



CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE FORCE

HOTZONE

NEWSLETTER

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2016



From The Commanding Officer



CBIRF Families-

It is with great sadness that I sit down to write what will be my last article for the "Hot Zone," as I will soon be relieved by Colonel Mike Carter. The change of command ceremony will be in the middle of May here at Indian Head, and we have begun the initial planning for this event. It has been my honor to have had the privilege of working with the CBIRF team over these past 3 years, and the unit is blessed to have an officer of Colonel Carter's caliber assuming command.

As I look back over the past 36 months, it is clearly apparent that the strength of our families has contributed immeasurably to the strength of this great unit. Hopefully, you have and will continue to take advantage of our many family related events, as these get-togethers help build a cohesive team that will ultimately aid your Marine or Sailor achieve the goals they have set for themselves and their family. We will host what will be my 12th and final Town Hall on 19 April, and this will be quickly followed by additional events to continue to build our family readiness program.

Our training tempo continues to be high, and we recently completed helicopter operations at Stump Neck Annex, and in the next few weeks, we will practice loading our equipment on Landing Craft Air Cushions (LCACs), and travel from Stump Neck, MD to Quantico, VA by "flying" across the Potomac River. We are also in the planning stages for several big events that will be coming up in the next two months. We have an IRF exercise scheduled in Staunton, VA from 24-28 April, which will involve Marines and Sailors from both Reaction Force Company and Headquarters and Service Company; Operation Vibrant Response is scheduled from 1-7 May and will see Marines and Sailors in both Indiana and here in Maryland; this will quickly be followed by Fleet Week New York City and our annual combined training with the Fire Department of New York. Also on the horizon are our block leave periods in May and July as well as support to the Democratic and Republican National Conventions.

The CBIRF leadership will continue keep you and your Marine or Sailor informed about our training plans as the months go by; we will also pass out the most current schedule at the upcoming town hall, and I encourage each of you to attend this event and ask questions when you have them.

I also want to remind you of our social networking sites, which provide a great opportunity to keep up with the unit as well as see photos of your Marine or Sailor in action. You can check out #cbirfmarines and find us at:

Official website: www.cbirf.marines.mil

Official photo/video: www.dvidshub.net/unit/CBIRF

Facebook: www.Facebook.com/CBIRF

Twitter: www.Twitter.com/CBIRF

Instagram: www.instagram.com/CBIRF

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9Rrtj6LiVrF0mGr4ZHVEkA>

My wife Robyn and I are grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of the Chemical Biological Incident Response Force, and we will always cherish the time we have spent with the Marines, Sailors, and Civilians that make up this great organization as well as all the photos of babies in their CBIRF onesies! It has been my honor to command CBIRF, and I want to thank all of you for your contributions - families make all the difference, and I can tell you firsthand how important you are to your Marines and Sailors - thank you!

Warmly,
Steve Redifer
Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps
Commanding Officer
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Look inside
for details...

CBIRF SPOUSE TOWN HALL

APRIL 19th



CBIRF Spouses' Town Hall



**Save the
date!**

April 19th • 6pm to 8pm

The Mix House
4307 Kings Court, BLDG D324

*Come to our Town Hall event
to hear first-hand from
our Commanding Officer*

*Join us to also hear guest speakers
Corey McCabe, MWR Site Director , and
Victor Johnson, Henderson Hall's Career Resource Specialist*

PLUS

*Our updated training calendar will be presented
and refreshments will be served*

Photos from the
State of the Union Address
 Washington, DC
 January 12, 2016



Upcoming Events

- Apr 18-22 LCAC Operations, Quantico, VA
- Apr 19..... Spouse Town Hall Event, Indian Head, MD
- Apr 20 Pinwheels at the USO, Indian Head, MD
- Apr 25-29 IRF B Exercise, Staunton, VA
- May 1-7 Exercise Vibrant Response, Stump Neck, MD
- Apr 17-24 Technical Rescue Training, Miramar, CA
- Apr 29..... Volunteer Appreciation, Indian Head, MD
- May 17 Change of Command, Indian Head, MD
- May 21-31 Fleet Week, NYC, NY
- May 21-Jun 4 IRF B Block Leave Period
- Jun 19-25 IRF A FDNY Training, NYC, NY
- Jun 27-Jul 10 IRF A Block Leave Period
- Jun 30 LINKS for Teens, Indian Head, MD

**April is the
Month of the
Military Child**



Join us in recognizing Child Abuse Awareness Month by planting pinwheels for the prevention of child abuse...

**April 20th, 2016
11am to 1pm
The Mix House**

The Pinwheels for Prevention campaign provides a unique opportunity for all of us, individuals and organizations alike, to take action by learning more about prevention and supporting child and family-friendly policies and services!

Come to the Mix House and get a pinwheel to plant along with lots of literature that supports this program.

A free lunch will be served!

Virtual Library.... Did You Know?

Did you know you have access to online library resources - free audio and e-books and more?

If you're not already registered with MilitaryOneSource, simply visit www.militaryonesource.mil for to access the virtual library.

Here is the direct link: [link-to-military-one-source-access](#)

There are resources that are available to you at no cost, including job search help, auto repair tips, research databases, and virtual magazines like Consumer Reports, Ebony, Entertainment Weekly, Forbes, InStyle, Money, People, Real Simple, and U.S. News and World Report and more.

Users will also have access to Tumblebooks, which provides books for early readers through High School readers.

In addition, there are a variety of scholarship help tools providing by Military OneSource.

Details can be found at: [college-and-scholarship-info](#)

Get online at MilitaryOneSource and see how many resources you can tap into!

**Spouse Employment
Workshops
available at Indian Head**

Employment classes are taught by our Family Member Employment Specialist, Victor Johnson, and are designed to assist you to hit the job pavement full-on, with confidence and knowledge of practices that will set you up for success. Participants will also have an opportunity for questions and answers directly with Victor.

**To request a workshop, email
ramona.higgins@usmc.mil**

Advanced Decontamination and Radiological Contamination Training

Perry, GA
January 27th and 30th 2016





Promotions at CBIRF



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| E5 BORGSTAHL, MICHAEL D. | E3 KROH, LYDIA K. | E4 RICHARD, KEVIN T. |
| E4 BUCHANAN, ANDREW R. | E5 KRUPP, JOHNATHON M. | E4 RODRIGUEZ JR, ERNESTO |
| E4 BURNSIDE, IAN A. | E5 LEWANDOWSKI, THOMAS J. | E5 SAYLOR, BRODERICK M. |
| E5 CALLBOYCE, NOAH A. | E5 LOFTIS, JONATHAN R. | E6 SCHOWALTER, JASON M. |
| O3 CARROLL III, LLOYD E. | E3 LYND, DANIEL J. | E5 SEARLES, CHRISTOPHER |
| E5 CORBITT, CHRISTIAN A. | E3 LYON, DAVID C. | E5 SMITH, LARNE D. |
| E4 DANIELS, EDEN L. | E5 MEDINA, KALEB R. | E5 STREETER, JOSHUA C. |
| E5 DELUCA, ANDREW M. | E5 MEJIAJIMENEZ, EDSON | E2 TAYLOR JR, MICHAEL O. |
| E8 DUPUY, BRIAN J. | E3 MELGOZA JR, ROGELIO | E5 THOMAS, JEFFEREY D. |
| E3 EMBILE, JASON B. | E5 MERRIMAN, ANTHONY W. | E5 TRAVER, JARED J. |
| E4 FIFE, SHOEN J. | E4 MILLER JR, MICHAEL L. | E4 VANDERMARK, DYLAN S. |
| E4 FOX, ERIC A. | E3 MUSSELWHITE, LUKAS | E3 WAGENHAUSER, TERRY L. |
| E3 GARCIA, JOESEPH M. | E4 NAUGHTON, GUNNAR I. | E4 WARE, BRYCE C. |
| E5 GRODZICKI, ROBERT J. | E4 NWANDU, ANTHONY C. | E4 WERNER, ANTHONY J. |
| E5 GUNTER, SHANIQUE V. | E5 OLAH, JACOB S. | E5 WILEY, TERRANCE R. |
| E4 HALLERAN, MICHAEL R. | W1 PARE, DANIEL G. | W3 WILSON, TRACY W. |
| E4 HARTOM, JOEL B. | E4 PLAYFORD, SHAWN G. | E4 WOYCKE, DEVON M. |
| E3 HOWARD, ZACHARY M. | E5 QUIROZ JR, FRANCISCO M. | E6 YULEEHIDALGO, JOSE M. |
| E5 JACKSON, MASON R. | E4 RECK, MITCHELL N. | |

Recent Awards at CBIRF



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| 20151215 | MSgt Frank Crowell | Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal |
| 20151221 | Sgt Sheldon Ellington | Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal |
| 20160107 | GySgt Daniel Pare | Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal |
| 20160127 | GySgt Luis Quetell | Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal |
| 20160205 | Sgt John McKinnon | Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal |
| 20160301 | GySgt Nester Antoine | Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal |
| 20160310 | Capt Mark Gilbert | Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal |
| 20160310 | Sgt Anthony Merriman | Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal |
| 20160310 | Sgt Ranson Maedke | Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal |
| 20160405 | Sgt David Peck | Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal |
| 20160405 | GySgt Nicholas Bailey | Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal |
| 20160310 | Sgt John Shelton | Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal |

CBIRF Rescue Marines

Train with

California Task Force 8

San Diego, CA

March 14-15, 2016



From the Family Readiness Officer

Dear CBIRF Marines, Sailors, and Families,

Recently I've had quite a few people ask me about things to do in the area, places to go that won't break your wallet, and things to do now that the cold weather is starting to dissipate.

We are just outside of some beautiful cities that are worth visiting. Therefore, back by popular demand, I've compiled a short list of fun things you can do in the area that's within an hour's drive or less. Take a look...

Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Get around the Inner Harbor on the Baltimore Water Taxi, or visit the National Aquarium. You can also learn about the Battle of Baltimore at the Fort McHenry National Historic Monument. There's also a Port Discovery Children's Museum, and if you're in the mood, you can take in a Baltimore Ravens game at M&T Stadium or the Orioles at Camden Yards.

The Washington DC Museums, Monuments, and Memorials. Discover the many free things you can do in the Nation's Capital. From the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to the Washington Monument, to the Museum of Natural History, your day will be well-spent and more educational than you can imagine. Most are within walking distance of one and another, and what's best, most admissions are free of charge!

Old Town Alexandria. Over 250 years of history are found in this quaint city! Only 40 minutes from Indian Head, you can jump in the car, drive up and park in one of their convenient garages, and spend the day visiting countless shops, restaurants, and walking the historic seaport on the Potomac. And if you get tired of walking, 'The Free King Street Trolley' runs every 15 minutes between Union Street and the King Street Old Town Metro Rail station from 11:30 a.m. to 10:15 p.m., stretching the entire width of the small town.

Inner Harbor at Annapolis. This unique area has as much beauty as it does history. The Annapolis Inner Harbor also boasts the United States Naval Academy, right around the corner from the many shops and restaurants that are located on the waterfront. And don't forget to stop for ice cream!

I hope and trust you can get out and visit some of the local area!

Ramona Higgins
Family Readiness Officer



Auto Hobby Shop Make sure your vehicle is in peak condition. Work on your car inside and stay warm! The Auto Hobby Shop is a fully equipped, self-service repair facility. It offers three vehicle lifts, one motorcycle lift, diagnostics center, drum brake tools, tap and die sets, timing lights, a strut compressor, and most other tools and equipment needed for vehicle repair. All tools and equipment are available on a first-come, first-served basis. **Call the Hobby Shop at 301-744-6314**

Community Recreation Center Lot's of things to do at our rec center! For the kids, every Tuesday from 10:30am to 11 a.m. is "Storytime and Crafts". Join us in the library section of the rec center a story read to the kids, plus a craft! **For info call 301-744-4850.**

Globe and Anchor/Tiki Bar and Mix House Rentals Stop by and check out the spectacular views! The Mix House can be rented for office parties, birthday parties or any special event you may have. **To book your date or take a tour of the facility please call 301-744-6487.**

Recreational Gear Rentals The MWR Auto Hobby Shop rents an extensive selection of equipment for your recreational needs. Available items include tents, canoes, tarps, picnic tents, tables, chairs, moon bounce, grills, lanterns, sporting equipment and recreational trailers/campers are also available! **Call the Hobby Shop at 301-744-6314 for more information.**

Visit us on the web at: www.navywmrindianhead.com



Come and visit the Indian Head USO!

**Li'l Patriots Playgroup
Wed., 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

All children, age 5 and under

are welcome to come for playtime. This is a perfect time for parents to observe as their children interact and socialize while making new friends!

Free Bread and Pastry Giveaway, Thurs., 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Pick up a variety of goodies donated such as breads, muffins, rolls, cakes, and cookies... always different, always good!

Free Service Member Lunch

3rd Thursday of the month 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

A special event just for our active duty service members to come and enjoy a home cooked meal. Come get served a delicious meal, head back to work, and leave the dishes to us!

Supermarket Sweep Food Distribution

4th Monday of the month 11 a.m.—1 p.m.

Free produce, boxed dry items, and canned goods are given away to anyone with a military ID. The location for this event is CBIRF's Building 901. Different items are available every month. Remember to bring your military ID!