= 89th Military Police Brigade (United States) =

The 89th Military Police Brigade is a military police brigade of the United States Army based at Fort Hood, Texas. It is a subordinate unit of III Corps.

Activated in Vietnam in the midst of the Vietnam War, the unit provided military police services for two corp @-@ sized forces operating in the region. It played a supporting role throughout the entire conflict, staying in theater for the entire war and earning fifteen campaign streamers.

Since then , the brigade has seen duty in numerous areas of operation throughout the world and performed numerous duties including disaster relief for Hurricane Hugo as well as service in Guantanamo Bay . It also played a supporting role in the Gulf War . Recently the brigade served two tours of duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom .

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The brigade is subordinate to III Corps . It is headquartered at Fort Hood , Texas . Almost 1 @,@ 000 soldiers of the brigade are stationed there .

The Brigade contains five subordinate battalions of military police :

93D Military Police Battalion , at Fort Bliss

720th Military Police Battalion, at Fort Hood

97th Military Police Battalion (Formerly 924th), at Fort Riley

759th Military Police Battalion, at Fort Carson

= = History = =

= = = Vietnam War = = =

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The 89th Military Police Brigade deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom early 2004, where it took over the mission previously tasked to the 18th Military Police Brigade on 31 January 2004. At that time the brigade assumed responsibility for the Iraqi Police training mission as well as the majority of all the Military Police Units in Iraq at that time. The unit returned to Fort Hood in December 2004.

The 89th Military Police Brigade deployed for a second tour in August 2006 to the Iraqi theater of operation in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2006 ? 2008 . During the deployment , it was composed of over 5 @,@ 000 military police soldiers in the theater . Brigade responsibilities included corrections and security operations . It deployed K @-@ 9 units during some operations . The brigade 's primary responsibility , though , was the training of Iraqi police units . The brigade focused on local police units throughout the country , as another MP brigade handled the national police . The brigade commander would brief US Department of Defense officials in The Pentagon on the current situation , live from Iraq . It suffered several casualties , including a soldier killed by sniper fire , a soldier killed by a suicide car bomb , and two soldiers who died of non @-@ combat related causes . The brigade returned home in October 2007 , replaced again by the 18th Military Police Brigade . After this , the brigade resumed its policing roles at Fort Hood .

During its second deployment, one of the unit commanders, William H. Steele, became infamous for being accused of breaching military law by aiding the enemy. He was acquitted of the charges, though he was convicted of other charges and subsequently dismissed from the military.

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The 410th Military Police Company deployed to Afghanistan in May 2009 and returned in May 2010. The 116th Military Police Company, 97th MP BN, 89TH MP BDE deployed to FOB Shinwar, Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan from May 2010 to May 2011. The 401st and 64th Military Police Companies deployed to Afghanistan in May 2010 and returned in April of 2011. The 411th Military Police Company deployed to Kandahar Province in May 2011 and returned to Fort Hood in May 2012. HHD, 720th Military Police Battalion deployed in December 2011 and returned in December 2012.

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