

705th Military Police Battalion (Internment and Resettlement)



The mission of the 705th Military Police Battalion is to exercise mission command, while providing custody and control functions in support of U.S. military Corrections. Sustains the battalion, while training and developing individuals and units for deployment in support of detention operations mission worldwide.

The motto of the 705th is “**Vigilance, Honor, and Courage.**” Since the establishment of the United States Military Prison in 1875, there was always been a Military unit responsible for providing the guards and support personnel that operates the prison. Throughout much of its history, the organization was simply known as “The Guard.”

On 21 July 1906 the unit was activated as the USDB Guard Battalion, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas (made up of HQs, 1st 2nd and 3rd Guard Companies.) In 1929 the unit was deactivated and then reactivated in 1940 as the USDB Military Police Battalion.

On 3 April 1991 the USDB Military Police Battalion was re designated as the 705th Military Police Battalion. Since that time, the Battalion has twice received the Army Superior Unit Award for countering major disturbances within the prison and deployed Soldiers, Noncommissioned Officers and Officers to Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan.

On 16 March 2006, the unit was re-designated at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas as the 705th Military Police Battalion (Internment and Resettlement) (I/R) as MTOE organization capable of worldwide contingency deployments. On 20 December 2006, the HHC deployed for 15 months to Camp Bucca, Iraq to conduct detainee operations in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom. This deployment marks the first time a unit has deployed from Fort Leavenworth since World War II.

On 17 August 2009, the unit deployed again for 12 months to Iraq to conduct detainee operations at two Internment Facilities (Camp Taji and Camp Cropper) while integrating and training Iraqi Correctional Officers to set the conditions to transfer both Internment Facilities to the Government of Iraq. Both facilities were successfully transferred over to Iraqi control in March and July 2010. These transfers marks the first time the US Government has successfully transferred active Internment Facilities over to another government to operate.

Since their historic missions in Iraq, the 705th Military Police Battalion (I/R) has stood up two new Military Police Companies in August 2010 in support of the Joint Regional Correctional Facility. The Soldiers, Noncommissioned Officers and Officers of this fine Battalion stand ready for their next challenge and always remain true to their motto, “**Vigilance**”.