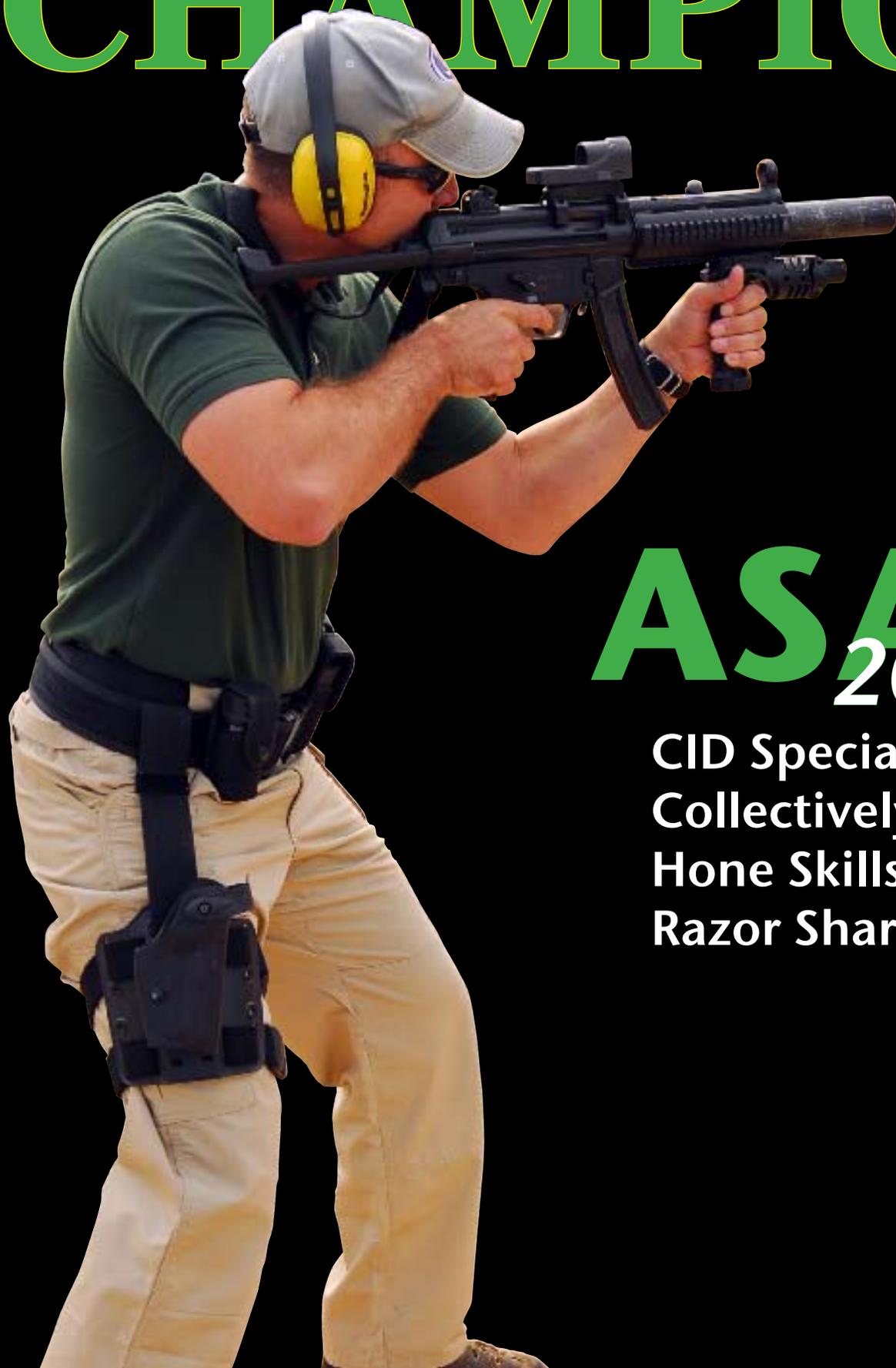


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CID Special Agents
Collectively Train,
Hone Skills to a
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FROM THE COMMANDER

Maj. Gen. Adolph McQueen
200th Military Police Command

Looking back on the past year I can see the many strides that we have made as a command. Our success and growth as an organization is a direct result of the competent, committed professionals that make up the 200th Military Police Command.

On behalf of my family and the senior leaders of the 200th, I want to thank each member of this team, including every subordinate unit and detachment for their dedication and hard work.

As an organization we have grown from 12,295 in 2008 to 14,647 military personnel. Our team also includes over 200 civilian professionals that are committed to making sure we are able to accomplish our mission and take care of our Soldiers and Families. I am immensely proud of all the men and women that make up this command. You have demonstrated a willingness to serve and to grow.

Growth in our efficiency and effectiveness is always desired, but is not always easy. With growth comes growing pains. As a unit we have and will experience some growing pains due to structure, personnel and position changes. The leaders throughout the command will do what we can to minimize the pain, but we will continue to grow.

It is essential that our growth strides are marked by continued excellence. The continued excellence of one of our units under the 300th MP Brigade was acknowledged earlier this year at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

The 354th MP Company

from St. Louis, Mo., commanded by 1st Lt. Angela Smith, was recognized for excellence by the Chief of the Army Reserve, Lt. Gen. Jack C. Stultz and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, Dennis McCarthy, on February 18. This unit was cited as the top unit in the Army Reserve for demonstrating outstanding family readiness while maintaining superior mission effectiveness.

When units and leaders remain mission-focused and people-centric, they can accomplish great things. Because of the caliber of our people, I am confident that we will see even greater things in the future. As we move forward it will become increasingly essential that we have the right people in the right places doing the right jobs.

Historically the 200th MPC has been a multi-component organization. This structure has served the command well and bolstered our ability to be effective on the world stage. Our Soldiers are increasingly engaged in operations across the international spectrum to include Italy, Uganda, the Horn of Africa, Haiti, Korea, Egypt, Iraq and Afghanistan. This trend will continue and the command will work hard to maintain the most operationally effective structure possible.

As a command our global focus will increase, but we will not neglect our stateside commitments and opportunities. In the past three years we have signed Employer Partnership agreements with over 20 civilian law enforce-



ment agencies across the United States, including the Massachusetts State Police, Washington D.C.'s Metropolitan Police Departments, South Carolina Highway Patrol and the Los Angeles Police Department.

Many of our Army Reserve Soldiers are employed by local police, fire and emergency response agencies across our nation. .

As civilian first responders our Soldiers have the opportunity to not only protect and serve their communities, but to impact the future through community involvement and department youth programs.

I was recently invited by Police Chief Charlie Beck and Assistant Chief Earl Paising-er to speak to the graduating class of the L.A.P.D. Cadet Academy.

I was impressed by the 400 students from ages 13 to 17 who persevered through the academy program which covered a wide range of

subjects including physical training, drill and ceremony, character education, public speaking, conflict resolution and traffic scene investigations.

Before and after the ceremony many of these young people expressed an interest in the Army and Army Reserve. Their sense of duty and pride were clearly evident as they raised right hands to take the cadet oath which emphasized integrity, commitment and loyalty.

I am proud of the impact that our Soldiers and civilians are having on both the local and international level. The strides that we have made as a command are because of your commitment and professionalism.

We will face the challenges that lie ahead and as a team in pursuit of excellence, not because we seek awards and commendations, but because we are champions. Champions with character!

KEEPER OF THE COLORS

Command Sgt. Maj. Kurtis J. Timmer
200th Military Police Command

I want to start by saying that I am humbled and honored to have been selected to be your second Command Sergeant Major. I look forward to the next three years and serving the Command. I equally look forward to meeting with as many of you and your Families as possible over the next few years.

Since being assigned to the 200th MP Command, I have been fully engaged in several activities. I met with Soldiers at the headquarters, and observed Soldiers in training at Fort Bliss. I also attended the Sergeant Major of the Army conference, met with the brigade CSMs, and have met with the Military District of Washington CSM. Within the last few days I have met with the Military District of Washington Provost Marshal Office (MDW PMO).

As you can see, I have jumped aboard a moving train, and am moving forward with you and the command as we continue to move the command down the rails. Recently we had a by-name request for an MP to drive for the MDW PMO as part of the CGs escort and

convoy detail for the State of the Union address. During the State of the Union, I had the opportunity to meet with PMO Staff and the CG of MDW. I am happy to report that our Soldier was performing as we all expected, and representing our command well. I am equally happy to report that the MDW PMO wants to get more MP support in the future for these types of events.

In the first few years as the command was standing up several things occurred – our first best warrior competition, deployments, and of course filling vacant slots and building a team. Units moved from east to west, new units formed, and during all that time, suspense dates for promotion boards, deployments, and various other needs came and were met. These were all great accomplishments.

The way ahead is not one for maintaining the status quo, however – but for stepping it up a notch or two. I am stepping into a command that is a great command; however, like anything we can and will do many more great things.

One example of this is



Command Sgt. Maj. Kurtis J. Timmer, the top enlisted Soldier for the 200th Military Police Command.

our BWC. Our BWC will be a week long and we have added some new events for this. Each brigade will also have an MP team to compete in MP Warfighter at the U.S. Army Military Police School.

I challenge each of you to make this command better and the best in the Army. If you identify a problem or an issue, ensure you work on a solution to it and address

it with your chain of command. I have an open door to you all. However, you need to address issues and concerns through your NCO support channel first.

Stand tall, stand proud and remember all eyes are upon you, for we are an MP Command and Soldiers and Family members expect more and hold us all to a higher standard. We remain the "Force of Choice."

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Kyle Terry and Sharyon Culberson act out a scene in their “Sex Signals” performance. The production raises awareness of sexual stereotypes and educates about the dangers of sexual assault. Soldiers in the audience held up stop signs to let the actors know when they had gone too far. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Brian K. Parker)

MPC Leads Sexual Assault Training

by Sgt. Brian K. Parker
200th Military Police Command

LINTHICUM, Md. – The 200th Military Police Command hosted a joint Unit Victim Advocate and Sexual Assault Response Coordinator training conference at the Embassy Hotel in Linthicum August 13-21.

Reserve Soldiers from around the country were invited to the conference. The training involved lectures from a mobile training team, videos about sexual assault, role-playing scenarios and a production called “Sex Signals,” a program that includes comedy, education and audience participation.

Gina Pagano, a senior Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, and Stacy Drones, a Victim Advocate/Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Training Specialist were the mobile trainers for the conference.

“We go to different installations and train the sexual assault coordinators in the field and also conduct virtual training,” said Pagano.

The training kicked off with overviews of the Department of Defense and Army sexual assault prevention and response programs and policy.

This led to a discussion on the roles of the UVA and SARC. As the week went on, the 130 Soldiers who were in

attendance realized their main role as a UVA or SARC.

Sgt. Tiona Wood-Gacutan, an NCO with the 200th MP Command, said the role of the UVA is to “be available for anybody that has a traumatic experience related to sexual assault and be someone to talk to while assisting them by getting information and providing some level of comfort.”

Providing advocacy and a source of support for the sexually assaulted Soldier is one of the many hats a UVA will wear, said Master Sgt. Joan Collins, the Equal Opportunity Advisor and Sexual Assault Response Coordinator for the 200th MP Command and organizer of the event.

The conference covered the steps on how to handle cases where the victim requests a restricted report and cases with an unrestricted report.

The trainees were given scenarios and small group discussions helped the Soldiers to navigate through such a life changing event for a victim.

“We are providing the tools the Soldiers may need as a UVA or SARC, especially if they go downrange,” said Drones.

“The Soldiers also gain empathy for the victims.”

The training was originally intended for subordinate units of the 200th

MP Command, but after consulting with Maj. Gen. Adolph McQueen, the commanding general of the 200th MP Command, Collins opened the training up to other units around the country.

“Once we contacted the United States Army Reserve Command, the floodgates opened up, allowing us to bring in other elements of training,” Collins said.

The large number of attendees allowed Collins to include “Sex Signals” as part of the training.

According to the “Sex Signals” website, the production has performed more than 1600 times at over 400 colleges and dozens of military installations and “the play explores how social pressures, unrealistic fantasies, power inequality and false preconceptions of the other sex all contribute to the tensions found in dating.”

During “Sex Signals,” the trainees were not only laughing at the improvised comedy from the actors, Kyle Terry and Sharyon Culberson, they were also participating by setting up scenarios and learning about sexual stereotypes, when to say “no” and how to intervene when they witness a sexual assault or harassment.

“The (Sex Signals) program I thought was a really entertaining and informative way of presenting that information,” said Staff Sgt. Ronald G. Pennington, a UVA trainee from the 375th Military Police Detachment in Columbus, Ohio.

“The overall training this week was enjoyable [...] the instructors were very knowledgeable and this training has benefited me a lot.”

“After this training, I’d like to see these Soldiers spread the word, to help prevent sexual assault and know the steps on what to do in the event a sexual assault occurred,” Collins said.

Soldiers, whether on active duty or in the Reserve, are encouraged to identify their unit UVA and SARC, so in the event they are sexually assaulted, they know who to turn to.

There are many resources available to victims of sexual assault including the Military Rape Crisis Center at www.stopmilitaryrape.org, or the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network that can be reached by phone at 1-800-656-HOPE or online at www.rainn.org



Spc. Brandon Wright, a cannon crewmember who is assigned to Battery B, 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, takes a photo to cross-reference it with known insurgents during an operation in Zafaranyah, Iraq. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Burrell, MND-B PAO, Courtesy of U.S. Army)

290th gets HIIDE, ramps up Train-the-Trainer class

by Capt. Miriam J. Harris
290th Military Police Brigade

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Handheld Identity Interagency Detection Equipment is a biometrics system that denies the enemy the advantage of anonymity and is a force multiplier and combat enabler for Soldiers.

The HIIDE training held at the 290th Military Police Brigade provided more than 20 Soldiers the chance to receive hands-on instruction with the newest addition to the brigade's inventory of equipment.

The 290th was selected to develop a HIIDE training support package in order to facilitate training in garrison, said Staff Sgt. Eric S. Baker, of the brigade S-3 staff.

"Since four of the five battalions are internment resettlement units, the training will provide deploying units with combat preparation opportunities," said Baker.

The train-the-trainer approach is the most effective and economical approach for providing initial exposure to the system, said 2nd Lt. Walter L. Hansen, the brigade S-2 officer-in-charge.

Hansen, who gained familiarity with the system during his yearlong deployment to Iraq, said that Soldiers can gain proficiency with the unit after three to four training sessions.

The HIIDE is used in the area of responsibility to identify, track, and build a registry of personnel who claim to

be U.S. allies. The device requires that a profile be set up to capture the fingerprints, handprints, retina scan and DNA of local national personnel.

"Most of the people in Iraq had no issue with submitting to the HIIDE because it is non-invasive," said Hansen.

The HIIDE is a scarce commodity stateside because most of the units are deployed. Most Soldiers' use the HIIDE first at the school house but typically do not use it again until it is used in training at the mobilization preparation center.

The push to train in garrison is part of a command emphasis to assist units in becoming mission ready and eliminate the learning curve associated with the device, said Col. Malcolm McMullen, deputy commander of the 290th MP Brigade.

"The next step in developing a training support plan is to build a holistic package that allows Soldiers to understand the system," said McMullen. "The final step in the TSP is to ensure Soldiers are able to execute the functions of the HIIDE to validate personnel in internment resettlement and at tactical check points."

Soldiers who attended the training came to a consensus when discussing the attributes of the HIIDE.

"Knowing how to use it is a skill every Soldier should have," said Sgt. Erik D. Kemp.

GUARDIAN JUSTICE:

Functional Training Refines MP Soldiers' Prowess

by Staff Sgt. Brett McMillan
200th Military Police Command

Getting a copious spray of Oleoresin Capsicum in your face is nobody's idea of a good time, but for hundreds of Soldiers in the 200th Military Police Command, it amounted to valuable training.

They participated in the command's Guardian Justice, an annual Training and Mobilization Training exercise from June 12 to 25 2010 at Camp McGregor, N.M.

In all, about 1,000 Army Reserve Soldiers of the command from across the nation and Puerto Rico participated in the training from February to June, sharpening their technical and tactical skills and learning new ones to better prepare for future missions.

Memories of the practical exercise and testing lane may last forever, as will the confidence gained from the experience.

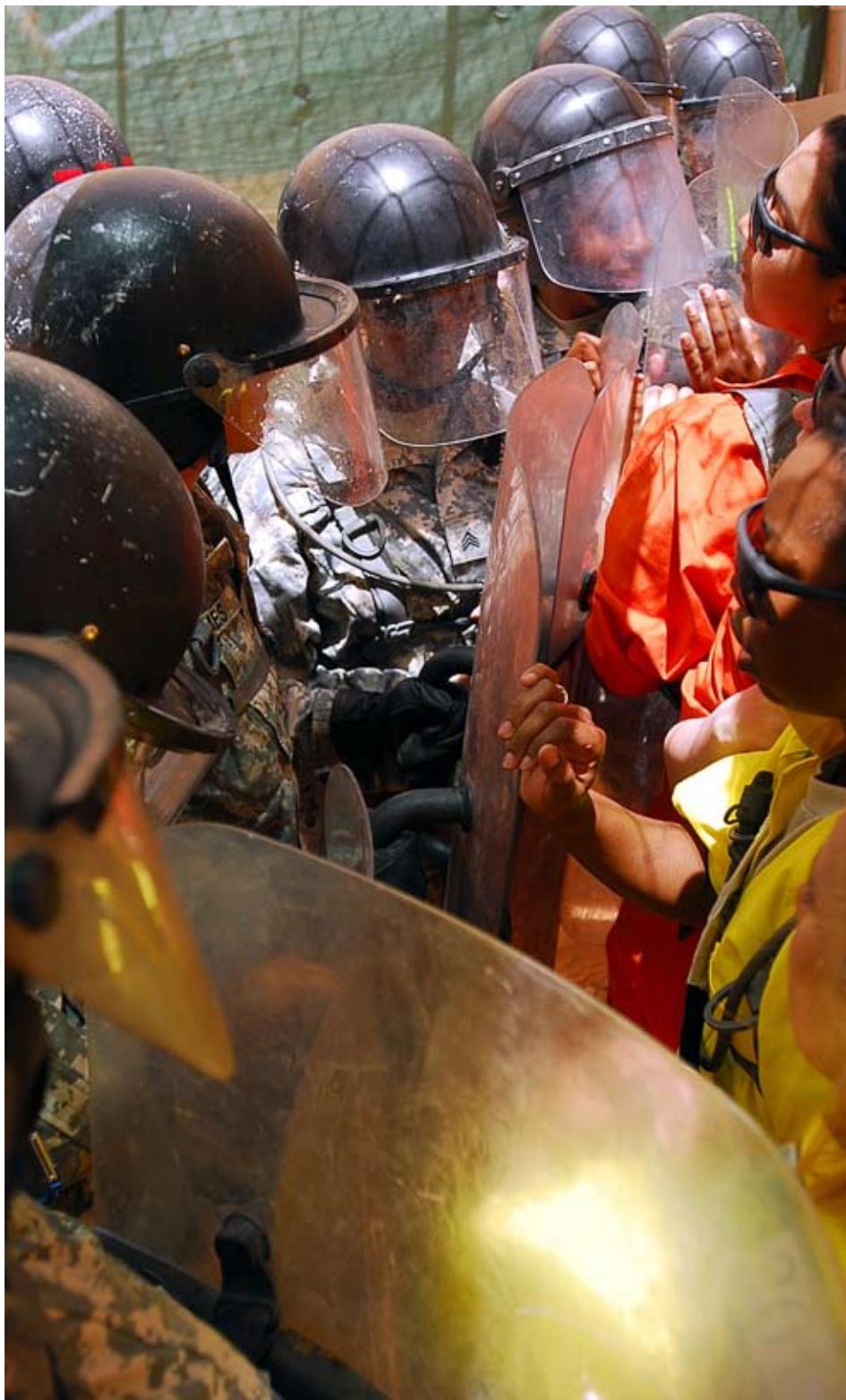
"It was two hours of pure torture," said Sgt. 1st Class Kimberly Webster, first sergeant of the 344th Military Police Company. "We had to perform baton take-down, forward strikes with baton, blocks and no-baton take-downs."

Webster and 52 of her Soldiers successfully completed the lane intended to give Soldiers the confidence that they could still protect themselves and perform their tasks if they were accidentally pepper sprayed. Several other practical exercises also gave troops a taste of what an MP may face in a riotous Theater Internment Facility.

At times the training was difficult and painful, and always hot, but rarely was a complaint heard.

"Morale is up; unit cohesion is up," Webster said as the 344th MPs packed to return home to Connecticut. "Soldiers got a chance to work with and train with other Soldiers outside their normal squads. I know they had a lot of fun. They got a variety of training. Every day was something different."

Training at Task Force Outlaw,



Soldiers and Soldier-"detainees" engage in Theater Internment Facility Operations training and testing June 19, 2010, at Camp McGregor, N.M. The Soldiers are among about 1,000 Soldiers of the 200th Military Police Command from across the nation and Puerto Rico participating in Operation Guardian Justice, an Annual Training and Mobilization Training exercise at the desert post. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Brett McMillan)

which simulated a Theater Internment Facility, was particularly good, said Spc. LaRissa N. Jones of the 602nd MP Company in Shreveport, La.

“The training as a whole was outstanding,” she said. “Since these are mostly Army Reserve companies, it was awesome to be pushed and worked out, also reminding us why we joined the military. I love doing what I do in the Army, and this is the best training I have had since [I joined] active duty six years ago. This AT rocked.”

Most of the Soldiers training at Guardian Justice were fulfilling an annual requirement, refreshing and honing their MP and Soldiering skills.

But for a few hundred Soldiers, the reality of Guardian Justice training struck a deeper chord. It was their final step before boarding a plane and deploying. The 372nd MP Company from Cumberland, Md., flew from Fort Bliss, Texas, to Afghanistan on June 20.

The 96th MP Battalion was also to deploy to Afghanistan shortly thereafter to begin training Afghani police forces. Soldiers of the 96th MPs led unarmed self-defense and detainee operations training throughout Guardian Justice to prepare for this mission. Other MP elements are also set to deploy soon.

Moments before boarding a plane June 20, 372nd Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Lease, operations noncommissioned officer in charge, said the company was “as ready as we can be” for the deployment. In addition to the training of Guardian Justice at Camp McGregor, the company previously trained for one month at Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif.

In addition to shaking hands with departing Soldiers, Maj. Gen. Adolph McQueen, commanding general of the 200th MPC, returned to the same airfield June 23 and 25, welcoming Soldiers home from deployment as the 447th MP Company arrived after serving a year overseas.

The 200th MPC was officially activated in May 2008, providing command and control of 98 percent of all Army Reserve military police in the U.S.



Maj. Gen. Adolph McQueen, commanding general of the 200th Military Police Command, observes his troops training during Operation Guardian Justice. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Brett McMillan)



344th MP Company's Pfc. Gabriel Otero (left) discharges any remaining electrical charge after firing “tasers,” June 22, 2010 at Camp McGregor, N.M. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Brett McMillan)



Cpl. Joshua Alves, TIF Operations trainer, 96th Military Police Battalion, trains a group of Soldiers on controlling riotous detainees during Operation Guardian Justice. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Brett McMillan)

ADVANCED SPECIAL AGENT TRAINING:



CID Battalion Perfects Old Skills, Plus Picks Up Some New Ones

*by Sgt. Darius R. Kirkwood
200th Military Police Command*

The Soldiers of the 733rd Military Police Battalion (CID) assembled en masse September 16-18 for what was to be an unparalleled training event with secondary effects that rivaled the education received.

While individual units regularly conduct training, this is the first time an entire battalion has done so in concert, providing an added sense of camaraderie and solidarity, said Command Sgt. Maj. Craig D. Owens, the battalion's top enlisted Soldier.

The Atlanta native also mentioned that bringing together so many Soldiers with such diverse civilian credentials made for an exponentially more valuable convention – Owens himself is a SWAT officer for a local law enforcement agency and has a Signal Corps background – with dozens of Soldiers employed as local and federal law enforcement officers in a number of different capacities.

This first edition of the battalion's Annual Special Agent Training, held at various locations in and around Charlotte, N.C., included presentations by several guest speakers who are experts in their respective fields, as well as a series of training stations that both challenged and refreshed the agents' skills in a number of tasks integral to the performance of their duties.

Several sister federal law enforcement agencies, as well as active duty CID agents, were invited to attend and observe the training in order to foster and build working relationships for the future.

"This was absolutely some of the best hands on training I've seen a collective unit conduct," said Mr. Chuck May, Special Agent-



Soldiers of the 733rd Military Police Battalion (CID) unearth a skeleton during outdoor crime scene training. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Darius R. Kirkwood)



A CID special agent training with the Federal Air Marshals of the Transportation Security Administration maintains control of a suspected terrorist using techniques learned during ASAT 2010. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Darius R. Kirkwood)



Mr. Ted Sarandis, an Army Reserve Ambassador from Massachusetts, fires a Heckler and Koch MP5 submachine gun with assistance from Special Agent E.J. Lococo Jr. during ASAT 2010. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Darius R. Kirkwood)

in-Charge of the Naval Criminal Incestigative Service field office at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

"The planning, resourcing, and execution of the training was absolutely remarkable. LTC Wright should be very proud of his Soldiers."

A number of industry vendors, such as Trijicon, Surefire, and Smith and Wesson also set up booths to increase the attendees' awareness of existing tools available to assist them in the warfight.

"This is a great opportunity for us to interact with our customers and show off what we've been up to in the industry," said Brian Castle from Wiley X.

Day 1: Classroom Training

Col. Sridhar Natarajan kicked off the conference with a case study in forensic pathology in support of an investigation. Natarajan, a medical examiner in Lubbock, Texas, used an actual grisly case involving a body that was stuffed in a suitcase and left at a trash dump to illustrate what his and others' expertise provides to an investigation.

In a case like this, the forensic pathologist examines evidence, the body, and its surroundings, and gives law enforcement officers his interpretation of what he thinks took place, Natarajan explained. Such information can be invaluable to CID agents investigating crimes within the U.S. and abroad.

The Department of Defense has increasingly used biometrics – the measure of a biological (anatomical and physiological) and/or behavioral characteristic that can be used for automated recognition, according to the DoD's Biometrics Identity



Management Agency – as a tool for identity verification of servicemembers and civilian employees, as well as individuals in Iraq and Afghanistan and detainees at Guantanamo Bay.

Col. Natalie Jacaruso, military deputy at BIMA, delivered a briefing to the special agents present concerning various systems currently in place and available to them in both theaters.

Most commonly used is the Handheld Inter-agency Identity Detection

Equipment, the world's first hand-held biometric identification device that can enroll, identify, or verify subjects using any of the three primary biometric sources: the iris, finger, or face, according to a release by L-1 identity Solutions, the maker of the HIIDE.

There are thousands of HIIDEs currently in use in both theaters that CID special agents and other servicemembers have used to collect hundreds of thousands of enrollments, which are then included

in the DoD's Automated Biometrics Identification System, the department's worldwide repository of biometrics.

The use of such systems, databases, and equipment to record biometric data has resulted in thousands of bad guys being taken out of the fight, said Jacaruso.

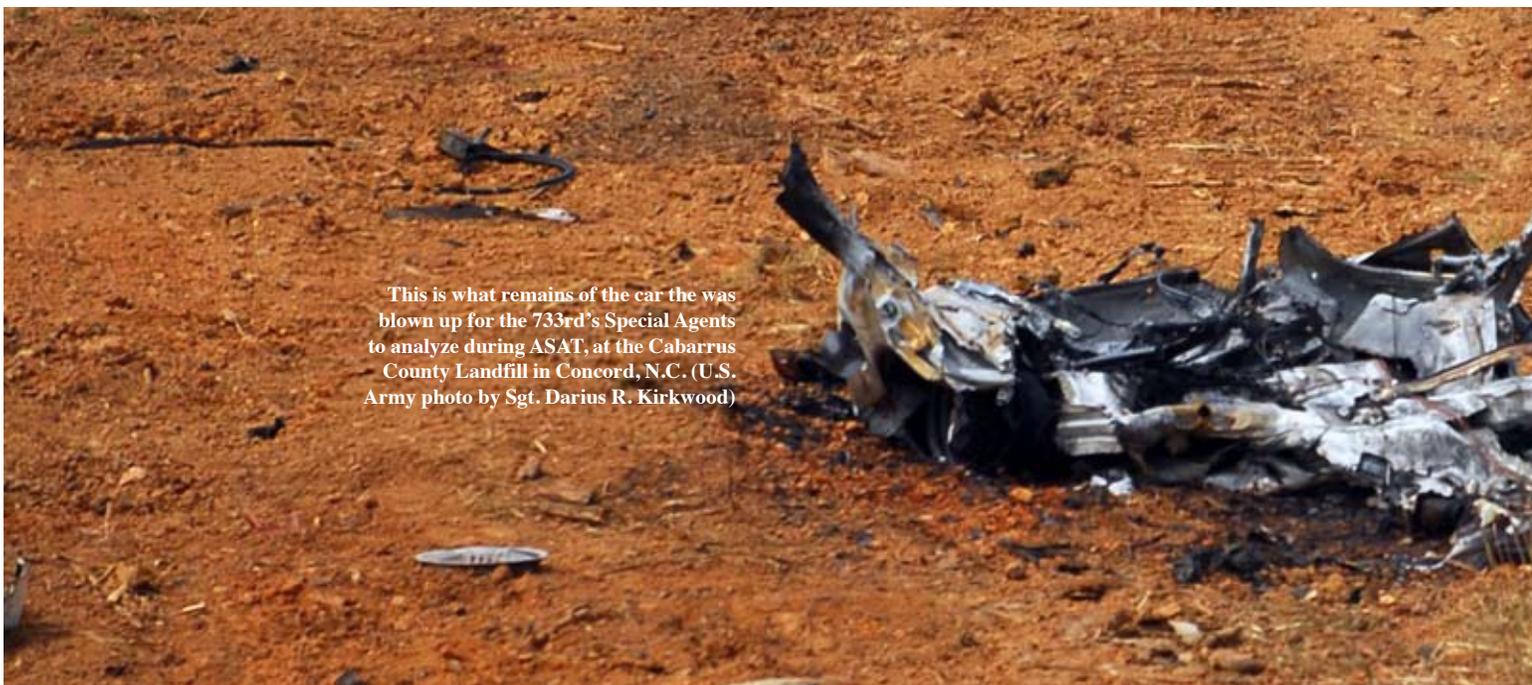
Other briefings included a presentation covering deployable forensics by Col. Martin Rowe, a former commander of the 733rd; advice for agents testifying in military court from Col.

Patrick Reinert, a JAG officer; and a presentation by several members of the U.S. Army Reserve Ambassador Program regarding the Employer Partnership of the Armed Forces.

Days 2-3: Field Training

While investigative work in a permissive environment is a critical portion of a CID agent's list of duties, often one needs to work in hostile territory, or where there is otherwise potential for violence.

To address this, the Soldiers attending ASAT



This is what remains of the car the was blown up for the 733rd's Special Agents to analyze during ASAT, at the Cabarrus County Landfill in Concord, N.C. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Darius R. Kirkwood)

spent considerable time at the Cabarrus County Police Department's firing ranges, where they familiarized and reacquainted themselves with several small arms used both by the CID exclusively and Army-wide.

The SIG Sauer P228, designated the M11 Compact Pistol, is employed by CID special agents in place of the more common M9 as it is smaller than the issued Beretta, which is crucial when needing to be discreet in street clothes.

"The Army purchased the SIG as a way for agents

to have a more reliable, concealable firearm," said Capt. Bryan Moulitis, S3 at the 733rd, and a civilian special agent with the Army CID Major Procurement Fraud Unit.

During the training, Soldiers had the opportunity to shoot the M11 from a variety of positions on a standard stationary range, and then employ some of those techniques during a combat course where they fired on specified targets while moving with both an M4 carbine and the SIG as their sidearm.

The added stress of having to keep moving while identifying targets is what makes this course so valuable, according to the officer in charge, Special Agent Marshall R. Few, who is assigned to the 307th MP Detachment (CID) in Jacksonville, Fla.

Few explained that in combat, standing still can have deadly consequences for a Soldier, and that the battle doesn't stop and wait for you to put in a new magazine. "You can draw your sidearm and continue engaging targets much

faster than you can reload your M4," he said.

Compactness and concealability are distinct advantages – among many others – of the ubiquitous MP5 submachine gun, which fires the same 9X19mm Parabellum cartridge as the M9 and the M11.

Protective service operations are a key mission for CID agents, and the MP5 affords them significantly increased firepower while still maintaining some discretion while performing such missions, said Special

Agent E.J. Lococo Jr., also of the 307th.

Each agent was able to familiarize themselves with the weapon, firing deadly accurate, controlled groups at an imposing rate of 700-900 rounds per minute.

"The MP5 is an extremely accurate close quarters weapon," said Moulitis.

"An experienced and well trained shooter can achieve extremely tight shot groups at 15-25 meters."

As if the field weapons training wasn't exhilarating enough, the 733rd was

afforded an unprecedented opportunity to train with Federal Air Marshals of the Transportation Security Administration in their life-sized mock-up of a 747 airplane in their Charlotte field office. The Federal Air Marshal Service mission is to detect, deter, and defeat hostile acts targeting U.S. air carriers, airports, passengers, and crews, according to the TSA Web site.

Because of the dangers inherent in their mission, FAMs must maintain strict standards, particularly in

regards to marksmanship. The tubular trainer allows them to continually refine their skills in a realistic environment, and in this case, the 733rd's agents were able to reap the benefits of this top-notch facility.

"We were honored to host the 733rd, their enthusiasm for the training was outstanding – it really motivated our trainers," said Special Agent J. Buchanan, a senior training officer.

"This is the first time in the history of our agency Army CID agents have ever been

permitted to receive this type of training. We hope our agencies will do more together in the future."

The protective service missions that are often an Army Reserve CID agent's bread and butter often includes escorting key personnel on and off the battlefield, a task that almost certainly involves traveling in an aircraft or some other relatively confined vessel. The benefits of training such as this – which teaches agents to remain anonymous as long as possible,



act quickly once engaged, and maintain control over the scene – is immeasurable.

Scenarios were performed using SIG 229 pistols, very similar to the firearm used by CID agents, though the FAMs weapon is chambered in .357 SIG. The pistols were loaded with Simunition rounds that realistically simulate the full recoil of live ammunition with a non-lethal projectile.

In addition to weapons training, the 733rd (*cont*) implemented several courses designed to polish their investigative skills.

During indoor and outdoor crime scene training, agents received excellent instruction from current and former experienced CID warrant officers. They were able to put their knowledge to use almost immediately while examining mock evidence sites like shallow graves outside, and a number of commonly encountered situations indoors, which often involves evidence that someone has attempted to clean up or is otherwise concealed.

With the assistance of an Air Force explosives ordi-

nance disposal technician and a 21-year veteran explosives specialist from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, a post blast course offered the opportunity to investigate a vehicle which had been blown up, much like agents would in a combat zone. Besides physically examining the blast scene, Staff Sgt. Kelly Lawrence of the Air Force Reserve's 439th EOD, and Special Agent Don W. Baucom of BATFE also provided the 733rd with hands-on classroom instruction on explosive devices

and gathering evidence from them after they have been detonated.

This first edition of ASAT proved to be an excellent investment in continued education and team-building, among geographically dispersed units with a common objective. While schoolhouse training cannot be replaced, unit training both at the company and battalion level alongside the Soldiers you will go to war with provides an advantage that cannot be replicated by any other means.



Pfc. Toan Nguyen, a paralegal at the 11th Military Police Brigade's 357th MP Company in Concord, Calif., listens attentively during the 200th's paralegal refresher training conference, which was held in Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 3-5. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Darius R. Kirkwood)

Legal Eagles hone skills at Music City conference

by Sgt. Darius R. Kirkwood
200th Military Police Command

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Interrogation operations, equal opportunity, foreign claims policy – these are but a few of the many subjects explored during a three-day paralegal refresher course conducted by the 200th MPC's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate Aug. 3-5, 2010 in Nashville, Tenn.

"This is the first time this type of training has been offered within an O&F (operational and functional) command," said Maj. John Dupon, chief of administrative law at the 200th's Fort Meade, Md., headquarters. "This training is offered at the judge advocate general school, but this is the first time any unit has put this training on."

Much of the course was taught by Sgt. 1st Class Steve Minyard, an instructor from The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in Charlottesville, Va., though the CJA's

present provided some instruction as well.

Dupon explained that while units do conduct annual onsite training events, they are generally more academic in nature and do not offer the hands-on experience that made this particular course of instruction so unique.

The training schedule boasted a laundry list of topics that a 27D may encounter in the course of executing their duties – ranging from current issues in a deployed environment, which they discussed while analyzing after-action reviews from Iraq and Afghanistan; the Law of War, which included weapon legality reviews and time-sensitive targets; to the ramifications of working in an internment facility, which was discussed by Col. William Deneke, who served as a military judge at Guantanamo Bay.

"This course reminded me of why I like this job," said Spc. Michael Terrill, a former infantryman serving at the 174th Judge Advocate Detachment in St. Petersburg, Fla. "I'm really glad I decided to come."

The 19 enlisted Soldiers in attendance all hailed from units in the 200th's downtrace, as did the three chief judge advocates that came to provide instruction and personalized guidance to the legal specialists.

"As opposed to onsite training, this is an opportunity for our command judge advocates to actually get to meet their paralegals. They may know them over the phone or through email, but this is the first time they've been able to sit down face to face with them so that each CJA can explain their vision for the way they want legal issues handled in their respective brigades," Dupon asserted.

443rd Military Police Company Deploys to Afghanistan

by Sgt. Brian K. Parker
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OWINGS MILLS, Md. – The 443rd Military Police Company held a farewell ceremony at the Staff Sgt. Isadore S. Jachman Army Reserve Center here Saturday prior to their deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Over 100 Soldiers were given a special sendoff with a ceremony attended by their families and friends.

The unit will be on the ground in Afghanistan in early 2011. Prior to deploying, the unit will receive theater-specific instruction during their pre-deployment training at Fort Bliss, Texas, where units generally prepare for up to three months.

This will be the second combat mobilization for the 443rd, which served as an Internment/Resettlement unit at Camp Cropper, Iraq, from February to December of 2003.

The unit was also mobilized to active duty immediately after September 11 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where they provided force protection to troops there for a year.

The primary mission of the 443rd while deployed to Afghanistan is to engage in any internment or resettlement missions and to support the 402nd Military Police Battalion.

While training at Fort Bliss, the primary focus is to transition from a home theater protection unit to wartime mission readiness, said 1st Lt. Reginald K. Seabrook, the commander of the 443rd MP Co.

Prior to deploying to Fort Bliss, the company trained at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., and Fort Dix, N.J., learning about anti-terrorism and culture awareness, as well as land navigation, room clearing techniques and working with Afghan nationals to become more aware of the cultural differences.

"It was good information and gave us a lot of new tactics that we didn't originally have and let us become familiar with the people in Afghanistan," said Spc. Mitchell H. Ston-

er, an MP from 3rd platoon.

"The cohesion you build during the training is paramount and is probably one of the most important aspects of training," said Staff Sgt. Kevin R. Kolbe, a Soldier that spent 10 years on active duty, but is getting his first deployment with the 443rd.

During the brief ceremony, Seabrook spoke about his appreciation of the family members for their support and how proud he and the other leaders in the company were of the Soldiers in the unit.

He stressed the importance of family and said, "We, as the 443rd, are going away as a family and we will be coming back as a family."

Seabrook then introduced the battalion executive officer of the 400th Military Police Battalion, Maj. Ricky Shawyer.

After highlighting the importance of family, Shawyer thanked the attending families

for their continued support. The leaders of each platoon then took turns speaking, reassuring the attending family members that everyone will come home safe and secure.

Staff Sgt. Josh Crimmel, the platoon sergeant of 1st platoon "Eagles," wanted to come back to the unit to deploy because of the high caliber Soldiers.

"There are an immense amount of committed Soldiers working collectively (in the unit) to ensure success, not only for their own teams and squads, but up through the platoon and the company," Seabrook said.

"These Soldiers are very dedicated, very open to changes, very supportive of their chain of command as well as being encouraging to one another, which is crucial for the team."

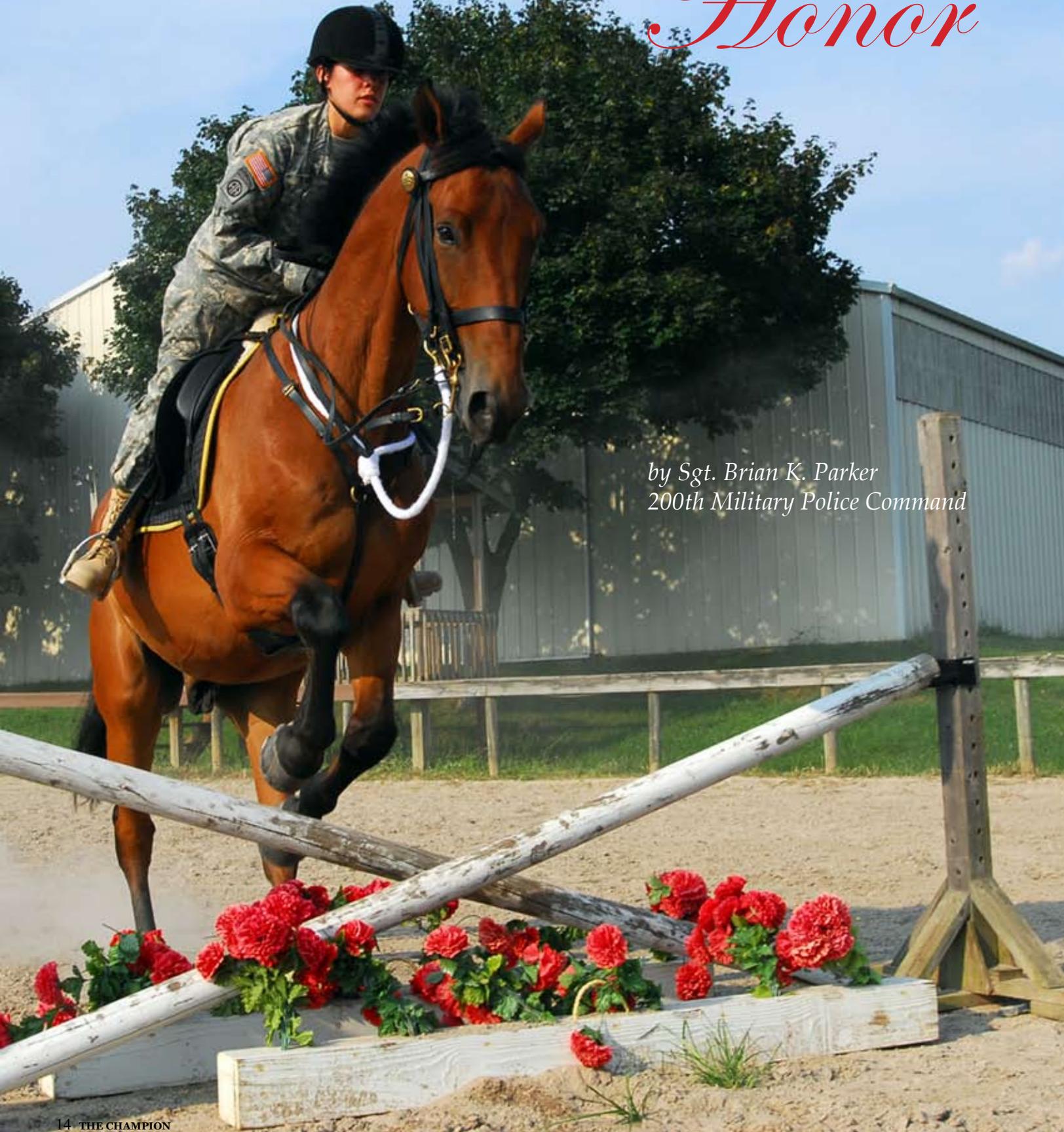
The unit will return from their deployment sometime in late January or early February 2012.



Soldiers look on as Staff Sgt. Josh Crimmel addresses family and friends of the 443rd Military Police Company during its farewell ceremony. After the ceremony, the unit departed to Fort Hood, Texas, where they conducted pre-deployment training. The company deploys to Afghanistan in early 2011. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Brian K. Parker)

200th MPC NCO Rides Horses to *Honor*

*by Sgt. Brian K. Parker
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Sgt. 1st Class Cindy A. Babb is no stranger to horsing around.

In addition to her duties as the training noncommissioned officer in the 200th Military Police Command, Babb rides her horse in ceremonies that range from marksmanship events to parades.

Babb began her interest in horses after joining the 4-H Club at the age of 15. She would clean and groom the horses, which is an important part of maintaining

a horse, she said. Now, with 14 years of military service and two deployments under her belt, Babb was able to afford the horse she always wanted.

"After my deployments, I was finally able to afford my horse, and I heard about a ceremonial horse platoon in Michigan," Babb said. After contacting the U.S. Army Reserve Blue Devils Horse Platoon, Babb became a member of the prestigious unit. The Blue Devils take part in various

events, including the annual Tulip Time parade in Holland, Mich., and the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event.

First formed in 1944 in Italy, the Blue Devils were originally members of the 88th Infantry Division intended for mounted reconnaissance patrols. After World War II, the horse platoon shifted their focus to competing in horse events around the world. The Blue Devils mission is to represent the United States Army and the United

States Army Reserve as a mounted ceremonial and equestrian sport unit and to complete this mission safely with dignity and honor.

In order to perform these missions flawlessly, training the horses begins at an individual level and consists of teaching the horse how to cope with large crowds. "We desensitize the horses by exposing them to loud noises and having lots of people come up to them," said Babb.

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Then-Sgt. 1st Class Cindy A. Babb, formerly a training NCO (who is now a Master Sgt. and the staff operations and training specialist) for the 200th Military Police Command, with her horse Calvin. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Brian K. Parker)

training, Babb enters her horse, Calvin, into horse shows. All of the horses in the ceremonial platoon must be competing horses, and at least 15.3 hands, which is a device used for measuring horse height, Babb said. Each "hand" is equal to 4 inches in height and the measurement is taken from the ground level to the highest point on the horse's withers.

When riding in the

ceremonies, Babb wears her dress blue uniform and joins other active and retired Army personnel in parades or flag-bearing events. Babb said her most memorable moments come when riding in the platoon and carrying the nation's colors. "Anytime you carry the colors, it gives you a real sense of pride," she said.

Along with her platoon mates, Babb will be participating in the World Eques-

trian Games at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Ky. The games are made up of the world championships for eight equestrian sports including dressage, driving, endurance, eventing, jumping, para dressage, reining and vaulting.

The platoon also hopes to partner with the Wounded Warrior Program in order to provide therapy for service members who have been wounded while fight-

ing overseas. The therapy would take place at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., said Babb. The horses are able to provide hippotherapy, which is a form of physical, occupational and speech therapy in which a therapist uses the movements of a horse to offer motor and sensory input to the patient.

(Portions of this article were taken from www.bluedevilshorseplatoon.org.)



One-year-old Andrew Wensel, of Kittanning, Pa., naps in his father's arms, Cpl. Charles Wensel, a supply Soldier for the 307th Military Police Company, during a deployment brief at a Yellow Ribbon conference in Coraopolis, Pa., held on Jan. 15. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Michel Sauret)

TRICARE partners with Yellow Ribbon to communicate benefits

*by Staff Sgt. Michel Sauret
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PITTSBURGH – More than a year ago, TRICARE extended its health coverage for reservists to six months before deployment, but hardly anyone knew about it.

TRICARE wasn't keeping secrets. They were putting benefits information out there for Military Families to know, but only few took advantage.

"The question becomes, 'What do they need to know, and when do they need to know it?' Then (we have to) be available when they have individual questions about TRICARE," said Dan Reay, director of field optimization for HealthNet Federal Services, which is the company that administers TRICARE.

TRICARE is a military specific health plan available for free to active duty Service Members. Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers don't receive TRICARE benefits for free unless they're called up to active duty.

For several years, TRICARE benefits were given to reservists 90 days before deployment. The coverage doubled to 180 days in October 2009 when the Army Reserve and National Guard noticed that three months wasn't enough for Soldiers to take care of health issues in time for deployment.

"The Soldiers are putting their life on the line on behalf of the United States. Knowing their families are taken care of (through health coverage) is one less thing they have to worry about," said Reay, who served 26 years in the Air Force.

But the coverage is no good if Soldiers don't sign up for it.

That's why this past weekend the TRICARE representatives took a new approach at informing Soldiers.

The 307th Military Police Company, of New Kensington, Pa., attended a Yellow Ribbon conference in Coraopolis for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan. This became a pilot unit for TRICARE in the way they would communicate benefits to Soldiers.

In years past, TRICARE held yearly briefings for units regardless of whether they were deploying or not. But in partnering with the Yellow Ribbon event, this was the first time TRICARE actually talked about benefits to Soldiers who were deploying in the near future. This ensures that Soldiers, and their attending family members, were much more likely to pay attention and take note.

"I've been around long enough to see how the Army



Staff Sgt. Jarrod Crist, a squad leader for the 307th Military Police Company out of New Kensington, Pa., shares a laugh with his fiancée, Merritt Woods, during a deployment brief at a Yellow Ribbon conference in Coraopolis, Pa., held on Jan. 15. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Michel Sauret)

changes to take care of Soldiers. TRICARE is part of that and I think it's all good," said Col. Marion Garcia, of Lewisburg, W.V., chief of staff for the 200th Military Police Command.

"We're definitely (moving) in the right direction. It shows progress. I see the look on (Soldiers') faces that says, 'Wow. All of this is really available to me?' I wish it wasn't a surprise (to them), but this is what this conference is for."

By giving Soldiers six months of health coverage instead of three they have more time to become comfortable with the program, and certainly more time to take care of

health issues. Already, reservists are required to take a yearly health assessment and doctor evaluation. Except, those assessments don't provide any treatment. With TRICARE, Soldiers can now receive any treatment they would need without having to wait until they are at mobilization site or military installation.

"They need the benefits now. They're getting ready to deploy and their family is staying behind, and they have the benefit of this Department of Defense program... It's all about readiness," said Reay.



Spc. Chris Boggs, a military police Soldier with the 307th Military Police Company, and his wife Tina give kisses to their daughter Hailee, 1, on break between deployment briefs at a Yellow Ribbon conference in Coraopolis, Pa., held on Jan. 15. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Michel Sauret)

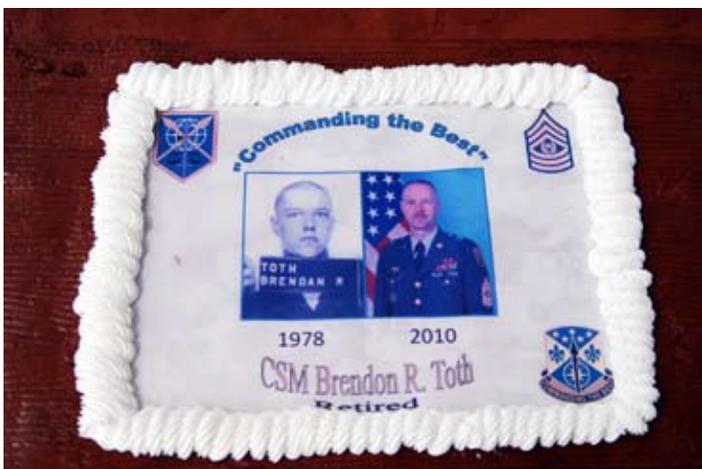
200th MPC's First Top E



After 30+ years of distinguished service to the U.S. Army, Command Sgt. Major Brendan R. Toth has hung up his hat for good. His career and achievements were celebrated during a ceremony at Fort Meade's FMWR Pavillion Dec. 11, 2010, with guests spanning the 200th's 15,000+ Soldier command. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Brett B. McMillan)



Command Sgt. Maj. Toth receives a gift from the 200th MPC's headquarters staff during his retirement dinner, held at Fort Meade's Club Meade on the evening of Dec. 11, 2010. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Darius Kirkwood)



This cake from Toth's retirement ceremony features his initial entry photo from 1978, and the last official photo he took before retiring. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Brett B. McMillan)



Toth with another retired E-9, retired Sgt. Maj. Woodrow Jones, who was previously the assistant Inspector General at the 200th MPC. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Darius Kirkwood)



Toth, his wife Sharon, and their son Kyle listen to the speaker during his retirement ceremony. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Brian K. Parker)



Toth with another yet another retired E-9, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Michele S. Jones, who was the first woman to serve as the highest ranking noncommissioned officer of any of the Army's components, active or reserve. Jones was the guest speaker at Toth's retirement dinner. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Darius Kirkwood)

Enlisted Advisor Retires

by Maj. Edward R. McCray
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Leaving a legacy is not something Command Sgt. Maj. Brendan Toth thought much about during his 33 year career. But a legacy of confidence, caring and integrity is what he created over his many years of service as a drill sergeant, military police officer and senior leader of Soldiers.

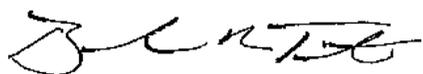
After 33 of military service and a combat tour in Iraq Command Sgt. Maj. Toth retired on December 11, 2010. He spent his last three years of Reserve service as the top enlisted Soldier of the 200th Military Police Command at Fort Meade, Md.

Reflecting on his career, Toth commented that what he will miss the most is "spending time with Soldiers, listening to their concerns and giving them advice on advancing their careers."

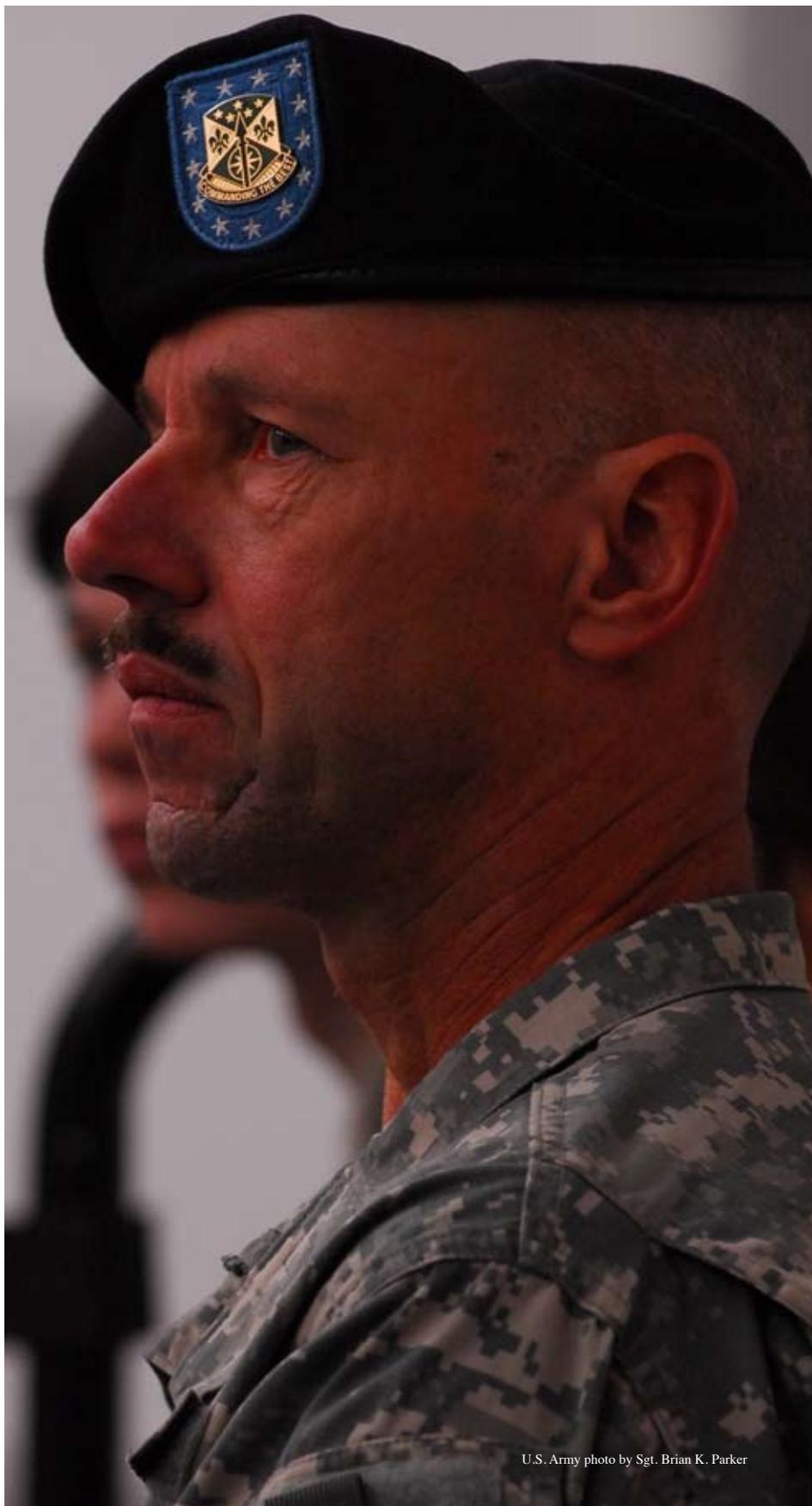
"What I look forward to in my retirement is easy," Toth said. "Spending time with Sharon and Kyle." As a husband and father Toth attributes much of his success as a leader to the sacrifices and support that his family has made and provide him with through the years.

Toth's leave this parting thought for the Soldiers that continue to serve;

"Seek out challenges, always be honest, and stay true to the Army Values in everything you do."



-Retired Command Sgt. Maj.
Brendan R. Toth



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Brian K. Parker



Special Agents from the 733rd MP Battalion (CID) examine the remains of a device that was exploded in a controlled environment during the unit's Advanced Special Agent Training, held in Charlotte, N.C., in September 2010.

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