



Military Police News and Notes

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USF-I Activated and JTF 134 Inactivated

U.S. Forces–Iraq (USF-I) was activated and Joint Task Force (JTF) 134 was inactivated in Baghdad on 1 January 2010. Major General David E. Quantock served as the final commander and Command Sergeant Major Jeffrey A. Butler as the final command senior enlisted leader of JTF 134—a joint team comprised of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Civilians, Contractors, and Iraqis.

During the time that JTF 134 was active, Iraqi detainee operations evolved from a scattered, poorly managed operation to a consolidated, well-trained organization. Although JTF 134 was inactivated, the conversion was largely transparent to most former JTF 134 personnel. And Major General Quantock’s duties remained essentially unchanged as he transitioned to the USF-I Deputy Commanding General for Detainee Operations and Provost Marshal General—conducting detention operations to assess, reconcile, and transfer or release detainees in Iraq, consistent with the need to protect Iraqi society.

The activation of USF-I is part of the drawdown of U.S. forces in Iraq to 50,000 by 31 August 2010 as stipulated in the Iraq-U.S. Security Agreement.

CID Special Agent Recognized for Excellence

Special Agent Michelle Chowanec of the Major Procurement Fraud Unit (MPFU), 701st Military Police Group (U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC) (commonly referred to as “CID”), Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and her fellow investigators were awarded the 2009 Award for Excellence in Investigation by the Council of the Inspector General on Integrity and Efficiency and recognized by the U.S. Attorney General’s Office for their contributions to investigations into the abuse of federal grant money and military procurement and grant fraud. The team’s investigative efforts resulted in the recovery of more than \$8 million.

The MPFU, which is comprised of civilian special agents, is the Army’s premiere organization for conducting worldwide investigations into allegations of fraud associated with the U.S. Army’s major acquisition programs (weapon systems, support systems) and civil and military construction contracts that are awarded or administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In addition to investigative experience, MPFU members also have special skills in areas such as business administration, finance, or accounting. To date, MPFU investigations have resulted in the recovery of more than \$1.5 billion.

According to the MPFU director, Mr. James Podolak, Special Agent Chowanec “is an excellent example of an [MPFU] special agent who vigorously pursues investigations.” But, humbled by the recognition, Chowanec credits the success to her fellow investigators, stating that the “investigations were truly team efforts” and explaining that “the end result was very rewarding.”

19th Military Police Battalion (CID) “Swordsmen” Make History

The Soldiers of the 19th Military Police Battalion (CID) deployed from Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii, on 26 January 2010 and uncased their colors at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, on 4 March 2010. The deployment was historic in that the 19th is the first military police battalion headquarters to be deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The battalion is conducting forensic exploitation and rule-of-law criminal investigations while simultaneously conducting felony U.S. Code, Title 10 (*Armed Forces*), investigations and commanding and controlling law enforcement programs. Although the battalion commands all CID detachments throughout Afghanistan, sufficient personnel remain behind to accomplish critical daily operations in Hawaii, the Republic of Korea, and Japan.

218th Military Police Company Ends OIF Mission and 512th Military Police Company Takes Command

A 28 March 2010 transfer-of-authority ceremony held in Kirkuk, Iraq, marked the end of a year-long deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) for the 218th Military Police Company, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and the beginning of an OIF mission for the 512th Military Police Company, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Under the command of Captain Early Howard Jr., the 218th participated in more than 1,500 combat support missions that provided Iraqi police transition training support. The unit worked with more than 30 police stations and 1,700 local investigators. They validated or maintained the validation of 28 police stations. They also conducted more than 50 humanitarian drops, distributing food, supplies, and other necessities to schools and outlets. One of the primary missions of the 218th was to supplement the security efforts of Iraqi police during the Iraqi national elections in early March 2010. Yet, much work also awaits the 512th Military Police Company. The 512th was reactivated in October 2008, and this mission represents its first OIF deployment.

CID Names Special Agent for Key Position

As part of CID's major transformation to meet new and emerging challenges associated with the Overseas Contingency Operation, the Provost Marshal General of the Army and CID commander, Brigadier General Colleen McGuire, announced the selection of Chief Warrant Officer Five T.L. Williams as the CID command chief warrant officer. Williams, who was previously the Regimental Chief Warrant Officer at the U.S. Army Military Police School, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, will serve as the senior technical and policy advisor for felony criminal investigative operations and investigative support programs at CID.

Chief Warrant Officer Five Williams will be the first special agent to hold the singular title of command chief warrant officer. She will provide the same level of insight and oversight for CID warrant officer special agents that the command sergeant major provides for CID enlisted special agents. In her new role, she will be charged with advising the CID commander and senior leadership on trends and challenges associated with the professional development of special agents, promoting the command with interagency and multinational law enforcement agencies, integrating new investigative technologies, and sustaining the force through the next decade. She will also assess and provide advice on other issues related to training, retention, and readiness.

Crime Lab Director Recognized by Secretary of the Army

On 14 April 2010, Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh presented Mr. Larry Chelko, director of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory (USACIL) and leading Department of Defense (DOD) forensic scientist, with the Exceptional Civilian Service Award—the highest award that can be bestowed upon civilian personnel by the Secretary of the Army. The Exceptional Civilian Service Award, which is awarded for a demonstrable pattern of excellence and achievement, is comparable to the military's Distinguished Service Medal.

According to Mr. Chelko, the primary USACIL challenge is currently the forensic science mission that is conducted in support of warfighting operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The importance of the forensic science mission on the battlefield and its criticality to asymmetric warfare efforts led the DOD to establish a Forensic Executive Steering Group and appoint Mr. Chelko as its science advisor. In this capacity, he directed and hosted the first of several DOD forensic science workshops, established the framework of the DOD forensic program, led the charge for the certification program for forensic examiners and laboratories, and initiated an expeditionary forensics concept plan that led to the creation of a standing force of examiners and the fielding of joint expeditionary forensic facilities (deployable laboratories for expeditionary forensic operations). In addition to managing USACIL and serving as the science advisor for the Forensic Executive Steering Group, Mr. Chelko also serves as the DOD executive agent for the Convicted Offender DNA Index System, chairs the DOD Forensic Science Committee, and represents the DOD on the President's Subcommittee on Forensic Science.

Mr. Chelko indicated that his receipt of this award is a direct reflection of the dedication and professionalism of the men and women of USACIL and their contributions to the Army's law enforcement mission at home and abroad.

USAMPS and USACPA Receive FLETA Accreditation

The U.S. Army Military Police School (USAMPS) and U.S. Army Civilian Police Academy (USACPA) were recognized during an awards ceremony at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Accreditation (FLETA) National Conference, in Annapolis, Maryland, on 22 April 2010. With the accreditation, the U.S. Army Military Police Corps Regiment became the largest member of FLETA.

FLETA originated in 2000 with the development of a model that established procedures and standards for the evaluation of academies and training programs used to train federal law enforcement agents and officers. The intent was to develop an independent accreditation process that allows agencies to voluntarily demonstrate their set of professional standards and receive appropriate recognition.

The USAMPS and USACPA accreditation process began in November 2009 when the agencies completed a self-assessment. FLETA conducted a January 2010 on-site accreditation visit to review, observe, analyze, and make recommendations on the training development and implementation processes. The panel of federal experts determined that USAMPS and USACPA were in full compliance with FLETA standards.

According to Mr. Reginald Cole, USAMPS Deputy Director of Training, "The FLETA accreditation is an intensive review of our methodologies in design, development, and implementation of law enforcement training for our military and civilian personnel. The fact that we were able to accomplish both accreditations is, in large measure, due to USAMPS and training in general across the U.S. Army being developed to the highest professional standards, using succinctly structured processes that have always been successful in adult learning."

Military Police Corps Member Assumes Command of MSCoE

On 7 May 2010, Major General David Quantock assumed command of the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence (MSCoE), Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, from acting commander Brigadier General David Phillips, who returned to his position as the commandant of USAMPS.

The deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Lieutenant General John Sterling, commended Brigadier General Phillips on the stand-up of the post's first general staff during his tenure and recognized the positive effect it will have on MSCoE's future.

Major General Quantock, the former USF-I Deputy Commanding General for Detainee Operations and Provost Marshal General, described his vision by stating, "In an era of persistent conflict, we cannot afford to take our eye off the ball of destroying our enemies and providing our Soldiers with the best equipment and training required to prosecute our Nation's business. Our mission is simple: Prepare expertly trained, professional Soldiers ready to deploy and serve with honor. We will accomplish that mission by training Soldiers who are experts in their technical craft, while remembering that we are Soldiers first and foremost, trained with a warrior focus through demanding and realistic training and ready to deploy by ensuring that their families are taken care of and our Soldiers are confident in the unit's ability to accomplish its mission."

CID Announces Next Command Sergeant Major

CID announced the selection of Command Sergeant Major Thomas Seaman as the next senior enlisted advisor for the Army's premier criminal investigative agency. Command Sergeant Major Seaman assumes responsibility from Command Sergeant Major Leslie Koonce.

CID special agents investigate felony level crime of Army interest worldwide, serving a population of more than 1 million Soldiers, civilians, contractors, and family members. As recognized federal law enforcement officers, the noncommissioned officers, warrant officers, and civilian special agents are considered some of the most highly trained criminal investigators in the world.