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The 40th Military Police Battalion (Internment/Resettlement) [I/R] was activated in a ceremony held at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on 15 April 2009. In addition to the activation, the 40th also assumed command and control of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Disciplinary Barracks (USDB), and the 256th, 291st, and 526th Military Police Companies—all of which had previously been assigned to the 705th Military Police Battalion (I/R).

The 40th Military Police Battalion has a long and proud history, beginning with its initial activation as the 40th Military Police Service Battalion in 1945. Since then, it has been inactivated and reactivated several times. The 40th has served overseas in China, Thailand, Japan, and Korea. The most recent inactivation was at Fort McClellan, Alabama, in June 1990. The battalion mission at Fort Leavenworth is to provide custody and control services and emergency response in support of the USDB and to deploy I/R units and individual Soldiers in support of contingency operations.

The USDB planned and prepared for the activation of the 40th for more than eighteen months. The original plan called for the 40th to be activated on 16 October 2009. However, a request for early activation was granted to enable the 705th Military Police Battalion to be relieved of its USDB support and prepare for its deployment.

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