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31B Military Police Warriors

In keeping with this year's Military Police Corps Regimental anniversary theme, "The Army's Triple Strand of Strength," I would like to take this opportunity to begin a three-part series honoring each military occupational specialty within our great Regiment. In this first article, I am extremely proud to focus on the foundation of our great Regiment—those 31B military police men and women (also known as *warrior police*) who assist, protect, and defend our fellow Soldiers and our Nation 24/7, 365 days per year.

Not all Soldiers who volunteer to serve this great country have what it takes to become a military police Soldier. Those wishing to serve as 31Bs must possess some of the highest qualities and meet some of the most stringent military occupational specialty requirements of any Soldier within the Army. In no other initial-entry military occupational specialty is so much responsibility, authority, and trust placed in a Soldier.



Those Soldiers who successfully complete 31B one-station unit training and earn the title of *military police Soldier* are immediately held to a higher standard. They soon learn that military police often work under limited supervision and are frequently forced to make immediate decisions that affect the lives and careers of their fellow Soldiers.

31Bs are first responders. They are some of the only Soldiers who carry loaded weapons in garrison. And they are placed in a role of great responsibility on the battlefield of war abroad and the battlefield of law enforcement at home. They are 17- and 18-year olds who are taught and trained to be mature beyond their years.

Warrior police have been the most trusted and requested force in Iraq and Afghanistan since the beginning of the War on Terrorism. Whether serving in a law and order role, training local national police officers, or supporting brigade combat teams in full spectrum combat operations, they are truly the protectors of the force.

Charged with policing our own in deployed and garrison environments, military police Soldiers are also some of the most versatile in the armed forces. They must have the determination required to engage the enemy on the battlefield and the compassion necessary to console the most innocent victims of crime. Nowhere else in the Army will you find a Soldier patrolling the mean streets of a combat zone one month and wearing a McGruff costume and teaching our children about the dangers of drugs and strangers the next.

I would like to thank the 31Bs of the Regiment for their service, support, and sacrifice for our great Nation. It takes a special Soldier to live up to responsibilities of military police.

Do what has to be done.

Army Values

Loyalty • Duty • Respect
Selfless Service • Honor
Integrity • Personal Courage

