

Military Police Investigations (MPI)

1. The Fort Bragg Military Police Investigations Section is the **investigative branch** of the Provost Marshal's office. MPI investigates criminal offenses that carry a maximum punishment of confinement for one year or less. In addition to these misdemeanor offenses, MPI investigates property offenses involving dollar values less than \$1,000. The MPI Section can be contacted at 396-6608 or 5617 for assistance.



2. MPI also publishes a **Commander's Handbook on Gang and Extremist Groups**. The intent of this handbook is to educate commanders, parents, and schoolteachers on typical gang characteristics and the warning signs indicating a soldier, family member, or student is drifting into gang-like activity. This handbook includes excerpts from all applicable regulations and policy letters and can be downloaded from the Fort Bragg Provost Marshal Office web page at <http://www.bragg.army.mil/16MP/PMO.htm>. If you do not have access to the World Wide Web, contact the MPI Section for a printed copy.

3. Every soldier should be aware of the provisions of AR 600-20, and that active participation in any extremist-gang organization is unauthorized. Any soldier involved with or in an extremist organization or activity, through membership, receipt of literature, or presence at an event, could threaten the good order and discipline of a unit. If you suspect a soldier is involved in gang or extremist activity, you must take positive actions to educate the soldier on the potential adverse effects on themselves and the unit of participation in such activity.

4. Actions that commanders can take are outlined in AR 600-20, paragraph 4-12. A commander's decision-making guide, decision support template, and sample counseling memorandums can be found in the Commander's Handbook on Gangs and Extremist Groups.

5. Commanders can prohibit service members from participating in any activity, which might adversely affect the good order and discipline or morale within the command. This includes:

a. Prohibiting soldiers from displaying **symbols, flags, or posters** in the barracks and/or work place, and ordering the removal of such items.

b. Ordering soldiers not to participate in those activities that are contrary to good order and discipline or morale of the unit or that pose a threat to health, safety, and security of military personnel or a military installation (see AR 600-20, para 4-12).

c. Recommending an investigation to place an area off limits IAW AR 190-24.

d. Stressing that this type of behavior will be taken into account when considering recommendations for promotions, awards, and jobs pertaining to or allowing access to certain information.

6. Fort Bragg Regulation 600-2 specifies what cannot be worn or displayed on Fort Bragg, due to it being extremist-gang related or offensive in nature.

7. You may request MPI to provide gang and extremist group awareness training for your unit. Contact the Fort Bragg Gang and Extremist Team at 396-6608/5617.