



# MIRC QUARTERLY

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**Right:** Soldiers of the 336th E-MIB pose for a photograph Aug. 16, 2023 on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J as part of exercise Always Engaged 23.



## Always Engaged 23

The 336 Expeditionary Military Intelligence Brigade (E-MIB) successfully executed to Always Engaged. The 336 E-MIB established classified communications through the use of its organic intelligence equipment, with connectivity between Fort Dix, NJ and Fort McCoy, WI. Additionally, the Brigade headquarters company conducted Brigade-level intelligence operations within a Temporary Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility and established a Command Post to monitor operations being executed at Fort McCoy.— CPT Anastacia Domingo

## MIRC Commander's Corner



I'm truly excited to release this inaugural edition of MIRC Quarterly. We plan to use this newsletter to showcase achievements within the command, share best practices, and increase understanding of the MIRC's mission. Please take some time to explore the articles and links.

Always Engaged, Rapidly Engaged, Vigilant Defender, CSTX and Titan Warrior, and several other collective training events, contributed to the busiest annual training season we've ever had in the MIRC. I want to thank you for your tremendous dedication, creativity, and excellence in performing your missions in a training environment using both real-world and simulated threats. I appreciate the time you spent away from your family, friends and employers. (Continued on page 4)

## MIRC Command Sergeant Major

To the Soldiers, Civilians and Families of the Military Intelligence Readiness Command - I want personally thank all of you for your support to the Division over the past three years. As this is my last month in the Army, I am always amazed at the great things our organization does every day. The MIRC has come such a long way during my tenure. I have witnessed the organization change Commanders three times, vacate our spaces due to the COVID pandemic, and send our Soldiers near and far to answer our Army's needs. All of these accomplishments have been done flawlessly by the members of this organization with support from our exceptional families. I have never been prouder to serve as your Command Sergeant Major. I will always look back at this time as some of the best in my life. Although I will be gone, I want each and every one of you to know that I will always be your biggest fan and supporter in whatever situation I find myself. I believe in the Army Reserve and the value we provide to our nation. Many people I interact with call me a hero. I always correct them and say, "I am no hero but I serve with them every day". Best wishes and I will see all of you on the high ground one day.

- CSM Brian Bertazon, MIRC CSM

[Click here](#) to view a video of CSM Bertazon's recruiting trip to Florida high schools.



## Vigilant Defender

The 752nd MI BN (Counterintelligence) and partners representing all three Army components and from 18 units and organizations, conducted AT in the vicinity of San Juan/Ft. Buchanan, Puerto Rico.

Vigilant Defender 23 was the largest counterintelligence training event in USARC history and the first ever battalion level event since the 752nd was established in 2014. Key events included a Tier II EX-EVAL evaluated by Army Counterintelligence Command (ACIC) and the ARISC for CI and analytic support requirements and a STAFFEX and DRE Level 1 evaluated by 1st Army. The exercise ran July 8-22, 2023. [Click here](#) to access the full article.

## Safety Lessons Learned

Lessons learned from 2023 accident reports throughout the MIRC indicate we have room for improvement in risk management. Leaders and supervisors are responsible for integrating risk management into all Army processes and activities.

Our improvements must start with ensuring all Soldiers and Civilians complete Basic Risk Management training. Once we ensure our Soldiers and Civilians understand risk management, it can be effectively applied to on duty and off duty activities to reduce risks.

As it pertains to safety and occupational health, risk management is the process and safety is the outcome. For more information regarding risk management policy and training click [here](#). —Mr. Richard Hall, Command Safety Director





## MIRC Command Executive Officer

The 4th quarter of the year, a favorite for many, brings cooler weather, football, and festive holidays. As we embrace fall, it's essential to keep two important dates in mind. First, the 2023 Federal Benefits Open Season runs from 8 November to 13 December 2023. This is your chance to enroll in a new plan, make changes, or cancel health insurance and benefits plans. Secondly, remember your use or lose annual leave. All civilian employees must utilize any use or lose leave by 13 January 2024, the last Saturday in the last pay period for the calendar year 2023. Thank you for all you do. What you do matters! Your commitment is valued. Always Engaged! - Mr. Luther Thomas Jr., MIRC CXO



## MIRC Command Chief Warrant Officer

I ask you to embrace your families and beliefs as we enter the season of traditions. This time of year is a time for remembrance and celebration. It is a time when one season fades and the next prepares to start anew. Take pause in your busy lives and enjoy the comradery of those you call friend. These moments are fleeting and precious. The strongest bonds we have are with people that make our lives so beautiful. Take a few extra moments to introduce yourself and strike a conversation and potentially find a new friend. I offer these words as a challenge to strengthen the bonds of our Soldiers and the MIRC team as a whole. It is a small investment of time that can pay dividends in laughter and results in friends at the right place, at the most unlikely of times. I wish you the best in all you do... - CW5 William Davis, MIRC CCWO

## 338th MI Battalion (Interrogation) participates in Titan Warrior alongside MPs

The 338th Military Intelligence Battalion (Interrogation), Interrogation Group, Military Intelligence Readiness Command, conducted annual training between July 23 and Aug. 4, 2023 and participated in Titan Warrior 23.

Titan Warrior 23 is an Army Reserve, multinational, multifunctional, military police exercise with a detention operations focus. The 290th Military Police Brigade, 200th Military Police Command hosted the exercise. Approximately 900 Soldiers participated this year.

Upon arrival at Titan Warrior, Soldiers conducted interrogations and debriefings at a newly established expeditionary Joint Interrogation Debriefing Center. The battalion staff also rehearsed interfaces required to operate alongside military police units conducting detention operations missions.

Military intelligence Soldiers also received opportunities to train alongside soldiers from Canada and Belgium. The multinational contingent participated in detention facility operations.

U.S. Army Reserve Lt. Col. Tenay Benes, battalion commander of the 338th Military Intelligence Battalion, said, "The opportunity to test our screening, interrogation, debriefing, and interviewing tactics with our military police partners has proven to be invaluable. As a result of this exercise, we have discovered opportunities for increased collaboration and better coordination." Benes elaborated, "We've also had a lot of Army fun here - riding helicopters, working with detainees, and playing with robots!" [Click here](#) to access the full article.



**MIRC Commander (Cont. from page 1)** Without your sacrifices we cannot meet our commitments to our missions or our partners within the total force. You are what makes the Army, the DoD, and America so great, and ensures its continued existence.

People are my number one priority. As we enter the holiday season and prepare to welcome a new year, I want to remind you of the importance of taking care of yourself. Use the time we have during the holidays to recharge and do the things that are important to you – whether it is time with friends, family, or having time to explore your hobbies and interests, give yourself the gift of holistic self-care!

I also encourage anyone interested in furthering this command and our Military Intelligence profession of arms, to submit articles for publication in this newsletter. We'd love to highlight you and your unit's accomplishments and achievements. I'm honored to serve with you and excited for what the future holds in the MIRC.

- COL Melissa Adamski



**Far left:** ROK-A officers present a gift to COL Bill Putnam and CSM Brian Bertazon at Fort Belvoir, Va.

**Left:** A Soldier monitors an interrogation during the Interrogation Olympics at Camp Bullis, Texas.

**Below:** CSM Brian Bertazon during his retirement ceremony held at Fort Belvoir, Va.

**Bottom:** Soldiers visit The Alamo in San Antonio, Texas during Rapidly Engaged 23.

## MIRC Photo Galleries

Check out some photos from across the MIRC!

Republic of Korea officers visit the MIRC Headquarters. [Click here.](#)

The Combat Support Training Exercise. [Click here.](#)

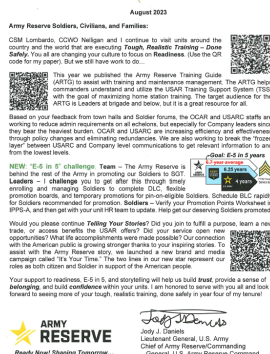
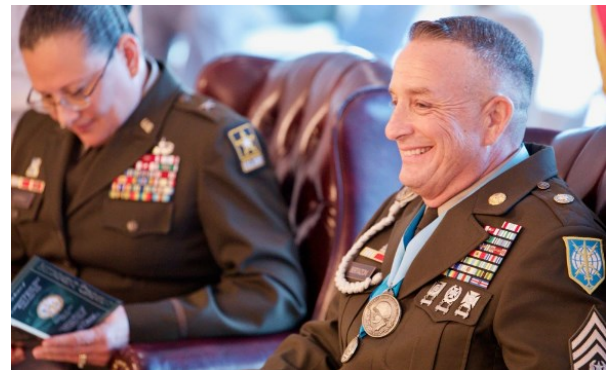
MIRC Soldiers participate in an German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge event. [Click here.](#)

Highlights from the Interrogation Olympics. [Click here.](#)

The MIRC hosted a judged chili cookoff. [Click here.](#)

Command Sergeant Major Bertazon's retirement. [Click here.](#)

MIRC Commander's Workshop highlights. [Click here.](#)



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