

UNIT HISTORY

The 5th Military Police Battalion's (CID) lineage and honors trace back to 26 December 1942, when the unit was constituted in the Army as the 5th Section, Criminal Investigation. The unit was activated on 25 January 1943, at Fort Custer, Michigan. They were then reorganized and re-designated twice, the first time on 28 September 1944, as the 5th Military Police Criminal Investigation Section and again on 29 December 1944, as the 5th Military Police Criminal Investigation Detachment.

The unit subsequently went through a series of activations and inactivations. On 15 March 1949, they were inactivated in Germany and then allotted on 8 June 1949, to the Regular Army. They were then again activated on 20 June 1949, in Washington, DC until 19 May 1954. They were then redesignated on 31 July 1956, as the 5th Military Police Detachment and reactivated on 15 August 1956, in Italy until 9 June 1969. They were again activated for duty in Vietnam for the period of 8 March 1971, to 15 August 1972. They were most recently activated on 1 October 1983, in Germany and reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1996, as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 5th Military Police Battalion (CID). The HHD deployed from 20 February 2011 to 6 February 2012 to Kuwait and Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn.

The 5th Military Police Battalion (CID) campaign participation credits include three campaigns during World War II in Normandy, Northern France, and Rhineland, and four campaigns during Vietnam including Counteroffensive, Phase VII, Consolidation I and II, and Cease-Fire, and most recently, the final campaign of Operation New Dawn.

The 5th Military Police Battalion (CID) includes three detachments with 10 offices responsible for Title 10 criminal investigations throughout the western and central European region as well as a Protective Services Unit (PSU). Protective Services Unit, 5th MP Bn (CID) mission commands the PSDs and PSAs supporting the Supreme Allied Command Europe (SACEUR), US Africa Command (USAFRICOM), US Army Europe (USAREUR), the US Military Representative to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and the Surveillance Detection Team (SDT) in order to provide protective services oversight for HRP designated principals headquartered in the 5th MP BN (CID) area of operations. On order, provide additional PSD support for OSD, JCS, and DA designated HRP's traveling OCONUS. The Battalion's motto is "Professional Always" and its Soldiers are known as "The Professionals."