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# Regimental Command Sergeant Major

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## *Command Sergeant Major James F. Barrett*

It is hard to believe that we are again completing another issue of the Military Police Bulletin. This will be my ninth and final entry in the bulletin as your Regimental Command Sergeant Major. Within a few short months, I will be honored to stand in a change of responsibility ceremony here at the Home of the Regiment. As I write this article, my successor has not yet been selected, but all of the candidates are extremely competent and caring. I can guarantee that you will be well served.

Every officer, noncommissioned officer, and Soldier has a command sergeant major and I have truly enjoyed being yours over the past 4½ years. My time in this position has gone extremely fast. In my 28 years of service, I have never seen the Military Police Regiment as busy as it has been since 11 September 2001. I have spent half of my time as the eighth Regimental Command Sergeant Major traveling the globe to visit with Soldiers. I've spent the other half here at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and other locations doing my level best to resolve Soldier issues and improve training. I am very proud of how far the Military Police Regiment has come

operationally and in updating military police training at all levels to ensure relevancy in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Your Soldiers are the best in the Army and are doing it better today than at any other time in my 28 years of service. There have been some rocky times as missions were added and changed. That said, I am humbled by the amount of praise heaped upon military police Soldiers by the senior leaders in the Army.

I have always said that once you become a military police Soldier, you will always be a military police Soldier. In my case that could not be truer, as I intend to remain in the Fort Leonard Wood area and remain connected to the Regiment. I will also stay connected through my children, with a son and a daughter-in-law both serving as military police Soldiers and a second son who is likely to join the Regiment soon. Finally, it has been my honor to be associated with the entire military police family—Soldiers, family members, retirees, and civilians—over the past 28 years. I wish all of you the very best as we continue to serve our Regiment.