



MIRC QUARTERLY

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Right: Competitors depart on to the 12-mile ruck march course. The Military Intelligence Readiness Command (MIRC) conducted its annual soldier and noncommissioned of the Year competition April 10-15, 2024, at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.



MIRC conducts Soldier and NCO of the Year competition; An event by Soldiers, for Soldiers

The Military Intelligence Readiness Command (MIRC) conducted its annual Soldier and noncommissioned (NCO) of the Year competition April 10-15, 2024, at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. Events included a 12-mile ruck march to three-hour standard, combat water survival skills training, day and night land navigation, situational and medical lanes, obstacle and confidence courses, and skills testing. The winners are scheduled to compete at the U.S. Army Reserve Command level. For the full story, [click here](#).

MIRC Commanding General's Corner

As I recently marked the end of my first year in command of the MIRC, I continue to reflect on the great things we've collectively accomplished and am excited for the continued contributions the MIRC will make to positively impact the Future of Intelligence across the enterprise.

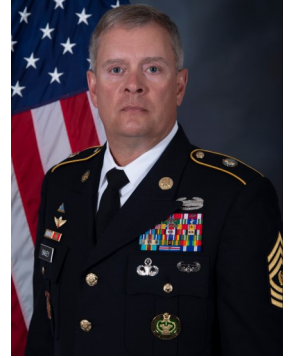
In April I had the honor of participating in a ceremony memorializing a true hero, SSG Richard S. Eaton Jr., at the MIRC headquarters. In conjunction with the 99th Readiness Division and Fort Belvoir, we renamed the reserve center with the participation of the Deputy Chief of Army Reserve, MG Kotulich, and SSG Eaton's mother, Sharon Eaton. I encourage you to [watch the video](#) of the ceremony and reflect on SSG Eaton's life and sacrifice. Our reserve center is now the only DoD facility named for a counterintelligence agent. **(Continued on page 4)**



MIRC Command Sergeant Major

The MIRC held the division-level NCO and Soldier of the Year competition in April. We had 13 competitors representing all seven BDEs – the most competitors the MIRC has ever fielded. Events like this showcase the results of empowering our NCOs. This was entirely planned, resourced, and executed by MIRC NCOs. The cadre coordinated medical support, public affairs coverage, and a night exfiltration using a CH-47 Chinook helicopter. Although the event was a competition, the cadre mentored, coached, and trained Soldiers. I watched a junior 25U Soldier give a SINCGARS class to the competitors, and later communicate via radio with the Chinook pilots. I was moved by the camaraderie and esprit de corps of the competitors, and the professionalism of the cadre and staff. I thank everyone that helped plan, organize, and conduct the best NCO and Soldier of the Year competition the MIRC has ever held.

I also congratulate this year's winners: SGT Tiger Colunga, DET 6, EUCOM ARE, 648th RSG and SPC Kyle Cook, A Co, 321st MI BN, 259th MI BDE.—CSM Edward Bailey



Above: BG Melissa Adamski (left), MG Deborah Kotulich (center), and Sharon Noble Eaton, mother of SSG Richard S. Eaton Jr., unveil a brass plaque in honor of Eaton's sacrifice.

Reserve center named for MIRC hero

The U.S. Army Reserve, 99th Readiness Division, and Military Intelligence Readiness Command (MIRC) held a memorialization ceremony in honor of Staff Sgt. Richard S. Eaton Jr., April 23, 2024, at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

The U.S. Army Reserve center, located off John J. Kingman Road, now bears Eaton's name. Eaton served as a counterintelligence special agent. He died of heat-related injuries on August 12, 2003, following a firefight in Al-Hit, Iraq. Eaton was assigned to B Company, 323rd Military Intelligence Battalion.

Eaton's mother, Sharon Noble Eaton, attended the ceremony. "The honor is not only my son's but also belongs to all Army counterintelligence agents who work silently worldwide always out front with courage, integrity and perseverance," remarked the elder Eaton. For the full story, [click here](#).

Modernization and Transformation – A Key Combination to Success

The Modernization and Transformation Task Force (M&T TF) at MIRC is dedicated to tackling our most pressing challenges head-on. Recently, we launched an initiative aimed at enhancing the data literacy of soldiers throughout the command. This initiative empowers units to leverage existing technologies across the force, significantly enhancing our ability to streamline business processes. By saving time and resources, commanders can focus more on crucial tasks such as training and improving readiness. Additionally, our team is actively involved in improving MI Talent Management across the USAR. We're developing tools that will provide commanders with targeted management reporting, ensuring optimized deployment of personnel resources. In the cyber domain, we've partnered with ARCYBER to harness the unique skills of MIRC Soldiers and civilians to bolster intelligence support for cyber operations. Their diverse backgrounds bring invaluable expertise not commonly found in the active force.

Recently, we conducted a foundational course on data literacy, equipping participants with essential skills for making informed decisions using data. We've also hosted training on the Microsoft Power Platform, empowering Soldiers to automate tasks that were previously manual. The M&T Task Force thrives on collaboration and innovation across all formations. We encourage every Soldier to engage in our monthly Community of Interest (COI) events, where ideas and knowledge are shared to drive our mission forward. To get involved and learn more, [click here](#) to join the conversation.

MIRC holds Commander's Symposium



Over 20 company-level leaders gathered at Ft. Belvoir, Va. for the FY 24 Commander's Symposium hosted by MIRC Special Programs. The three-day event, 22-24 April, served as an opportunity for company command teams to strengthen their understanding of the holistic approach to personnel readiness.

Deputy Chief of the Army Reserve, MG Deborah Kotulich, visited the MIRC Commander's Symposium and provided valuable insight to the leaders present. MG Kotulich shared stories of her previous command assignments, lessons learned, and challenges she had to overcome as a leader.

Classroom topics of discussion included trauma and PTSD, unit climate, unit risk inventory and Commander's Risk Reduction Toolkit, and the Psychological Health Program. Leaders at the Symposium were given an opportunity to develop and present a prevention plan in response to the case study provided, which incorporated MIRC special programs. The comprehensive prevention plans included risk identification, risk reduction strategies, internal and external support available, and addressed solutions to many challenges within the organization.

The Commander's Symposium was created in 2023 to provide newly assigned company and detachment commanders with the necessary tools to implement health and command initiatives. The training sessions are designed to strengthen the MIRC foundation, improve sustained personal readiness to meet operational requirements, and sustain a value-based organization of trusted Army professionals.

MIRC equal opportunity office conducts community outreach

Soldiers from the Military Intelligence Readiness Command EO office took part in a veterans outreach event, April 11, 2024, at Crofton High School in Howard County, Maryland. The event provided a platform for service members to connect with students and share valuable experiences.

During the event, soldiers engaged in various activities, including viewing student projects, engaging in one-on-one conversations with students, and participating in a panel discussion.



The highlight of the day was a thought-provoking question and answer session where the soldiers candidly responded to student inquiries regarding their service experiences, transition to civilian life, and the ways in which their expertise benefits veterans.

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- MSG Isaac R. Black and LTC Ronald D. Madison

MIRC CG's Corner (Cont. from page 1)

In late spring we wrapped up our annual training briefs where battalion and brigade command teams shared exceptional plans for future exercises and events. Our command teams and staffs are working hard to ensure MIRC units are prepared to provide intelligence support to the Warfighter. This dedication to organizational readiness demonstrates true care for our Soldiers and the missions we support globally at the tactical, operational, and strategic level.

In June, some of our units converged on Camp Bullis in Texas to execute Centurion Ice alongside partners from the 200th Military Police Command. Leveraging the INSCOM Intelligence Training Center (I2TC), our leaders, planners, interrogators, analysts, and other enablers worked alongside MPs in a realistic rehearsal of theater interrogation operations. This is the kind of training that will prepare us for the future fight.

Keep training hard and preparing to conduct your wartime mission and take care of each other as you assemble and train this summer. I plan to travel to our Collective Training Exercises and look forward to seeing each of you in the field!

“Always Engaged” – BG Melissa K.G. Adamski

MIRC Photo Galleries

Check out some photos from across the MIRC!

Memorialization event in honor of SSG Richard S. Eaton Jr. [Click here.](#)
Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month signing. [Click here.](#)
Soldier of the Year and NCO of the Year competition. [Click here,](#) [click here](#) and [Click here.](#)

373rd E-MIB load equipment out on C-17 aircraft. [Click here.](#)

MIRC HHD Soldiers conduct ACFT. [Click here.](#)

COL James Hannigan's promotion ceremony. [Click here.](#)

Below: A HMMWV belonging to 373rd E-MIB staged for loading onto a USAF Reserve C-17 at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.

Bottom: MIRC G4 Food Services NCO SSG Veridania Paulio Bonilla celebrates completing a master's degree in International Business Administration



MIRC participates in INSCOM ribbon cutting

The MIRC CG participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony for Intelligence and Security Command's Nolan building located on Fort Belvoir, Va.



Render of the Nolan building courtesy of INSCOM PAO

The MIRC plans to occupy portions of the Nolan building upon completion of the multi-year renovation effort. INSCOM seeks to unlock synergies by co-locating with portions of the MIRC headquarters.

To read more about the ceremony, [Click here.](#)



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