

Ryan M. Beitler
Sergeant, US Army

Ryan M. Beitler is the Army recipient of the 2015 GEICO Military Service Award for his work in traffic safety and accident prevention.

Sergeant Beitler works as a traffic accident investigator for the 42nd Military Police Detachment, 503rd Military Police Battalion (Airborne), 16th Military Police Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC.



Sergeant Beitler has served the Fort Bragg Military and Civilian Community with distinction for more than 2 years. He implemented creative and effective initiatives to protect children, deter traffic violations, prevent DUIs, and improve drivers' safety. Sergeant Beitler assisted in refining the Supplemental Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). This program provides a detailed analysis of the number of vehicles, time of day, day of the week, and type of vehicles traveling the Fort Bragg roadways. He also utilized the STEP to help create the School Bus Safety Initiative which utilizes cameras to record and document school bus stop arm violators. This resulted in a 93 percent decrease in violations and enhanced the safety of school children.

Sergeant Beitler provided safety information and hands on experience of the wisdom of wearing a seat belt through the use of the seat belt convincer to more than 1,000 personnel. His higher headquarters requested that he be an instructor for their Safety Stand Down Day and he has provided many driving-while-intoxicated safety briefs for many tenant units on Fort Bragg.