



**Ms. Clarke and Mr. Schroedel, dressed in vintage uniforms, stand next to a 1957 Chevrolet military police sedan.**

## Two Selfless Servants of the Military Police Corps

*By Second Lieutenant Amanda M. Bent*

In the 1990s, the U.S. Army officially adopted seven core values—loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. These values are considered to be the basic traits of a warrior. They describe what being a Soldier is all about. But two civilians—Mr. Chuck Schroedel and Ms. Joanne Clarke—have been demonstrating their selfless service to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the Military Police Corps, and the Army for more than 13 years. Mr. Schroedel and Ms. Clarke volunteer their time, spirit, and vehicles at absolutely no cost to anyone but themselves.

Mr. Schroedel, a Scarsdale, New York, high school graduate of 1958 and an alumnus of the University of Florida, has worked on cars since he was just a boy. He voluntarily joined the Army as a military policeman in 1958. He served on a military police patrol until 1961 and then conducted absent-without-leave (AWOL) apprehensions and performed escort duties until he was honorably discharged in 1961. After leaving the Army, Mr. Schroedel earned a degree in journalism and worked as a marketer for the International Business Machines (IBM) Corporation for 25 years.

Ms. Clarke, a 1954 graduate of Red Hook Central School, New York, and an alumnus of Oberlin College, Ohio, is a former teacher. She also served as a Washington, D.C., staff member for Senator Lowell Weicker Jr.

Mr. Schroedel and Ms. Clarke have volunteered with the Directorate of Emergency Services since 1997, offering

their services for Army football games; high-profile, very important person (VIP) escorts; cadet events; tours; graduations; and parades. At his own cost, Mr. Schroedel has restored five military police vehicles—1956 and 1957 marked Chevrolet military police sedans, a 1957 black Criminal Investigation Division sedan; a 1993 military police humvee M1044; and a black 1996 Chevrolet Caprice 9C1 LT1. Mr. Schroedel and Ms. Clarke use these vehicles in the course of their volunteer work, which they take very seriously. They also dress in vintage uniforms that match those that were worn during the time periods represented by historical events.

Their love for military police, military academies, and West Point prompted Mr. Schroedel and Ms. Clarke to begin their volunteer work. They both claim that their favorite aspect of the work is “constant satisfaction.” They especially favor VIP and alumni class escorts.

These volunteers are not paid with money, but with gratitude. Mr. Schroedel and Ms. Clarke are truly fine examples of individuals who exhibit selfless service and dedication to West Point, the Military Police Corps, and the Army.

---

*Second Lieutenant Bent is the company commander of the West Point Military Police Company and the officer in charge of the Special Reaction Team, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology of law, crime, and deviance from the University of Minnesota.*