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# Regimental Chief Warrant Officer

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### **31E Internment/Resettlement Specialists**

In keeping with the 70th Military Police Corps Regiment anniversary theme, “Three Strands, One Profession,” I would like to present the second of a three-part series honoring each military occupational specialty within our great Regiment. This article focuses on our 31E internment/resettlement specialists—those men and women who are tasked with securing some of the most heinous military criminals and a seemingly never-ending line of detainees on a continuous, 24-hour-per-day, 365-day-per-year basis.

Internment/resettlement specialists comprise a relatively small portion of our Military Police Corps. The 1,668 31E Soldiers represent only about 8 percent of the total Regular Army Military Police Corps Regiment. However, these professionals have a huge mission—and they perform it well.

On the numerous occasions in which I have observed 31E training here at Fort Leonard Wood, I have been impressed with the intensity, determination, synchronization, and professionalism that the Soldiers exhibit as they practice forced extractions of a prisoner from a cell. (There is actually an observation deck from which visitors may observe training firsthand.) And out on the job, internment/resettlement specialists must look into the eyes of thieves, child abusers, rapists, and murderers who were once a part of our Army and who now test the will of our Soldiers. It takes a dedicated professional to deal with these prisoners—and to live behind the same bars, walls, and wires with them for several hours each day.

31Es have a huge responsibility to the communities in which they live and work. Military communities that host correctional facilities have an undying trust in the ability of the internment/resettlement specialists to conduct zero-defect correctional work. Anything short of that is considered substandard and is not tolerated in any environment. Our 31Es welcome the challenge to keep prisoners behind bars and to keep our family members safe and secure.

Please take the opportunity to tour a U.S. Army correctional facility. It will open your eyes to a different world. And it will make you appreciate the dedication and sacrifice of our 31Es in ensuring that criminals are kept secure and in check.

I would like to thank the 31Es of the Regiment for their service, support, and sacrifice for our great Nation. It takes a special Soldier to live up to the responsibilities, focus, and resolve required of military police internment/resettlement specialists.

During this year’s Regimental celebration, please take a moment to meet someone new, speak with a Soldier of another military police skill set, and embrace the three strands that make up our great Regiment.

Happy 70th Anniversary to our great Regiment, and Happy 40th Anniversary to the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command!



**Do what has to be done.**