post-Vietnam Cold War military police who completed training under replicated combat conditions at Grafenwoehr, Hohenfels, and Vilseck, Germany, and at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California. These new, emerging military police leaders have faced the enemy in combat and understand the current operating environment. They are using creativity to challenge the status quo and to shape the future of the Regiment.



Most of the articles in this issue of *Military Police* were written by military police who were not in the Army on 9/11, but who are now leading the fight. Most were written by young noncommissioned officers or company grade officers with battle-proven skills—not by senior military police leaders with decades of experience. While these young Soldiers view highly technical automation as a “matter of fact,” they know nothing of grease pencils or communication electronics operations instructions. They are bombarded with an unprecedented volume of data, and they must sift through this data to separate information that is relevant to their mission from that which is extraneous. Shockingly, they do not become overloaded; rather, they multitask.

I believe that the military police of previous generations, who faced other enemies under differing conditions, can feel confident that our Regiment is in good hands. This new, technologically adept generation of military police is keeping the Regiment relevant and on target. The articles in this issue of our professional bulletin will prove my point.

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