

## MILITARY POLICE SUPPORT FOR THE AIRLAND BATTLE

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### Preface

**The fundamental mission of the military police (MP) is to support commanders on the battlefield.** Should a conflict occur anywhere in the world, MP will be an integral part of it. FM 19-1 is the MP keystone manual. This manual emphasizes what MP leaders must know about MP capabilities to help friendly forces defeat the enemy. Additionally, it informs tactical commanders how MP can contribute toward success in battle.

**FM 19-1 is designed for MP leaders, commanders and their staffs, and US Army service schools.** FM 19-1 provides guidance for use by commanders and trainers at all echelons. It explains how the MP are organized and employed to support the tactical commander on the battlefield. It discusses MP support to all echelons, from the forward deployed brigades to the units at the rear edge of the communications zone (COMMZ).

FM 19-1 is based on the purpose, organization, responsibilities, and goals of the US Army as set forth in FM 100-1 and FM 100-5. The principles of MP support are based on the doctrine and operational principles contained in FM 71-3(HTF), FM 17-95, FM 71-100(HTF), and FM 71-101(HTF). Most terms and graphics needed to understand this manual are contained in FM 101-5-1. *Special terms used in this manual are explained in the glossary.*

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