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U.S. ARMY EUROPE'S 95TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION BEGINS MISSION IN BAGHDAD

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BAGHDAD, Iraq -- The “Superstars” of U.S. Army Europe's 95th Military Police Battalion officially assumed responsibility for military police operations in East Baghdad during a transfer of authority ceremony at Forward Operating Base Rustamiyah here Nov. 8.



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Lt. Col. John Bogdan, commander of U.S. Army Europe's 95th Military Police Battalion and battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Brenda Curfman uncased the 95th's colors during the unit's transfer of authority ceremony at Forward Operating Base Rustimayah in Baghdad, Iraq Nov. 8.

The 95th, based in Mannheim, Germany, accepted the mission that had been in the hands of the 759th MP Battalion for the past 15 months.

“Lone Sentinel,’ your mission is complete,” said Lt. Col. Chad McRee, commander of the 759th, to the Soldiers of his Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment who will complete their deployment in the coming days.

Col. Mark Spindler, commander of USAREUR's 18th MP Brigade, presided over the ceremony. Spindler saluted the service of the 759th, then added that “the mission carries on, and the ‘Superstar’ Battalion is the right team at the right time.”

The mission the 95th is taking on centers on military police operations in the Rusafa District of Baghdad. For the 759th, those operations included supporting more than 17 MP companies covering two million-plus miles of Iraqi roads in support of Iraqi police, as well as training Iraqi police at the police station and district levels.

The Soldiers of the 95th, now starting its second rotation in Iraq, are ready to continue the MP mission in Rusafa, said Lt. Col. John Bogdan, the 95th's commander.

"We are open for business, and prepared to push forward until completion," said Bogdan.

The 95th had the opportunity to spend a few weeks prior to the transfer ceremony completing its transition with the 759th.



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