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## MP Corps to celebrate 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary, hold annual conference

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – Fort Leonard Wood is scheduled to host the annual gathering of the U.S. Army’s Military Police Soldiers from Sept. 17-22 on post.

This year marks the 71st anniversary of the U.S. Army Military Police Corps Regiment.

The theme is “Balancing the Force for Decisive Action.”

“We have worked very hard this past year to modify the strategic narrative of our regiment,” Brig. Gen. Mark Inch, U.S. Army Military Police School commandant said. “We must demonstrate to our Military Police force that there are no seams between policy and resourcing—that is a consistent message which is key to our approach and what we are doing.”

In addition to gathering lessons learned in support of current operations and to prepare the future force, the MP Corps Regiment will observe the anniversary with events that motivate, celebrate, exchange knowledge and pay tribute to those who have made significant contributions to the MP Corps.

Registration for regimental week events is open through Sept. 10 online at [http://www.wood.army.mil/mp\\_2012/index.htm](http://www.wood.army.mil/mp_2012/index.htm).

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Military Police conduct policing, security, and detention operations across the range of military operations to support protection, to enable mobility, and to promote the rule of law. The three primary Military Occupational Specialties are: 31B, Military Police; 31D, Criminal Investigations; and 31E, Corrections Specialist.

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2012 MP Corps Regiment 71st Anniversary key events calendar:

- MP Regimental Golf Tournament, 10 a.m., Sept. 14, Piney Valley Golf Course
- MP Warfighter Competition, Sept. 15-18
- MP Memorial Tribute, 7:45 a.m., Sept. 17, MP Memorial Grove
- Military Police Regimental Association Vendor Displays, 1 to 5 p.m., Sept. 17 and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sept. 18, Nutter Field House
- Start of 71-mile MP Regimental Run, 12 p.m., Sept. 17, Gammon Field
- 4-Mile Regimental Run, 5 a.m., Sept. 18, Gammon Field
- Regimental Senior Leaders Conference, Sept. 18-19 (by invitation only)
- Warfighter Competition awards ceremony, 6 p.m., Sept. 18, Abrams Theater
- Hall of Fame Induction, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 21, Pershing Community Center
- Hall of Fame Photo Hanging, 1:30-2 p.m., Sept. 21, John B. MaHaffey Museum Complex
- MP Regimental Ball, 6 p.m., Sept. 22, Nutter Field House

The MP Regimental Ball is scheduled to include special recognition and presentation of campaign medals to America's oldest known living Military Police Army veteran, Gene "Tex" Stephens who was inducted into the Army January 1941, and served in World War II. Stephens conducted motorcycle escort services and other security duties for dignitaries including General Eisenhower, Frank Sinatra and President Franklin Roosevelt.