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Exceeding the Standard! 526th MP CO (I/R) Selected as the BG Thomas F. Barr Award Winner



On 23 October 2009, the Army Corrections Command (ACC) announced the selection of the 526th Military Police Company (I/R) Guardians as the Fiscal Year 2009 BG Thomas F. Barr Award winner. The BG Barr Award is presented to the best corrections I/R unit in ACC. The Guardians will now compete for the BG Jeremiah P. Holland Award, a competition which selects the best Military Police unit in the Army. Winning the Barr Award is a testament to the dedication and commitment of the Soldiers and families of this truly great company. Any Soldier can perform duties that require them to work Monday-Friday, but it takes a special Soldier to conduct shift work through weekends and holidays. This does not take into account the required training it takes to maintain a deployment ready Military Police Company. The training conducted by the phenomenal NCOs of the 526th ensured outstanding performance inside the walls of the United States Disciplinary Barracks as well as preparing Soldiers for possible contingency operations anywhere in the world.

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Army Corrections Command At the Tip of the Spear

SGM Borrero/SFC Abold

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In response to a RFF from Task Force 134, some 10 NCOs deployed between the period of May 09 to Aug 09 in support of the Detention Operations Mission of the Task Force. Dispersed throughout the task force footprint, these NCOs bring the correctional SME perspective to the fight.

Upon arrival into the theater the NCOs were dispersed to support the following functions:

Corrections Assessment Transition Teams (CATT). SFC Steele, SSG Mobley, and SSG Irwin work directly with the 32nd MP CO and travel out to various Government of Iraq (GoI) facilities and assist/advise during the assessment of some 20 plus Iraqi Corrections System (ICS) facilities. Through their efforts they have helped to start bi-lateral assessments with Iraqi counterparts conducting assessments along side of the US Coalition forces. End state would be the full stand up of an Iraqi audit and assessment process similar to the ACA audit and TAV each ACS facility faces annually.

Detainee Air / Ground Transfers / Releases (DATS). Although this is nothing more than a prisoner transfer to 3IEs over here the sheer size and coordination for these moves to happen takes planning and coordination from the BDE level on down. SSG Mobley has served as the 3IE advisor and NCOIC of several of these missions and through concerted efforts we have been here to witness the historic closure and final transfer from the Bucca TIF, leaving only the Taji and Cropper TIFs remaining.

Iraqi High Tribunal Courts (IHT). SFC Abold serves and the NCOIC of a 60 person detention facility ran by both Iraqi and Coalition Forces. Through his expert leadership and correctional expertise he has developed SOPs and provided re-enforcement training for both the Iraqi Correctional Officers (ICOs) and US Forces assigned, totaling over 150 trained; all the while ensuring that the detainees from both Coalition Forces and Iraqi facilities are treated with dignity and respect as they go through the Iraqi court system. SFC Abold provides oversight for famous detainees like "Chemical Ali" to name one of the more infamous persons that have had to spend time at this facility.

Cropper Theater Internment Facility is where the rest of the team is at with MSG Provost leading the charge as the TIF NCOIC. MSG Provost provides the 3IE expertise for a facility that houses over 3200 detainees. He directs the Sergeants of the Guard, SFC Truman, and SSG Varnado, and provides oversight for the operations of five different compounds to include the Special Housing Unit where SSG Dayus and SSG Gilbert both work. To say that the 3IEs have made their mark is an understatement as every day these Noncommissioned Officers face the worst of the worst and epitomize professionalism in all they do.

As the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the BDE CDR, my duties cover Force Flow, Information Operations (IO), Linguist Management, Corrections Training Center (CTC) oversight, CATT mission oversight, ICO management, and a member of the Brigade Assessment team. In this capacity I am able to participate in CATT mission, DAT mission, provide counsel on SOP changes within the two remaining TIFs and most importantly assist the other 3IE NCOs in any capacity that I can. Since being here we have stood up a temporary facility that housed US Citizens facing criminal charges, participated in the transition of the Corrections Training Center (CTC) to the Iraqi government which will become official on 15 Dec 09. This center has trained over 1700 ICOs to operate in both Coalition and Iraqi facilities since May of this year.

So what does this all mean, well the pace of business is good and as we have just passed our half way point we are looking forward to being able to say mission accomplished. Vanguards of Justice Out.

Listed below are a few individual accomplishments since the beginning of the deployment:

SSG Timothy Irwin has completed over 30 credit hours of college courses.

SFC Lee Abold was inducted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

SSG Richard Mobley recently reenlisted.

Five of the NCO's scored over 290 on their recent APFT test

SSG Jason Gilbert admitted into the FOB Cropper 300 Club for bench pressing over 315 lbs.

Pictured left to right, SSG Mobley, SGM Borrero, SFC Steele, COL Inch, MSG Provost, SSG Varnado, SFC Kennedy, SFC Truman and SFC Abold.





Behind the Walls

Peter J. Grande, CCE
MCC Chief of Staff

United States Disciplinary Barracks (USDB) Commandants

The USDB, formerly the United States Military Prison (USMP) has had 49 Commandants since Congress authorized the establishment of a military prison in 1874. Per Webster's dictionary, the word Commandant means "Commanding Officer." The title "Commandant" is what we all use when referring to the USDB Commanding Officer, but there have been other titles for this leader over the years. The other printable titles were: Governor, Warden, Old Man, Old Lady (not received well), and Brigade Commander.

The typical USDB Commandant's profile is a Military Police Colonel serving a two-year brigade command tour. However, that has not always been the case. Of the 49 Commandants, 26 were Military Police, eight were Infantry, six were Cavalry, two were Field Artillery, and two were Coastal Artillery. The remaining five were civilian Wardens. Two were from the U.S. Department of Justice, and three were from the Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP).

To command a military organization is a privilege for commissioned or warrant officers. The privilege to be the USDB Commandant also includes the responsibility of being a Brigade Commander. The military rank to command the USDB has varied over the years and members of the Army holding military grades are eligible for the privilege to command. The ranks of the Commandants have been as low as a Captain and as high as a Brigadier General with the last 39 Commandants being Colonels.

The tenure of command is normally two years unless sooner terminated. Most of the Commandants were good at planning the date of their change of command exactly 24 months while other departed shy of that mark because of medical reasons or reassignment orders. There were several Commandants who exceeded that threshold: CPT Asa P. Blunt, 2nd Commandant, holds the record with 10 years and 10 months; CPT James W. Pope, 3rd Commandant, commanded seven years and seven months; and COL James W. Davis, 24th Commandant, with seven years and three months. The shortest record for command is held by COL H.R. Sprinkle, 29th Commandant, with only three months. The Commandant's demographics include 48 males and one female with 46 white and 3 black. MAJ James M. Roberston, the first Governor, USMP, was the first white male, while COL Crispus C. Nix, 35th Commandant, was the first black male. COL (now BG) Colleen L. McGuire, 46th Commandant, was the only female.

There are hundreds of buildings, halls, roads, and statues named after famous leaders on Fort Leavenworth. These leaders either served at Fort Leavenworth or had ties to the Fort and made significant contributions to the Fort's mission or were honored after being killed in action. CPT James W. Pope, 3rd Commandant, had the Vocational Industries Building located inside the walls of the old USDB named after him. This building was built in 1963 with the majority of the funding from the FBOP. COL James W. Harrison Jr., 47th Commandant, had a road dedicated in his honor on 1 November 2007. COL Harrison was killed in action outside the Afghani National Detention Facility, Pul-i-Charkhi, Afghanistan, while serving as the Director, Detainee Capabilities Directorate, Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan. Two Commandants are interred at the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery: COL Darrell D. Kasson, 32nd Commandant, with grave marker P-95 and COL Harrison with grave marker K-152.

Many Commandants upon retirement from the Army continued their careers in corrections. COL Steven Andraschko, 45th Commandant, is currently the Deputy Director, Army Corrections Command; COL Orson L. McCotter, 36th Commandant, was the Director of Texas and Utah Department of Corrections; COL Paul W. Grossheim, 34th Commandant, was the Director of Iowa Department of Corrections; and COL Nix was the Warden, Iowa Department of Corrections. COL Harrison and COL Mark S. Inch were the only two Commandants to become Certified Corrections Executives by the Commission on Correctional Certification and the American Correctional Association.

ACC Command Team



COL Kat Miller

ACC was created to provide a single headquarters to exercise command and control, operational oversight and policy support for the Army Corrections System (ACS). And together, we have made significant progress in developing common policy, defining and defending our budget and facility requirements, and sharing best business practices.

However, one of ACC's most important responsibilities is to advocate across the Defense Department on behalf of Soldiers, civilian staff, volunteers and the prisoners in our care. To build that advocacy, I need your help telling the corrections "story."

One of the many ways to tell that story is to publicize your accomplishments. As an example, since 1970 the MP Corps has helped spotlight MP accomplishments by awarding the BG JP Holland award to the best MP company. 38 units have received this prestigious award- each one of them well deserving of the honor. Missing, however, has been representation by our great corrections units. With the creation of the BG Thomas Barr Award, we can now showcase these accomplishments and ensure that corrections companies have the opportunity to compete at the HQDA competition.

Our lead article in this newsletter is the selection of the 526th MP Company as the Army's first Barr award winner. One of the Army's newest designs and a recently activated formation, the 526th quickly and decisively established itself as force to be reckoned with. This company is absolutely representative of the great people and organizations across ACS, but they are not the only superstars in the command.

I encourage everyone in the ACS to showcase your units by competing for individual and unit awards; by writing articles in your local newspapers; by participating in PAO outreach activities; and by helping non MP formations prepare for detention operations. We have such a tremendous story to tell, but too often only negative news (what little there is) gets the headlines. In over 30 years of service I have never served in an organization that made me prouder. You have earned bragging rights. So go ahead—toot your collective horns!

Congratulations to the Soldiers of the 526th Military Police Company for their selection as the best Military Police I/R Company in the Army. The BG Thomas F. Barr award is a prestigious award and their sustained superior performance throughout the year easily earned them top honors. I was very impressed by their numerous achievements, particularly their amazing 271 APFT average with 56% of the Soldiers earning the Army Physical Fitness Badge.

Since most of you don't have the time to read the Senate Armed Services Committee conference report, I thought I would take a few minutes to highlight some of the areas I think are most important to us. Senator Carl Levin (D-MI), Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, and Senator John McCain (R-AZ), Ranking Member, announced 7 Oct 09 the contents of the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 conference report. Senator Levin said "The enactment of this conference report will send an important message to our troops that we, as a Nation, stand behind them and appreciate their service". The National Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 2010 includes:

- \$164 billion for military personnel, including costs of pay, allowances, bonuses, survivor benefits, permanent change of station moves, and military health care.
- a 3.4 percent across-the-board pay raise, 0.5 percent above the budget request and the annual increase in the Employment Cost Index.
- Authorizes FY2010 active-duty end strength for the Army of 562,400.
- Authorizes the Secretary of Defense to increase the Army's active-duty end strength by 30,000 above 2010 levels during FY2011 and FY2012 if sufficient funding is requested in the budgets for those fiscal years.
- Prevents increases in co-payments for inpatient care at civilian hospitals under TRICARE Standard during FY2010.
- Extends to September 2013 the option for service members to carry over 75 days of leave from one fiscal year to the next.
- Requires the Secretary of Defense to establish a website for service members and their families to provide current information on the benefits available to them, including retirement and survivor benefits, and offsets required by law.
- Repeals the authority for the National Security Personnel System (NSPS) and requires the transition of NSPS employees to previously existing civilian personnel systems, while providing DOD with new personnel flexibilities – in the areas of hiring and assigning personnel and appraising employee performance – that would extend across the entire DOD civilian workforce.
- Phases in the allowance of unused sick leave to be applied toward length of service for purposes of computing a retirement annuity under the Federal Employee Retirement System.

This Bill is proof that the civilian leadership in Washington DC is committed to taking care of Soldiers, civilians and our families by giving us the resources necessary to be the world's best Army.

Thank you for all the sacrifices you make for our great ARMY!!

For those interested the entire 32 page Press Release can be accessed on the ACC website.



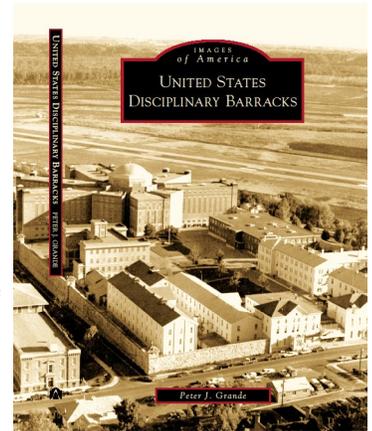
CSM Jeff Plemmons

A New Book on the USDB is Published

Peter J. Grande

On 4 January 2010, a pictorial history book on the "United States Disciplinary Barracks" will go on sale from Arcadia Publishing, Images of America series. On 21 May 1874, Congress approved the establishment of the United States Disciplinary Barracks (USDB), formerly the United States Military Prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The original prison was formerly a Quartermaster Depot, supplying all military posts, camps, and stations in the Indian Territory to the West. It has been the "Center of Correctional Excellence" in the military for over 130 years housing the most notorious service members in the Armed Forces, including maximum custody inmates and those with death sentences. On 5 October 2002, retreat was played for the last time in front of the eight-storied castle inside the old USDB and a new era started with the occupation of a new modern correctional facility.

The author is LTC(R) Peter J. Grande, Chief of Staff, USDB. The credit for making this book possible belongs to all the individuals over the years that took the pictures and documented the history of the United States Disciplinary Barracks in the annual historical summaries. The book's ISBN is 9780738560199 and the cost is \$21.99. The author's proceeds from this book are donated to the Military Police Regimental Association to support the Military Police Memorial Grove.



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ISG Baker

The Soldiers of the 526th exceeded standards in all categories and achieved a 271 company APFT average, a 100% qualification rate on all assigned weapon systems with over 50% expert on the M16 and M9. Additionally, the Soldiers of the 526th had numerous Soldiers recognized for their individual performances such as being selected as a member of the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, winning the Battalion level boards and receiving Coins of excellence from the Combined Arms Center Commander and the Sergeant Major of the Army. Being selected as the winner of the BG Thomas F. Barr award is a significant accomplishment that would not have been possible without the dedication of all Guardians. On December 8th 2009 a small ceremony was conducted at the USDB and COL Miller presented a trophy to the Soldiers of the 526th.



COL Miller, Commander Army Corrections Command, and CSM Plemmons, CSM Army Corrections Command, present the first BG Thomas F. Barr award to CPT Cagle, Commander 526th MP Co I/R and ISG Baker, ISG 526th MP Co I/R at a ceremony held at the USDB on 8 December 2009. In remarks to the ongoing mid-shift information, CSM Plemmons said, "In looking at their training and education statistical submissions for the Award I can tell you this about the 526th; they will kill you. If they don't kill you, they will out-think you. If they don't kill you or out-think you, they will out run you."

Resource Management News

Mary Gordon

Welcome!

The Resource Management Division would like to officially announce the assignment of Mr. Malanio Lipscombe on 11 October 2009. Malanio will serve as a Command Budget Analyst primarily involved with current year budget execution. We are so pleased to have Malanio on the team. He brings with him 10+ years of Budget/Financial expertise from the Fort Myer, Virginia garrison in both Appropriated Fund and Non-Appropriated Fund programs. Please feel free to contact Malanio directly at 703-428-7710 or DSN 328-7710.

Winter Driving Safety

Sylvia Mitchell

Winter is fast approaching and this is a good time to prepare vehicles for the change in weather. Preparing to adjust driving habits can be the biggest challenge. So here are some quick tip reminders for driving safely during winter months:

Recognize some common hazards of winter driving: Increased chance of skidding due to slick roadways, visibility reduction due to dirt, sand or snow on the windshield, potential hypothermia if stranded.

When preparing for a trip you should plan ahead and anticipate stops, check the road conditions. Completely remove snow from all the windows, and lights. Inspect the fluids, wiper blades, tires, belts, and hoses. You should keep a cell phone charger for emergencies, at least a half tank of gas to avoid condensation and a small bag of sand in the back of your car for traction.

Having a good Winter Automobile Emergency Kit only takes a few minutes and will make everyone feel more secure. Include things like an ice scraper/snow brush, shovel, sand, tow rope/chain, booster cables/jumper cables, road flares/warning lights, gas line antifreeze, flashlight with batteries, properly inflated spare tire, wheel wrench, tripod type jack and non perishable energy foods like hard candy, granola bars, and juice etc.

Driving on a snowy road can be tricky but the following precautions may reduce the risks: decrease speed, brake gently, turn on lights, use low gears for traction, don't use cruise control and watch out for over confidence in four wheel driving, first snow, black ice, visibility, traction control, early braking, and big trucks. Remember snow plow operators are there to keep the roads clear so be patient, don't pass, give them generous distance, watch your speed, and that they may not see you.

Finally, in the event you do get stuck, you will need to create traction so avoid spinning your wheels, rock the vehicle back and forth, give light gas, remove snow from around wheels, pour sand, gravel or kitty litter under wheels, shift from forward to reverse. If you become stranded you must realize it may take help a while to get to you after your emergency cell phone call so stay warm, light two flares, keep windows slightly cracked for fresh air, run vehicle a few minutes at a time. If you are involved in an accident you should move to the right side of the road, use your cell phone, stay warm, eat hard candy to keep your mouth moist, stay in your car, but if you need to get out of the car have someone accompany you.

Safety is everyone's responsibility!

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Professional Development

Daily Operations: Collecting Information and Privacy Act

Sylvia Mitchell

Did you know bits of information collected here and there by unscrupulous characters could cause a lot of damage globally, nationally and yes, even personally?

For this reason alone, it is everyone's responsibility to protect the information they are collecting, and storing on individuals (staff and prisoners) within the Army Corrections Command.

Personal Identifiable Information (PII) "refers to information which can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, such as their name, social security number, biometric records, etc. alone, or when combined with other personal or identifying information which is linked or linkable to a specific individual, such as date and place of birth, mother's maiden name etc." "...the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a) as amended, protects individuals from unwarranted intrusion that are living citizens of the United States and aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence", in accordance with Army Regulation (AR) 340-21.

When handling PII (prisoner or staff) during daily operations staff members should employ the following practices: Do not collect PII without proper authorization; Only collect PII that is necessary to accomplish official business; Do not share PII with other employees, unless it is needed to accomplish official business; Secure PII records in a locked cabinet with authorized access only; Challenge anyone who asks to see PII and their need to know; Ensure all emails, faxes, letters are marked with "For Official Use Only-(FOUO)"; Do not place PII on public facing websites or shared drives; Emails containing PII's must be encrypted; Any PII that is contained or maintained on "Mobile" equipment (PDAs, Flash Drive, etc.) must be encrypted; Destroy PII by any means that prevents or renders the information unrecognizable or beyond reconstruction.

Required reporting of all incidents compromising PII are in accordance with facility SOPs and will include the following notifications; US-CERT within one hour HTTP: WWW.US-CERT.GOV, Army Leadership at PII.REPORTING@US.ARMY.MIL, and Army FOIA /PA Office within 24 hours at <https://www.rmda.army.mil/privacy/foia-incidentreport1.asp>.

Remember, PII should always be treated as if it were your own information!

ACC Working Group Victim/Witness, Sex Offender Registration, DNA Working Group and Army Corrections Information System (ACIS) Application for V/W, SOR, DNA

Laura Mitchell

Army Corrections Command (ACC) had the great opportunity to sponsor its first Working Group here at the headquarters in Alexandria, VA. Each of the Army Corrections System (ACS) facilities was able to send a representative that works in those areas. SSG Schweitzer from Korea, Ms. Wiley from Germany, Ms. Bickham from Ft Lewis, WA, Ms. Nelson from Ft Sill, OK, Mr. Holland from Ft Leavenworth, KS, SGT Jordan from Quantico/Norfolk, VA Liaison. Attending from ACC were Mr. Patterson, Ms Mitchell (Sylvia), Mr. Kester, Mr. Ball, myself and "special guest appearance" Mr. Haasenritter from Army Review Board Agency (ARBA).

Day One: We reviewed each facility's SOP's, policy letters, notification letters, and desk top instructions. We reviewed and discussed the applicable Department of Defense Directives (DODD), Department of Defense Instruction (DODI), DOD Policy, AR 190-47, and Applicable Laws. Most importantly, was the open discussion on the common issues the field shares in these areas.

Day Two: The working group went to Lockheed Martin and met the COPS/ACIS Team. This gave the facilities the opportunity to see the system at the developer's level. We covered some of the problems we are having in ACIS in the above areas and looked into future development.

It was an aggressive two day training session but extremely productive. A special thanks to our attendees! Let me tell you how amazing they were. With less than five days reaction time, each representative was able to rearrange their schedules, set travel in DTS, deal with major time changes, the Nation's Capital, and be present and ready to work on 15 and 16 September. Facility Commanders, thank you for releasing your staff on such short notice!



USACF-E



A Word from the USACF-E SGM

SGM Borlin

It has been a great year for the organization and all the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and civilians assigned. Our warriors have had a significant impact on the current Overseas Contingency Operations. Our organization has been represented by great Soldiers assigned down range in regards to Detainee Operations. This type of operation has strategic implications to our nation as the world looks on. Only the best trained and qualified Soldiers operate under this type of scrutiny. Our Soldiers have executed under this scrutiny with flying colors and have had a direct impact on the future of how Detainee Operations is conducted. However, these Soldiers could not have executed this critical mission to the high degree of standard without first remembering "Where they came from". It is the training and more importantly the experience our Soldiers obtain in the day to day operations of running a Correctional Facility. A Correctional Facility is the only place that our Soldiers can get the training and experience to qualify them to work with the worst of the worst in the world of Detainee Operations. Our job is not a thankful one... You never hear of anything good happening in Corrections or Detainee Operations, you only hear about the failures. This is not the measuring stick to be graded by. Every day our warriors go to work in Correctional Facilities and Detainee Operations throughout the world and good things happen. Our counts clear, our staff goes home safely and we provide a safe environment for prisoners, detainees and surrounding communities. We do not have a high recidivism rates from our prisoners and many of them go on to lead productive lives. Only professionals can obtain these type of results. I would like to quote a Military Police article dated May of 2000. "From the dawn of time they came. A hardy breed of Soldiers whose destiny was to watch over the corrupt and incorrigible. Their purpose would be to protect the rest of society and humanity from those who sought to do harm and injustice. Their life would be one of long hours, dangerous encounters, and wartime missions performed daily. Without the protection of a sidearm or baton, they maintain custody and control of the military criminal element around the world. Across the centuries they have been called turnkeys, prison guards, cage kickers, jailer, and corrections specialist. This list of nicknames for the personnel who work the military police prison is nearly as varied as the number of daily missions they are tasked to carry out." This is as true today as it was when I came into the CMF in 1983.



The USACF-E has been blessed by many projects from DPW over the last year. We have had a completely new Gym floor installed and our Air Force Liaison, TSgt Shova, did a great job in hunting down and upgrading our gym equipment. We had many renovations completed in our DFAC. Much was needed to meet our daily requirements and some was just to give us a better operating dining facility. Our grand opening on Thanksgiving was a big hit with the 21st TSC Commander, MG McQuiston. Our 92G Soldiers have done a wonderful job throughout the year in support of the prisoner population as well as the staff. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

We had a great visit with our Commandant of the Military Police Corps Regiment. BG Phillips spent time with the great warriors of the USACF-E. He presented several Soldiers and Airmen with Regimental Coins for their contributions to our mission and that of the Military Police Corps. MG McQuiston and BG Wells paid the facility a visit and were given a brief and tour of the facility. Both Generals were impressed with our operations and were dedicated to assisting our facility in its future for current operations and future.

Mr Born, our master carpenter as well as the employment section, was recently recognized by CSM Beam, USAREUR Command Sergeant Major for their efforts in designing and building some beautiful gift boxes that will be presented on behalf of CSM Beam dignitaries and VIPs. CSM Beam was also presented with one our patent pending paddles. All projects that we are currently sending out now have our trademark emblem laser etched on the bottom. We are determined to leave our mark all over Germany in any place we can.

Finally, the facility, through the hard work of local contractors and our DFAC personnel, proudly served our annual Thanksgiving holiday meal to our inmates, staff and their Family members. This was no small feat seeing how the DFAC renovations were scheduled for completion in mid-December. The event was very lively and joined by the 95th MP Battalion Commander, LTC Duane Miller, as well as the 18th MP Brigade Command Team, COL Thomas Evans and CSM Brenda Curfman. All proudly took their place in the chow line and served the 9th MP Detachment personnel and their Family members. The event would not be complete without a visit from a General Officer. This year the Senior Mission Commander, BG Smith (Commander, 5th Signal Command) paid the facility a visit and praised the DFAC staff for their hard work and dedication to the mission.

Again, I would like to congratulate the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Civilians on such a great effort and success as a team this last year. I look forward to the teamwork to come and the continued success that are ahead of this great organization.

"Justice with Integrity"



USACF-E



BG Phillips admiring the USACF-E woodshop.



BG Phillips commenting on our Memorial display for COL Harrison and MSG Sabalu.



New Gym floor.



New weight equipment in our gym.



DFAC loading dock undergoing renovations.



DFAC undergoing renovations.



Members of the 9th MP Det. leadership serve the Thanksgiving meal alongside the 18th MP BDE Command Team.



Members of the USACF-E Dinning Facility Staff proudly standing in front of their Holiday display.



Visitors from NATO and the Mannheim Polizei join MAJ Goyette and TSgt Zelinski following a recent facility visit.



Fort Lewis



The Role of Spiritual Fitness Programs

MAJ Darren Coleman, NWJRCF Chaplin

As with the mission of other correctional facilities, the mission of the Northwestern Joint Regional Correctional Facility (NWJRCF) Department of Pastoral Care (DPC) is to enhance spiritual and emotional sustainment for prisoners during incarceration by promoting rehabilitation, redemption, and reduction of negative behavior. Having robust, engaging, spiritual fitness programs above and beyond typical religious services offered can be a very valuable asset in supporting the overall mission and team effort of the facility, and can play a crucial role in a prisoner's spiritual well-being.

Literally thousands of studies in the area of religion and health validate the fact that spirituality plays a very important role in healing holistically. The advantages of a robust, engaging, spiritual fitness program are: first, that it increases the prisoner's spiritual well-being by promoting positive behavior and spiritual resilience which will hopefully create less discipline and behavioral problems for staff. It also encourages positive rehabilitation, enabling the prisoner to be better prepared and more productive in society upon departing the facility. Next, it provides a unique redemptive power which provides renewal and meaning to life through a better understanding of choices, accountability, and responsibility from a spiritual perspective. Lastly, it reinforces and supports skills learned in behavioral health and other counseling classes provided by the facility. From a holistic, team effort approach, as the prisoner responds positively to these programs as well as the other various programs offered within the facility, the end results as we know, not only benefits the prisoner, but also the facility staff, the family members, and the general public as well.

One spiritual fitness program at the NWJRCF that has been very successful in just a matter of three months from inception, is providing a weekly "Spiritual Wellness" class with a focus that along with the other coping mechanisms taught, that faith promotes healing as well. Much like a behavioral health class, such as Anger Management, the Spiritual Wellness Class is twenty four weeks long, and then the cycle is repeated. The program is designed as one hour mini-seminars with a new topic every week or two, encouraging individual study reflection outside of the class, as well. These topics include: Choices, Accountability and Peace Within; the Lessons of Life's Experiences and the Personal Growth Process (Change); Dealing with Shame and Guilt; Hurt and Anger; Grief and Loneliness; Disappointment and Discouragement, and other such stress management topics. Additionally, this class also covers such areas as Working Through Addictions; Using Lifelong Values to Deal with Conflict, Crisis, and Ethical Dilemmas; the Power of Balanced Living; Setting Life-Long Learning and Goals; Religion, the Community of Faith, and Inner-Strength; and Spiritual Integrity.

Since prisoners are admitted or released from the facility at variable times, and because each topic is its own entity, it allows for flexibility with prisoner movement. With this in mind, they are at least given some additional spiritually oriented tools in dealing with the stresses as they move on with life.

As observed within this facility, those who have been consistently involved in the religious and spiritual fitness programs to include this class, in comparison to those who have not participated, are less likely to have discipline problems and to end up on the morning blotter report for one reason or another. They have been able to work through or cope with personal issues better, and have had a greater sense of renewal and meaning in their own lives; thus, overall benefiting themselves as prisoners, their family members, the facility staff, and in general upon leaving the facility.

Now, please note that as chaplains and other DPC personnel, we do not have all the answers to every problem or issue in corrections and rehabilitation – nor do we claim to. In an overall successful rehabilitative program, it is essential and crucial to collaborate, support, and encourage one another in this big team effort. Although "just a small piece of the big pie," spiritual fitness programs, if utilized appropriately, can add flavor, variety, and additional strength to the overall correctional program.

From all of us at the NWJRCF at Fort Lewis, we wish all of you a Happy Holiday Season!



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War Eagles!! Strike Hard! Strike Fast!

ISG Altamirano

HHC, 40th Military Police Battalion is a unique company that I am very proud to say I am the First Sergeant of. On 16 October 2009, we became official. Since April when we stood up, we have grown by leaps and bounds. We started with less than 20 Soldiers and now have almost 90...with our Soldiers that are detached to fellow companies, we have 142. Our unit supports the Battalion and Brigade staff. We are comprised of the various Soldiers that you think of when you think "Army." Mechanics, Supply personnel, Medics...you name it and we got 'em. Our Soldiers have such a vast range of experience that it has enhanced our company in every way imaginable. Our Soldiers are partnering up with the USDB personnel in their job fields so that training can be conducted in the Correctional setting. This added dimension of training will be beneficial in the transition from Army inmates to Detainees.

These last few months we have a lot of Soldiers to recognize. Our illustrious Battalion Command team, LTC Nelson and CSM Wallace, distinguished themselves as the only Command Team in the Brigade to both score 300 on their APFT in October. They certainly led by example, not only in pt, but in how they lead Soldiers and listen to their leaders. The Company Quarter Board winners for 4th Quarter were SGT Koppes and PFC Lewis, both from the Medical section. The October NCO and Soldier of the Month were SGT Newman, S-4 and SPC Ausmus, Co Ops. The November NCO and Soldier of the Month were SGT Rios, Co PAC, and SPC Boodram, S-I. These Soldiers put in a lot of time and effort to reach this goal and are all looking forward to moving on and winning the Company and Battalion level NCO and Soldier of the Quarter Competitions coming up.

Our War Eagle FRG has been growing as well. Without the support of our family members, the unit would not be able to succeed the way it has. During our training exercise at the I/R Site, the FRG group provided us with hot, homemade lunches. It was very much appreciated and was probably the favorite part of training. We have some good cooks in our midst.

In October, our unit was the host company for the Battalion NCO Induction ceremony. The ceremony was a great success and that was due to the NCOs that put in the extra time and effort to make sure it was a success. SFC Reeves, Operations NCO, and SGT Kelley, Training NCO, were my "right hand men" in getting everything coordinated, picked up, cleaned up, and organized. They did awesome as did everyone else in my unit who did their part to make it a memorable event.

Finally, our unit has a lot of personnel still on our gains roster. We have been working diligently in making contact, assigning Sponsors and ensuring they are taken care of. With that, we now have a page on Facebook. This is where we have information that is for the unit, the FRG members and also any Soldiers coming in. We are located under the name, HHC, 40th MP BN War Eagles. The future of the War Eagles is bright and we are headed for nothing but greatness!





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Correctional Specialists Prepare for Riots

CPT Sean T. Dublin

On 21 October 2009, Soldiers from the 291st Military Police Company (I/R), 40th Military Police Battalion (I/R), Fort Leavenworth, KS conducted realistic riot control training at Fort Leonard Wood Stem Village to train and maintain their skills to prepare them for the unfortunate event of a riot at the United States Disciplinary Barracks (USDB).

The exercise was part of the unit's quarterly Prime Time Training which focuses on those Mission Essential Tasks that prepare the Soldiers for the eventuality of deployment and continued support to the USDB. The Soldiers received outstanding realistic training on quelling a riot in a facility with the support of the F Company, 701st Military Police Bn, without whom the training would not have met its mark. Each scenario allowed the individual platoons to test their interpersonal skills as well as the more physical aspects of the riot.

Soldiers from both platoons and the F Company, 701st Military Police Bn enjoyed the training. The Soldiers stated that they felt that it was the best they had done for riot control outside of the USDB annual exercise. The outside role players added realism that would not have been possible without them. The exercise further gave the outside role players the opportunity to see how correctional specialists handle riots and the training it takes to prepare Soldiers.



Soldiers of the 291st MP CO (I/R) conduct training and rehearsals prior to the riot control exercise



Soldiers attempt to gain entry into a barricaded room of the detention facility

ACC Soldier Saves Life by Using IPC Skills

SFC Calkins

As 3IE's we are taught that our biggest weapon is our ability to speak. We exercise this weapon through training and by putting it into practice on a daily basis. This ability could not have been exhibited in a bigger way than when SPC Erickson received a phone call telling him that a mutual friend had barricaded himself in his house and was threatening to commit suicide. When SPC Erickson arrived on the scene he wasn't there in an official capacity. He was there because a fellow Soldier, a friend, was in need of help. Help which unknowingly SPC Erickson would be the one to provide. He couldn't have imagined that when he started his night that it would end with him using the training he had learned to talk to prisoners to help out a friend. SPC Erickson began to talk to his friend asking him what was going on and telling him that no matter what he may be thinking at the time, he still had people that cared for him. Eventually the Soldier did come out of the house he had barricaded himself in and gave up his weapon to the Military Police.

SPC Erickson is currently stationed at Fort Leavenworth, KS, with the 40th Military Police Battalion, 256th MP Company Gate Keepers "ALL SECURE". He is from Rockford, Illinois and belongs to a family whose roots are tied to the Army. He has an uncle who is with the Special Forces, a cousin who is in the Infantry and a brother who is currently attending Basic Training at Fort Benning, GA to become a Medic. This is why SPC Erickson joined the Army; he feels it is what he was born to do.

This is only one of the things that we in the Army Corrections Command are teaching our Soldiers to do. To handle themselves not only in our work environment but to handle themselves outside of work as well. SPC Erickson not only saved a friend, he saved a fellow Soldier, someone who is needed by his family and his unit. I, for one would like to thank SPC Erickson for his willingness to go that extra mile to assist someone in need. SPC Erickson is a perfect example of training assisting in reality, his willingness to go above and beyond to help a friend and his ability to do so is the reason we will always need our greatest weapon "the American Soldier".



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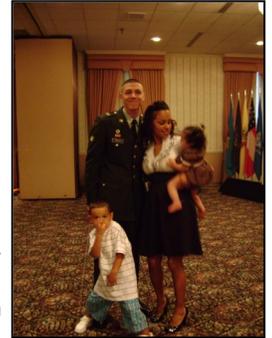


SPC Rincon, 40th MP BN (I/R), 256th MP CO (I/R) Wins Combined Arms Command "Soldier of the Year"

SFC Calkins

In this, the Year of the NCO, I feel we would be remiss if we did not recognize the Soldiers that make us the NCO's who we are. Soldiers are who we wake up early for; they are the reason that we push ourselves long into the night ensuring that everything is just right. If it wasn't for the Soldiers we as an NCO Corps would not exist. Now, there are plenty of Soldiers throughout the Army Corrections Command that do an incredible job everyday and all should be recognized but unfortunately this is only an article and it would take a novel to document all of the great things that the Soldiers have been doing. For this reason I am going to concentrate on one Soldier and that Soldier is SPC Thomas Rincon. SPC Rincon is currently stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas with the 40th Military Police Battalion, 256th MP Company Gate Keepers "ALL SECURE". He recently won the Combined Arms Center Soldier of the Year Competition for FY 2009. The CAC NCO/Soldier of the Year Competition was held at Fort Leavenworth, KS, it was a week long competition in which the Soldiers were tested on Physical Fitness, Written Examination, Written Essay, Day and Night Land Navigation, Warrior Task Testing, M16A2 Qualification and an Oral Board. Of the 12 Soldiers competing from posts such as Fort Leonard Wood, MO and Monterrey, CA, SPC Rincon stood head and shoulders above the rest by winning this demanding competition and doing himself, his unit and the Army Corrections Command proud. Competitions of this nature don't start with the competition itself, it starts with the hard work that the Soldier must put into it to even make it that far, as well as a lot of support and a significant amount of personal drive. SPC Rincon's support comes from his family, his wife of 2 years Darcell and their two children, 4 year old son Ja'shaun and 10 month old daughter Ja'kara. Many nights were spent with his family quizzing him on different subjects and even making a game out of playing casualties so as that SPC Rincon could get that much needed practice. When asked why he wanted to start this journey of competition SPC Rincon states, "I wanted to see how far I could push myself and I just enjoy competing against the best." One of SPC Rincon's goals is to become a noncommissioned officer and begin to take care of his own Soldiers. When asked if he thought that the series of Boards and Competitions he had recently attended would help him in becoming a better NCO, SPC Rincon stated, "I think it gives me a bigger knowledge base and makes me a better all around Soldier, by having to study and learn about things that I might not have necessarily known about before."

This is SPC Rincon's first duty station and he has only been in the Army since July of 2007. SPC Rincon's next goal is to compete in the upcoming Warfighter Competition at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. With these types of Soldiers coming up, the noncommissioned officer Corps will certainly be in good hands. .



SPC Rincon along with his wife Darcell and their 2 children after the Award Ceremony

526th's Prime Time Training

ISG Baker

The 526th MP CO (I/R) had the opportunity to take a much needed break from the United States Disciplinary Barracks and conduct Prime Time Training from 16-20 November. This was the first time the company was authorized to train as a whole in six months due to mission requirements. The Soldiers with their positive attitudes and motivation made for an extremely great training event.

On day one the Guardians arrived to the battalion bright and early and ready to conduct training. After conducting accountability and final PCC's/PCI's the Soldiers boarded the busses and took an exciting 5 hour ride to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Upon our arrival at Fort Leonard Wood, we received an outstanding block of instruction from SGT Newlands on Riot Control Procedures. He used the crawl, walk, run method to ensure all the new Soldiers we have received over the last three weeks understood their roles in riot control. Upon completion of riot control the Soldiers then took the opportunity to learn about the upcoming quarterly Emergency Action Procedure Exercise (Disturbance Procedures), winter safety driving, receive primary marksmanship instruction for the M16, M9, M500 shotgun, M249, M2 and the M203. Additionally, the Soldiers learned the capabilities and employment of non-lethal weapons. This was conducted to ensure that the Soldiers were ready for the ranges that were conducted the next morning.

Tuesday morning the Soldiers of the 526th MP CO (I/R) were at it once again and prepping to conduct range density. 35 of the Company's Soldiers headed to conduct range qualification with the M203 while the rest of the Company went to qualify with our small arms weapon systems. The Soldiers at both ranges shot extremely well and when the day was over all 35 soldiers qualified with the M203 and 100% of the Company qualified with the M16, M9, and shotgun. Additionally, 63% of the company qualified expert with the M16 and 61% qualified expert with the M9. The evening was set up to prepare for the next day of training where the Soldiers would enhance their warrior skills during situational training exercise (STX) lanes.



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526th's Prime Time Training

ISG Baker

STX lanes was a chance for 31E Soldiers who get very little time to learn tactics a chance to refresh their knowledge base. The Soldiers conducted lane training at Squad and Platoon level where they enhanced their small unit cohesion and tactical knowledge. Upon returning from the STX lanes, the Soldiers went back into Detainee Operations mode and learned about the BATS and had their monthly Enlisted Learning Development Training program on career maps. The Soldiers worn out and tired had very little problems falling asleep knowing that the next day would bring the semi-annual APFT.

The Soldiers awoke early ready to conduct their APFT. The stars were aligned because this was the first dry day of the already long week. The Soldiers took the record APFT and performed in an impressive manner. When the APFT was completed the Company once again exceeded a 270 point average with a 272 and had 37 Soldiers who earned the Army Physical Fitness Badge for Excellence with 18 Soldiers scoring 300 or better. The best part of the APFT was that all Soldiers who took the APFT passed. The great start of the day made an easy transition into conducting Detention Operations at Camp Charlie. The two Platoons conducted training focused on sally port procedures, in-processing procedures using the biometric automated tool set (BATS) and forced cell move training. Each Platoon spent half the day operating the facility while the other platoon provided OPFOR. When the OPFOR was not being utilized they were recertifying or finishing their certification for CLS and reviewing USDB standard operating procedures. The day ended with the company conducting their quarterly barbecue with great food such as hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, salads, chips, cakes and soda. The Platoons were then given free time to conduct training in preparation of the quarterly ISG Challenge or use it to build cohesion. 1st Platoon led by 2LT Guzman and SFC Hampton held a dance contest which in the end was won by SPC Lyle.

The last day was the ISG Challenge where each team competes for the title of being the best in the company. The Soldiers started the day with Guardian Stakes where their knowledge and abilities were tested on the M249, M16, React to Indirect Fire, Map Reading, buddy carries and ASIP operations. Then they moved to the land navigation course where each team had to find four points in the quickest amount of time. Upon completion of the land navigation course, the Soldiers took a written test on various military related subjects. The Soldiers were then given an opportunity to build cohesion and show their problem solving skills with their squads on the team development course. Lastly, the Soldiers conducted an eight mile foot march where they were required to stay with their team. The Soldiers were authorized to push, pull and or carry any team member or equipment in order to accomplish the foot march in the quickest time possible. Upon completion of the foot march the company once again boarded the busses and enjoyed the long trip back to Fort Leavenworth. The winners will be announced on 5 December during the FRG Holiday Party.

Prime Time Training is a great tool for NCO's and Soldiers to conduct team building in an effort to create a more effective and efficient company. The return of prime time was much needed and appreciated by the Guardian Soldiers. Valuable lessons were learned and Soldiers had the opportunity to place extra tools in their tool box. With the continuation of prime time training the Guardians will be ready and willing to take on any mission given.



From left to right.. PFC Buczkowski, SPC Quinn, PVT Spracklin. Conducting PMI on the .50 Cal.



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Iraqi MOJ Tour

On 23 October 2009, COL Gray, USDB Commandant and executive staff hosted His Excellency, Dara Nooradeen Bahauddin Bahuddin, The Iraqi Minister of Justice (MOJ) and members of the Task Force 134. The group discussed issues related to vocational training, security, classification and behavior modification. In the picture from left to right: CSM Jonathan Godwin, USDB CSM; Omar Wishwasi, Director General of Legal Operation; Abbas Shamkhi, Deputy Director, Iraqi Corrections Service; Mr. Max Ali, Interpreter, Task Force 134; Dr. Ghazi Al-Janabi, Head of the Al-Shura Council; Dara Bahuddin, MOJ; COL Gray; Mr. Steven Andraschko, Deputy Director, Army Corrections Command; COL Inch, Chief of Staff, Task Force 134; Mr. Tom Schmitt, USDB Deputy Commandant; and Mr. Peter Grande, USDB Chief of Staff.



249th MP DET



249th Soldier's compete against Titan and Wolfe from the American Gladiators



CSM Plemmons and MSG Kinson attended the 68th Anniversary MP Ball in Seoul, Korea



CSM Kim, CPT Putteet, LG Fil Jr. and SGM Simmons serve Soldier's Thanksgiving dinner



Soldier's participate in Hostage/Barricade EAP.



Fort Sill



Correctional Counseling: More Than Just a Job

RaShonda Labrador

Daily the Army Corrections System receives a new confinee. Upon entrance, this individual is faced with many internal and external influences that will shape the rehabilitational progress for their assigned sentence and upon release from confinement. The Correctional Treatment Branch (CTB) is one of the external influences that provides options for these individuals to identify those internal anxieties that may effect their confinement time and ultimately the return to the community at large. The Fort Sill Regional Correctional Facility (RCF) CTB is aware of the importance of its role within the Army Corrections System and in each individual's life. Using screenings, assignment programs, and training, the CTB section provides comprehensive services for the benefit of each prisoner and any situation they may encounter during or after confinement.

Upon confinement each individual is screened for determination of the status of their mental health, substance abuse, violence potential, and risk history. There is inquiry into physical health for immediate concerns, suicidal patterns for heightened alert, substance abuse for possible withdrawal identifications, and mental health history for proper referral and rehabilitational concerns. Every individual varies with each concern and all receive a personalized treatment plan designed for the advancement of their highlighted necessities. Program assignment is beneficial for the individual to identify triggers, learn techniques, and utilize them within their current environment. These assignments are given for change to occur within each person for building coping skills for confinement and to carry on through their release.

The Fort Sill RCF CTB is dedicated to the facilities mission in providing rehabilitation to the confining prisoners and also with preparation for their successful release into the demanding world of society. We accomplish these tasks with four civilian personnel who all are Master's level counselors and share a great enthusiasm for the advancement of all prisoners. We offer a wide range of programs consisting of the following: Anger Management, Stress Management, Impact of Crimes on Victims, Behavior Education Training, Sex Offender Group, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Group, Small Business Class, Army Substance Abuse Program, Army Career Assistance Program, Pre-Release Class, Education Testing, Vocational Classes, and Individual Rehabilitation as necessitates. Not only do we coordinate, organize, and facilitate these programs, but we also assist them with their preparation for their legal matters, educational interests, and release concerns. All individuals are also afforded the opportunity to recognize their mental health status and are provided stability with goals and objectives identified for the benefit of their situation. When all aspects of correctional counseling are provided to an individual, a successful transition to society is born. The ultimate goal of confinement is rehabilitation of the offender so that one may become a productive citizen. Without hard working, ambitious counselors this task cannot be met. As a team we are committed to advancing our knowledge with training for refreshment, new techniques, and upcoming tools for the continuation of the best rehabilitational programs available.

Within this year the CTB staff has attended training sessions including refreshment of Correctional Counseling, Interpersonal Communication Skills, and other necessary correctional training for continuation of proper facility procedure. We have also broadened our knowledge by attending training on PTSD for Combat Veterans, Domestic Violence issues, and Sex Offender Treatment concerns. Our team has also been involved in cross training with other facilities and agencies for implementation of new techniques to be introduced to our ongoing programs. Many programs were revamped for the benefit of the prisoner population to receive the ultimate rehabilitational progress. Furthermore, we understand that continuing education is ideal for every individual to advance for the best preparation of each individual's ultimate success upon release.

Together with screening, program assignments, and continuous training, the Fort Sill RCF CTB section is working harder than ever to ensure that every individual is given the tools necessary for a productive confinement period and rehabilitation to grow with them upon release to the unrestricted community. Correctional Counseling is more than just a job. The members of the Correctional Treatment Branch work for the purpose of ensuring each individual entering confinement is provided the opportunity to advance individually for social, educational, and rehabilitational change. It is a tasking that is important for transformation to occur within each prisoner for the benefit of the entire American community.

TAJI TIFRC Transition of Authority

SPC Rich

The 705th Military Police Battalion (I/R) arrived at Camp Taji on the 28th of August ready to take on their mission and assume command and control of the Taji Theater Internment Facility Reconciliation Center (TIFRC).

After a smooth Transition of Authority with the 508th Military Police Battalion (I/R) out of Fort Lewis, Washington, the TIFRC commander, LTC Deadrich, received laudatory comments from the Task Force 134 Commander, BG Quantock, on the HHC, 705th MP Bn Soldiers professionalism and knowledge of detainee operations. "You should never have to prepare for an inspection, the standard should always be that you are ready for an inspection, and from what I have seen you are where we need to be," said BG Quantock.

Every Soldier of the battalion is playing their part working 24 hour operations in increments of twelve hour shifts providing support for over 2,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Civilians; additionally provides care and custody to over 4,000 detainees.

With a battalion headquarters just short of 150 Soldiers, each Soldier operates under the guidance of their unit motto, "Vigilance-Honor-Courage." Remain **vigilant** to the standard, **honor** to the unit and having the **courage** to do the right thing, even when no one is looking.

The year ahead will be filled with uncertainty, but as always we will continue to push forward and always place the mission first.

"You should never have to prepare for an inspection, the standard should always be that you are ready for an inspection."

BG Quantock
CDR, TF-134



LTC Deadrich and CSM Hutchings uncasing the Battalion Colors.



Greetings from Taji, Iraq

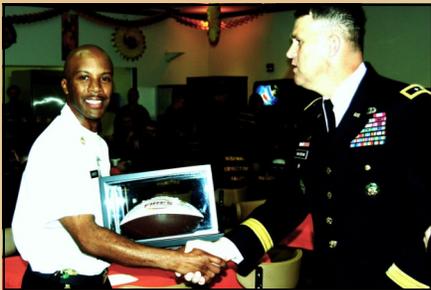
Outstanding Soldiers / Employees



CSM Beam receives his trademarked paddle from SGM Borlin and SFC Sprecher (aka Eye Candy)



Mr. Callahan re-enlists SGT Mcgraw to attend Drill Sergeant School.



SFC Lindsey is presented the "Fires - Center of Excellence" Football by MG Halverson, Fort Sill Commander, for excellence in the presentation of the Thanksgiving Meal for the RCF.



SGT Mills is greeted by MG Halverson for a job well done on Thanksgiving Day



MG General Halverson and wife admiring the hard work that SFC Lindsey and staff presented.



SSG Schweitzer Reenlists for Fort Lewis, Washington



BG Phillips presentation of Regimental Coin to TSgt Shova



BG Phillips presentation of Regimental Coins to SPC Green and SPC Zuleta

Outstanding Soldiers / Employees



SFC Abold, TF 134 gets inducted into the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club



CPT Putteet presents SPC Skelton with the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal



SPC Erickson recognized by the Fort Leavenworth Garrison CDR COL Weathersbee



Ms. Jeanette Noll, USDB IT Specialist receives the Commander's Award for Civilian Service for her work on the USDB Tracker System from COL Gray, USDB Commandant



MAJ Turner reenlists SPC Ewart



MAJ Turner reenlists SSG Mettler

The Vanguard

Army Corrections Command Lineage and Honors



Distinguished Unit Insignia

Description: A gold color metal and enamel device 1 5/32 inches (2.94 cm) in width overall consisting of a green disc charged with a gold hexagon bearing a black double-warded key, ward up, surmounted by a black scale of justice. Attached to the sides and above a black scroll inscribed “**VANGUARDS OF JUSTICE**” in gold.

Symbolism: The hexagon indicates the six correctional facilities ACC will control—Fort Leavenworth, Fort Lewis, Fort Sill, Fort Knox, Korea, and Germany. The double-warded key suggests the operational and administrative control over the six correctional facilities. The scale of justice represents the goal of the Command to enforce the law.

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was approved on 28 September 2007.



Shoulder Sleeve Insignia

Description: On a green circular embroidered item, charged with a yellow hexagon bearing three horizontal bars throughout, surmounted by three vertical green demi-spears points down, charged in the middle with a five-pointed star; all within a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) yellow border. Overall dimension is 3 inches (7.62 cm) in diameter.

Symbolism: The hexagon indicates the six Correctional Facilities ACC will control—Fort Leavenworth, Fort Lewis, Fort Sill, Fort Knox, Korea, and Germany. The bars allude to setting the bar of conscience against anger; the demi-spears denote readiness and alertness. The bars and demi-spears illustrate a portcullis, signifying protection. The star symbolizes Army Corrections Command’s authority and control to rehabilitate military offenders in support of the Army and other military departments.

Background: The shoulder sleeve insignia was approved on 28 September 2007.