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CID Seeks Military Police Investigators to Become Warrant Officers

FORT BELVOIR, VA, February 6, 2008 -- While the first U.S. Army Military Police Investigator (MPI) has graduated from the CID Apprentice Special Agent Course (ASAC), as part of a recent worldwide CID recruiting initiative, CID wants the Army's MPs to know they are still seeking 31BV5 Military Occupational Specialty Soldiers who are interested in becoming CID Special Agent Warrant Officers.

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, commonly known as CID, is continually looking for qualified Soldiers and civilians to become criminal investigators. As part of this ongoing recruiting campaign, CID is logically targeting senior enlisted 31BV5 Military Police Investigators who qualify for direct appointment to warrant officer positions, following the completion of required military and law enforcement training requirements.

With prior experience as an investigator, CID Special Agent Marlon Soto-Hernandez is the first 31BV5 recruited under this initiative and completed the ASAC portion of his training in November. The program requires candidates to graduate from the Apprentice Special Agent Course, the Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS), and the CID Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC).

"I was the noncommissioned officer in charge of the Military Police Investigators section for the past two years," Soto-Hernandez said. "I also served as an Airborne Military Policeman; a combat MP for three years at Fort Bragg, N.C., with the 82nd MP Company; deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and served as a patrolman and desk sergeant with the Fort Bragg Provost Marshal Office since joining the Army in 2001."

CID agents routinely investigate more serious felony-level crime such as murder, rape and armed robbery while MPIs typically investigate non-felony crime. However, CID officials are quick to point out that MPIs possess many similar high-value skills and police experience honed from their

training and time as MPIs – hence the reason CID is looking for these Soldiers to become CID Warrant Officers.

“We are currently seeking MPIs in the 31BV5 MOS to provide a broader-base promotion pool of warrant officer candidates, with years of investigative experience, who are ready and willing to step up to the demands of the senior-level positions,” said CID Warrant Officer Career Development Program Manager, Special Agent Jennifer Redfern. “Applicants seeking direct appointment must be in the ranks of staff sergeant or sergeant first class and not yet selected for promotion to master sergeant.”

Soto-Hernandez said he feels honored to be the first ASAC graduate as part of the transition pipeline from MP to CID Special Agent and knows firsthand how valuable the work of CID agents is to the Army.

“I wanted to join CID after my second deployment to Iraq” Soto-Hernandez said. “I saw how they [CID Special Agents] conducted their work with professionalism and dedication -- that was the trigger for me.”

Soldiers, family members and civilians often mistakenly think that when a CID agent is present someone is going to get in trouble, according to Soto-Hernandez. “I think that is the wrong observation about CID. We are professional Soldiers, who until the last moment of an investigation will do the right thing to obtain the truth and facts that will ultimately determine if a person committed a crime or not,” he said.

Redfern added that becoming a warrant officer in the CID field opens doors to a lot of investigative career opportunities that others may not receive such as: training as a polygraph examiner; pursuing a master’s degree in forensic science from George Washington University, becoming a forensic computer crimes examiner; attending schools such as the FBI National Academy, as well as tremendous training opportunities with local civilian law enforcement agencies

To be considered for the CSAB and direct appointment as a warrant officer to the 311A MOS, an applicant must be a school-trained 31BV5 MPI, with at least 24 months of criminal investigation experience as a “V5.” Applicants must also have a bachelor’s degree (applicants close to completing their degree may be considered); be a U.S. citizen; have at least two years active duty service in the Army; and qualify for a Top Secret clearance.

Qualified senior enlisted MPI applicants should visit their local CID office to begin the application process. Qualified enlisted CID Special Agents seeking warrant officer positions are encouraged

to contact their team chiefs, special agents-in-charge and battalion operations officers for letters of recommendation. Applicants should visit the U.S. Army Recruiting website at <http://www.usarec.army.mil/hq/warrant/> , and should use the “Sample Application and Guide,” when preparing a Warrant Officer Application Checklist.

Applicants should also review the “Most Common Errors on Applications” for Department of the Army Form 61 (Application for Appointment); DA Form 160-R (Application for Active Duty); Request for Moral Waiver; Statement of Understanding; Security Memorandum; and review “Other Common Faults,” and any other applicable documents to avoid making mistakes during the application process.

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