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Greetings from the home of the Regiment! The past eight months have flown by as I have been able to get out and see our great Regiment at work. I have discovered what a great job I have as the chief of the Military Police Corps Regiment. No matter where I go, everyone tells me what a great job our military police men and women do, in combat or in protecting our families at home. I wanted to tell you how proud I am to be your commandant and that our one and only goal is to support you in the field.

There has never been any doubt about the valor and courage that our Soldiers display every day. That point was driven home last month when Staff Sergeant Timothy Nein was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions in Salman Pak, Iraq. The courage displayed by his squad during a particularly violent complex ambush clearly demonstrates a Warrior focus that truly makes a difference on the battlefield. Of course, one of his team leaders was Sergeant Leann Hester, the first woman to receive the Silver Star since World War II. The 617th Military Police Company, out of the Kentucky National Guard, made all of us proud of our Regiment. Congratulations to them and to all our Soldiers for the truly magnificent job they do each and every day.

Our Warrior Police Soldiers continue to be a critical combat multiplier across all three of our military police disciplines—combat support, internment/resettlement/corrections, and criminal investigation. It is for this very reason that we should see the size of our Corps continue to grow as we support our country's fight in the War on Terror. Having just returned from a visit to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, it is not lost on me the price we continue to pay for the freedoms we enjoy. All of us have lost friends and comrades during this fight and the motivation that drives me every day is that those Soldiers' sacrifices were not made in vain. Let there be no doubt that our No. 1 priority is to support the War on Terror and that we will do everything in our power to help you prosecute it.

I want to explain some of the “big rocks” that we are working on to “operationalize” the U.S. Army Military Police School (USAMPS). First, we remain committed to producing quality military police Soldiers who are able to join your ranks and immediately contribute to the contemporary operating environment. One-station unit training (OSUT) has been revamped to focus almost exclusively on initial combat proficiency, from combat live-fire exercises to training in military operations on urbanized terrain, including weapons immersion and reflexive fire techniques. Now OSUT Soldiers may not be the best drill squads in the Army. In fact, giving them a “counter column” command might be pretty ugly, but they can fight. If for some reason you get a batch of Soldiers who do not meet your expectations, please feel free to contact me or the regimental command sergeant major (RCSM) with the specifics and we will fix it.

Other big rocks we are working on to support our Warriors include—

- A train-the-trainer, Police Training Team (PTT) Course with our first course starting 12 March 2007.
- Support for mobile training team requests for our new High-Risk Personnel Security Course for units preparing to deploy.
- Police intelligence operation (PIO) solutions, which include enabling our squad leaders to input intelligence directly from the fight into databases that can be accessed through a fused common operational picture.
- One-stop shopping with lessons learned integration (L2I) and knowledge management where leaders can get the latest tactics, techniques, and procedures; programs of instruction; training support packages (TSPs); doctrine products; collaborative planning tools; and other resources.

- Development of the military police pentathlete through continuous revision of the Professional Military Education System and changes in the Basic Officer Leadership Course III and the Captains Career Course.
- Opportunities for military police structure growth as we move from an Active Army of 482,000 to one of 547,000 Soldiers and a total force of more than 1.2 million.
- Development and fielding of nonlethal capabilities that will impact current and future systems such as the Future Combat System.
- Material initiatives such as the armored security vehicle; the mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicle; tunnel detection; and the active denial system that will increase military police effectiveness and survivability on the battlefield.

As I explained in the last bulletin, I am placing special emphasis on the PIO function. From my personal experience, reviewing after-action reviews (AARs), and talking to Soldiers on the ground in combat, it has proven essential that military police Soldiers, in conjunction with other warfighting functions, develop a module/system on an Army platform to let our Warrior Police transmit police intelligence up the chain of command. That intelligence will simultaneously populate databases to provide commanders a complete picture of the battlefield with fused intelligence. The baseline system, the Distributed Common Ground System (DCGS)–Army Human Domain, has been designed and will give commanders automated capabilities to collect, report, analyze, and disseminate counterintelligence and human intelligence. We are currently working on an implementation plan and our resident expert will give a presentation and demonstration of this system at the Regimental Strategic Forum in April. It is our hope that this system, along with other initiatives, will give the Army synergy in the police intelligence arena.

In order to synchronize all military police PIO functions, USAMPS is currently conducting a working group to select the near-term solutions and gain resources to fill near-term PIO capability gaps, such as the DCGS. However, there is a long-term approach to improving the Military Police Corps PIO capability. USAMPS is currently conducting an assessment to explore what would best support the PIO function. This includes determining what courses and training requirements are needed in order to saturate the Military Police Corps with PIO. We will compile a tiger team here at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, to focus on long-term PIO requirements that will enable combatant commanders to realize the importance of criminal intelligence and the role military police Soldiers play in delivering that capability.

The second big rock I want to touch on is the development of the PTT Course. Our intent is that there will be a train-the-trainer course here that will train key personnel from deploying units on how to train police in Iraq or Afghanistan. The goal is to have a single standard for advising, mentoring, and teaching indigenous police forces. This is a requirement driven by an operational need identified by commanders in the field. Currently, military police Soldiers are leading the effort on training host nation police in Iraq and Afghanistan. The new PTT TSP will make this effort synchronized and more efficient. The PTT Course will give leaders the training and tools required to conduct preparatory training at home stations and mobilization sites and ensure that their units are prepared for deployment.

On another topic, we have changed the way we are observing the Military Police Regimental Week. After reviewing AAR comments and advice from the field, the RCSM and I have decided to split the events from past regimental weeks into two separate events—the Warrior Police Challenge Week and the Regimental Anniversary Week. This year’s theme for the first annual Warrior Police Challenge Week from 25 to 29 April is “Warrior Police – Keeping the Army Strong!” The week will include the Warrior Police Warfighter Team Challenge, a Regimental Strategic Forum, the Hall of Fame presentation and luncheon, and the RCSM breakout. The Regimental Anniversary Week will still be held in September and will include the regimental ball, the memorial tribute, a military police golf tournament, a regimental run, and the regimental review. We believe that this new timeline will best cater to your desires and ensure top notch events in the spring and fall. Please come out and support the Soldiers at the Warfighter Challenge and sign up to attend the Regimental Strategic Forum. Thanks for all you do for our Army. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Warrior Police!