



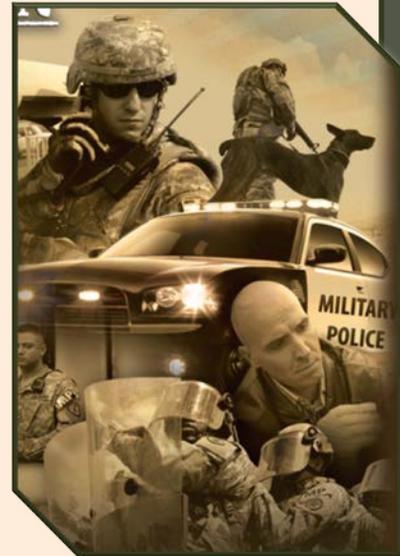
# PRO

## POLICE REGIONAL OPERATIONS:

### THE U.S. ARMY MILITARY POLICE CORPS and SUPPORT TO REGIONALLY ALLIGNED FORCES

#### WHAT IS RAF?

The Regionally Aligned Forces (RAF) Concept is the U.S. Army's vision for providing Combatant Commanders (CCDRs) with tailored, responsive, and consistently available Army Forces. RAF will meet CCDRs' requirements for scalable, tailored capabilities to support operational missions, military exercises, and theater security cooperation activities. They are those Army *units assigned* to combatant commands, *allocated* to a combatant command, and those *capabilities distributed and prepared by the Army* for combatant command regional missions. Includes Army Total Force organizations and capabilities which are: forward stationed; operating in a combatant command area of responsibility; supporting from outside the area of responsibility, including providing reach-back; prepared to support from outside the area of responsibility. Regional missions are driven by combatant command requirements. This requires an understanding of the cultures, geography, languages, and militaries of the countries where they are most likely to be employed, as well as expertise in how to impart military knowledge and skills to others.



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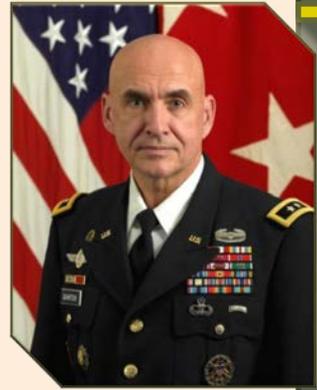
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The Office of the Provost Marshal General is beginning the monthly newsletter, PRO, to showcase international, joint, and interagency initiatives of Military Police Corps. This will highlight the MP Corps' support to the Chief of Staff of the Army's Regional Alignment of Forces concept and other regional initiatives. OPMG is interested in your articles on all aspects of regional cooperation and partnership.

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## Provost Marshal General



As the Army transitions from more than a decade at war, Military Police leaders should take advantage of new opportunities to maintain readiness. This Regional Alignment of Forces (RAF) update -- **PRO: Police Regional Operations** -- provides a forum to share ideas on regional and multinational training as well as joint, interagency, and SOF integration across the MP Regiment. While only some MP units are currently aligned under the RAF concept, every MP leader can apply RAF principles to readiness. At its core, RAF is about gaining contextual insights that build flexible, responsive, and agile formations. RAF is about offering MP Rule of Law expertise to Commanders as they specialize in particular regions and deepen regional relationships. RAF is also about leveraging the talent of our National Guard and Reserve colleagues, who have experience in partner countries.

How do you apply RAF?

**- Incorporate MPs in War Plans:** We know from experience that every major operation, at home or abroad, requires special skills of Military Police Units. Make sure that these requirements are included in the various exercises supporting contingency and war plans. Planners should recognize the need for MP brigades, battalions, companies, detachments and teams. Furthermore, planners need to understand internment/resettlement, criminal investigations, forensics and biometrics, military working dogs, customs, law and order, and other MP competencies. Capturing these requirements avoids the reactive process of finding deployable units in the 11th hour. Documenting these requirements assists our force managers in ensuring the Army has the right MP structure for the future.

**- Seize Opportunities to Train:** Regional opportunities and opportunities to work with new partners will increase as units redeploy and reset. As neighboring units prepare for exercises, offer to train with those who have MP requirements. Begin dialogues with interagency partners, civilian law enforcement, and academics in your area. Attend relevant Leader Professional Development (LPD) sessions. Leverage our network of Military Police interns, fellows, and liaisons to strengthen relevant relationships. Learn from multinational exchange officers who work at commands in your area. Even small efforts may pay off in the future. In some cases our RC MP have established regional partnerships in place. By partnering with RC units for mutually beneficial training opportunities we increase our proficiency across the Total Force.

**- Think Expeditionary.** MP leaders and their staffs should analyze the likeliest deployment scenarios and the most difficult deployment scenarios. As the United States draws down from Afghanistan, few of these scenarios will involve a lengthy and predictable "road to war" training period. Ask yourself, "Are we ready to deploy in 18 hours?" Begin retraining your Soldiers on packing lists, recalls, load plans and other drills. Involve your Civilians and Families in scenarios. (continued)

## → **Provost Marshal General** (Continued)

Be ready for austere environments. Our support Soldiers will be asked to maintain and sustain units. Hone their skills in maintenance, supply, food service, medical support, communications... The U.S. Army may conduct future operations at home or abroad with limited assistance. Be ready.

**-Demonstrate Value.** Per ALARACT 069/2010, each installation receives an MP company's-worth of forces (96 Soldiers) to conduct installation law and order. While larger installations may require assets beyond this, I urge MP leaders to carefully allocate forces to garrison L&O. Do not over-commit. We must remain able to support unit training, exercises, operational deployments and partnership activities. Senior commanders value Military Police. The Military Police Corps possesses unique capabilities organized through its three MP disciplines – *Police Operations, Security and Mobility Support, and Detention Operations* – and its integrating function of *Police Intelligence Operations* that enable the Army's decisive action in unified land operations in concert with our Unified Action partners to achieve tactical, operational, and strategic outcomes in unstable, unpredictable, and complex environments. The MP Corps supports combined arms maneuver, enhances mission assurance, enables protection of forces and populations, and promotes the rule of law by providing policing, investigations, corrections, and security and mobility support. We assist them in defeating the nation's enemies and winning wars through combat policing, training foreign security forces, securing dangerous detainees, providing MWD support, forensics and biometrics, contract and computer fraud, and ensuring a ready and disciplined force.

RAF is not a new concept. Throughout our history -- from Europe to PACOM to CENTCOM -- we have demonstrated skill training for contingencies, supporting commanders, and building regional partners, all with limited resources. Fully applying these globally responsive and regionally engaged concepts can be a powerful tool in supporting the Army's efforts to prevent conflict, shape the operational environment, and win our Nation's wars.

I look forward to hearing about your contributions in future updates.

Army Strong!

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## Deputy Provost Marshal General

### Who are Your Regional Partners and how can they Contribute to Future Army Operations?



That question may be a new one for Military Police who are not currently assigned overseas. Formal partnerships will continue to evolve as Geographic Combatant Commanders work with their State Department counterparts to further national and global security. As the MP Corps Regiment begins implementing Regional Alignment of Forces (RAF), I encourage you to consider this question and the following:

- 1) What future trends may impact National Security and the National Security Strategy? A good place to start is to check out *Global Trends 2030: Alternative Worlds*, published by the National Intelligence Council. This report highlights global changes that may impact security in the future. <http://www.dni.gov/index.php/about/organization/national-intelligence-council-global-trends>
- 2) Which nations in your region of interest have relevant lessons learned combating transnational crime, terrorism, and corruption?
- 3) Which nations in your region have developed innovative ways to promote security and stability? What are their best practices?
- 4) Think outside the box. U.S. forces in Europe have powerful partnerships through NATO. But we have also learned tremendous lessons from new partners since the 1990s and the fall of the Berlin Wall. Similarly, the National Guard's State Partnership Program is reaping benefits from newer partner nations. By partnering with our Guard and Reserve MP units, we can gain access to a wider body of regional experiences increasing our proficiency across the Total Force.

The world continues to shrink due to information development, global business, and digital connectivity. The Army is adapting to these changes by developing a globally responsive and regionally engaged Army. Our commitment to support the Army is not just to build contextual understanding but, more importantly, to build strategic relationships and partner capacity to meet the unexpected challenges of the future.

COL (P) David P. Glaser  
Deputy Provost Marshal General

## SOUTHCOM

## GUATAMALA



Military Police Soldiers from the U.S. Army South Provost Marshal Office participated in an Interagency Task Force - Guatemala (IATF-GTM) training event hosted by the Guatemalan Army from 9-20 September 2013 in Coatepeque, Guatemala in order to strengthen the existing relationships and regional partnerships necessary to confront the broad spectrum of threats facing the region. The two-week partnership event focused on specialized skills such as civil disturbance, escalation of force, use of military police baton, pressure point control tactics, and unarmed self-defense. Additionally, there were several social events led by the Guatemalans enabling the participants to fully capitalize on the team-building aspect of the mission. The host nation audience ranged in



rank from Guatemalan Battalion Commanders to individual Soldiers and every echelon of leadership in between. The training partnership resulted in an enhanced strategic relationship with Guatemalan Armed Forces. These type of partnership exercises support the Commander USSOUTHCOM's desire to shape the Theater Security Cooperation Plan for the region. Additionally, these events are essential in strengthening the core competencies needed to confront challenges of the Guatemalan Military and help divert future developing threats. The nexus of Transnational Organized Crime represent the greatest threat to the U.S. and its national interests in the Southern Command AOR. Narco-organizations, terrorism and related illicit trafficking have all contributed to the growing wave of crime in the region. Partnerships such as these are essential to maintaining stability and building trust.

Source: LTC Thomas Hawes



## PACOM

2-25 SBCT Provost Marshal, CPT Danielle Johnson worked hand in hand with her Malaysian counterpart Maj. Azlan in the recent Joint Exercise Keris Strike 17 with the Malaysian Military from 13-29 September 2013. During the "War Dog" Display, the Malaysian Armed Forces demonstrated two types of K9s they employ. Their "tracker dog" is able to follow human scents in all terrain especially the thick jungles, and their "explosive dog" is able to find land mines or other explosives from a short lease. The "tracker dog" is part of a 5 person team while the "explosive dog" is part of a 2 person team.

CPT Johnson coordinated with the United Nations and Malaysian National Police for all significant activities within the Multinational Brigade's AOR to include IED detection and detonation, smuggling activities, human trafficking, searching for a missing Soldier, Humanitarian Assistance missions (to include convoy security and Internally Displaced People/Refugee camp security), and most importantly civilian population law and order (to include detention operations). These efforts all directly support the Commander USARPAC's Lines of Effort by shaping the mission, posturing the multinational forces and preparing for future operations

Source: MAJ Steve Caruso

The Command Post Exercise focused on Joint Peace Keeping Operations, HA/DR, and partnership. The Multi National Brigade (MNB) was comprised of the Malaysian Armed Forces and U.S. Military. The PM played a vital role as coordinators/liason between the MNB and the United Nations and National Police.

## MALAYSIA



## PACOM

## NEW ZEALAND



In September, the 19th Military Police Battalion (CID) hosted the New Zealand Armed Forces Provost Marshal and Provost Sergeant Major at Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii, to provide a CID mission and capabilities briefing. The delegation also received a tour of the 102d MP Detachment (CID) to gain insight into some of the investigative disciplines utilized by CID. The Battalion Commander, LTC Larry Dewey, presented an in-depth overview of investigative and operational mission support, specifically oriented to the Pacific, which resulted in a lengthy dialogue comparing and contrasting New Zealand's Military Police to US Army Military Police. In support of 6th MP Group Commander's guidance on regional alignment and strategic theatre engagements, the 19th plans to send a Digital Forensics Examiner to New Zealand to exchange Tactics, Techniques and Procedures, compare hardware and software, and discuss challenges with emerging technologies and encryption techniques.

Source: LTC Larry Dewey



**Above:** SA Aponte providing a tour of 102<sup>nd</sup> MP DET. **Left:** LTC Dewey discussing CID capabilities with New Zealand PMG. **Bottom Left:** SA Mcentee, DST Team Chief, familiarizing MAJ Bateman on NARC kits. **Below:** Left to Right: MAJ Cabales, SGM Ikenasio, MAJ Bateman, LTC Dewey, SA Bailey, MAJ Phillips



## PACOM

## LESSONS LEARNED

## THAILAND



In February 2012, the 545<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company partnered with the Royal Thai Military Police in a joint training exercise as part of Cobra Gold. During the exercise the units trained on Military Operations in Urban Terrain, Traffic Control Points, Non-Lethal Weapons Training, and Riot/Crowd Control. Throughout their partnership, the 545<sup>th</sup> MP Co found their greatest success in the utilization and familiarization with training aids to enhance their classes to create realistic training with the Royal Thai MPs. When the exercise was complete, the 545<sup>th</sup> saw the value in the shared law enforcement experience and desired more time for classroom instruction and sharing TTPs with their international partners. This event was mutually beneficial in sharing experiences and highlighted the CDR USPACOM's objective of mutual partner capacity within the PACOM AOR, thus shaping the region for future cooperation.

Source: MAJ Young Kim



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## GUAM

In September 2013, Military Police Soldiers from the 793<sup>rd</sup> MP Battalion deployed to the PACOM theater of operations to execute critical site security at Anderson Air Force Base, Guam to protect national defense assets. During the 9 month deployment, both the 472<sup>nd</sup> and 164<sup>th</sup> MP Companies will provide perimeter security, quick reaction force, and entry control point operations in support of Task Force Falcon. Prior to the mission the 793<sup>rd</sup> went through pre-deployment training in Fort Wainwright, Alaska.



Source: MAJ Young Kim

## EUCOM

## POLAND

SGT Agnieszka Sosnowska, a Polish speaking Military Police Soldier and Patrol Explosives Detection Dog handler from the 131st Military Working Dog Detachment, recently participated in a multinational familiarization exercise with the Polish Military Gendarmerie on the K9 certification process on 23 SEP 2013 in Grafenwoehr, Germany. In recognition of her hard work and



hospitality during the briefs she received a Coin of Excellence from Maj. Gen. Miroslaw Rozmus - Commander, Polish Military Gendarmerie. Her efforts and those of the MWD community continue to strengthen relationships with partner nations and build policing cooperation across the EUCOM AOR.

Source: SFC Hardenio Abdon

## CONTRIBUTE TO PRO

The Office of the Provost Marshal General wants to highlight your unit's RAF initiatives. To submit write-ups please contact MAJ Jonathan Yasuda in the OPMG Policy and Plans Division at [jonathan.t.yasuda.mil@mail.mil](mailto:jonathan.t.yasuda.mil@mail.mil) (703) 697-3495 or Mr. Greg Limberis at [gregory.w.liberis.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:gregory.w.liberis.ctr@mail.mil) (703) 695-5417.

