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Alan B. Stahl

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As a boy, Mr. Stahl always thought about being a soldier or a police officer when he was older. As it turned out, he accomplished both.

After having just been commissioned (through ROTC at Central Missouri State University) and married in August of 1974, he entered the service in September and attended Military Police officer training at Fort Gordon, GA. In December, he reported to his first duty assignment at Fort Carson, CO, where he served in a variety of functions as platoon leader, battalion finance officer, and a stint as leader of a joint drug suppression team under the Criminal Investigation Command. He worked with several local, state and federal agencies trying to stem the flow of illegal drugs (and weapons) on military bases, military hospitals in the region, and in local communities. He found this to be a highly interesting assignment but did not realize, at first, the danger as he bought drugs, performed stakeouts, recovered stolen government equipment, interdicted the flow of drugs coming onto the bases, and prosecuted untold numbers of individuals, both military and civilian.



Following Fort Carson, and another MP course, he was assigned to Fort Leavenworth, KS, where he served as the Deputy Provost Marshal and Company Commander, largely performing law enforcement and installation security operations. His family was then assigned (1983) to South Korea (Republic of Korea - ROK) where he served as the MP Plans and Operations Officer on the staffs of the 8th MP Brigade (8th Army), the US Forces Korea, and the Combined Forces Command (CFC – US/ROK), simultaneously. The mission was to plan MP operations for all training exercises, and in preparation for all wartime scenarios, and in coordination with US military forces and branches throughout the Pacific theater. This included all combat MP missions, base security missions, enemy prisoner of war (EPW) operations, the mobilization of dozens MP units from state side, evacuation of non-combatants, and coordination of all plans with Provost Marshal General office of the ROK Military Police forces and the ROK Combat National Police force. Probably one of the most interesting tours of his career working at the highest levels with personnel of another nation, and from every military branch of our own armed forces, was planning for actual real-world scenarios with potential significant outcomes.

In 1985, he served as an Assistant Professor, Department of Military Science, at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut, as part of the US Army ROTC Cadet Command. He was largely responsible for curriculum development, recruitment of students, and the conduct and supervision of all instructional duties for officer candidates at this university.

Following that, he attended the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, prior to assuming duties as the Executive Officer and then Chief of Staff for the US Army Correctional Brigade at Fort Riley, Kansas. This was a “prison camp” where the inmates were supposed to be retrained for return to duty after having been convicted of a number of lower-level crimes. His duties centered around the coordination of MP personnel and US Army civilians conducting inmate supervision, food service, education, counseling, logistics, and inmate vocational training. During this period, he also served as the Deputy Garrison Commander, 1st Infantry Division, for a few months prior to my next assignment.

Following Fort Riley he was (again) assigned to Fort Leavenworth as the Battalion Commander for the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks (USDB) – the only maximum security penitentiary in the military system. He commanded a military force of 650 personnel responsible for the institutional security, custody and control of 1,350 felony military inmates. This included all aspects of training, housing, food service, riot control, and coordination with the other 5 state and federal prison facilities in the Leavenworth area.

After Battalion Command, he was assigned as the Chief of the Leadership Research Division of the Center for Army Leadership at Fort Leavenworth from that June until his retirement. Responsibilities included Army-wide research regarding current leadership trends in the military for use in formulating regulatory standards, policy, training, recruitment, programs and doctrine.

At this point in his career, his children were getting older, and his wife Teresa and he discussed settling down in a permanent location to give the family some stability from constantly moving, changing schools, and having to make new friends. It was during this job, when he applied for and was hired to be the Director of Corrections for St. Charles County, Missouri. He assumed those duties there in March 1995, and served as Director until September of 2009. During this time with SCC, he was also an Adjunct Professor at St. Charles Community College, teaching a number of criminal justice courses, as needed.

Now, he has two of their three “kids” bordering on retirement after completing their own careers in the military and traveling the world! So much for stability! With 9 grandchildren, and one of his kids (and 4 of the grandkids) living here locally, he and his wife keep very busy with family and traveling.