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## *Brigadier General David Phillips*

With continuing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, along with enduring and expeditionary deployments around the world, the Regiment continues to find itself playing a major role in the execution of national security strategy. Your Military Police School recently supported a U.S. Army North initiative for a hands-on information exchange with Mexican military police. This initiative opens opportunities for continuing dialogue and exchange programs with our neighbor to the south.



In reflecting back over the past five years of persistent conflict, specified and implied tasks have focused on our police and detainee skills. Bluntly, all requests for forces that have identified military police (MP) requirements have been based on our policing and internment functions—not on our area security and maneuver and mobility support functions. This realization recently prompted the Regiment to reassess training priorities and emphasize the “police” functions and skill sets of “military police” without forsaking the “military” functions and skill sets. In essence, as a regiment we need to move forward from our “capital ‘M,’ little ‘p’ focus,” which served us throughout the Cold War, to one where we maintain “M” skills, but enhance training and expertise in “P” skills. To remain relevant to our Army, we need to adjust our center of gravity and move forward from a culture of “Mp” to “MP.”

Look for increased training emphasis on law enforcement, internment/resettlement, and police intelligence operations, while we simultaneously continue to maintain expertise in skill sets involving Soldier survivability and maintenance of lethality against the enemy. Additional instruction in law enforcement and detainee operations has been added to military police one station unit training and officer and noncommissioned officer professional military education courses.

There is a stereotypical expectation of what military police bring to the battlefield, and we must fulfill that expectation. We must provide the operational Army with highly trained and skilled military police who understand and can execute all of our functions to standard. Maintenance of the status quo is not the course of action or way forward for our Regiment. Change is imperative.

*Of the Troops and For the Troops!*

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**Duty**  
**Respect**  
**Selfless Service**  
**Honor**  
**Integrity**  
**Personal Courage**

**Army**  
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