

# Association of Reserve Brigades Asociace záložních brigád



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# Vision

- Active participation in professional development of Active Reservists;
- Engagement of Reservists in defense and security education of the civilian population;
- Legal support of Active Reserves within the current legal framework and in employee/employer relations;
- Creation of Civilian Skills Database of Reservists;
- Development of defense related activities with general public.

# Vision

- Utilize CIOR membership in further professional development of both Active Reserve and Regular Army component in terms of organization and participation in national and international training events at home or abroad;
- Best practice/experience sharing;
- Coordination and Support of further Active Reserve Units development;
- Activities focused on enhancement of military skills and physical fitness of reservists.

# AZB History

- AZB was established in 2000 as an initiative of reservists and voluntary reserve exercises participants.
- The Association was established in order to:
  - Provide reservists opportunity to gather in an organization;
  - Represent the Active Reserve Forces in CZE and abroad;
  - Provide professional development opportunities for Active Reserve Forces
  - To provide reservists with services within the scope of third party agreements.
- As of 2007 the association became independent and is registered with the CZE Ministry of Interior: č.j.VS/1-1/67723/07-R; assigned ID#: 28558600

# AZB History

- AZB is a non-profit organization registered at appropriate tax registry.
- AZB cooperates closely with:
  - CZE MOD
  - Security Committee of the Parliament of the Czech Republic
  - Other partners involved in the process of establishing ongoing reforms of the armed forces
- AZB is actively participating in presentations of the Active Reserves in public events.

# Membership

- Individual

- Citizens of Czech Republic of age 18 and above, with no criminal record that agree with the constitution of AZB and support its activities.

- Collective

- Any legal entity that agree with the constitution of AZB and support its activities.

- Honorary

- Any person or legal entity that has employed extraordinary, honorable or significantly notable act or acts in support of AZB.

# Membership

- Primary Focus Group

- Active Drilling Reservists

- Male and Female CZE citizens of ages 18-60 that have a valid Active Reserve Contract with the Czech Armed Forces
    - Activities related to Active Reserves represent 95% of AZB activities
    - Active Reservists form over 90% of AZB membership

- Statistics

- Current number of Active Reservists in CZ Armed Forces: 1300
  - Approximately 25% are AZB registered members

\* AZB is the only organization solely focused on Active Drilling Reservists in CZE. It is not a requirement to join the association when one becomes reservist as membership is voluntary. Non-Members are allowed and encouraged to participate in all activities and draw support from AZB benefits.



# AZB Leadership

- President

Lt.Col. Arnošt Líbezný

- Executive Committee

Cpt. Michal Heldenburg

2Lt. Dušan Havlíček

WO Dominik Žbánek

Cpt. Milan Kryštof Čech, DBA

- Foreign Affairs:

2Lt. Jaroslav Háječek



# AZB Activities

- Active Reserves professional development
  - Language Courses
  - Leadership Seminars
  - Military Skills Competitions
- Promotion of the Active Reserves and the Armed Forces in schools of all levels
- Strengthening of democratic control of the armed forces
- Cooperation with employers and other entities on topics of Active Reservists

# AZB Activities


- Communication between Active Reserves as part of the Czech Army and the civilian sector
- Participation in legislation forming process and reforms that affect the Armed Forces and Active Reserves
- International cooperation
- Negotiation of support for Active Reservists with:
  - Producers of weapons and military equipment;
  - Medical and spa treatments;
  - Recreational activities

# Finance

- AZB is non-profit organization
  - Primary source of finance:
    - Membership fees
    - Sponsorship
    - Donations

All AZB activities are financed exclusively by AZB budget.  
CZ MOD solely provides support in logistical means not  
by monetary contributions.

# AZB in CIOR

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- Request for recommendation to CZE MOD: 2007
  - Recommendation issued by CZE MOD 12/2007
  - AZB was accepted as a full member during the 62<sup>nd</sup> Summer Congress in Sofia, Bulgaria in 2009.

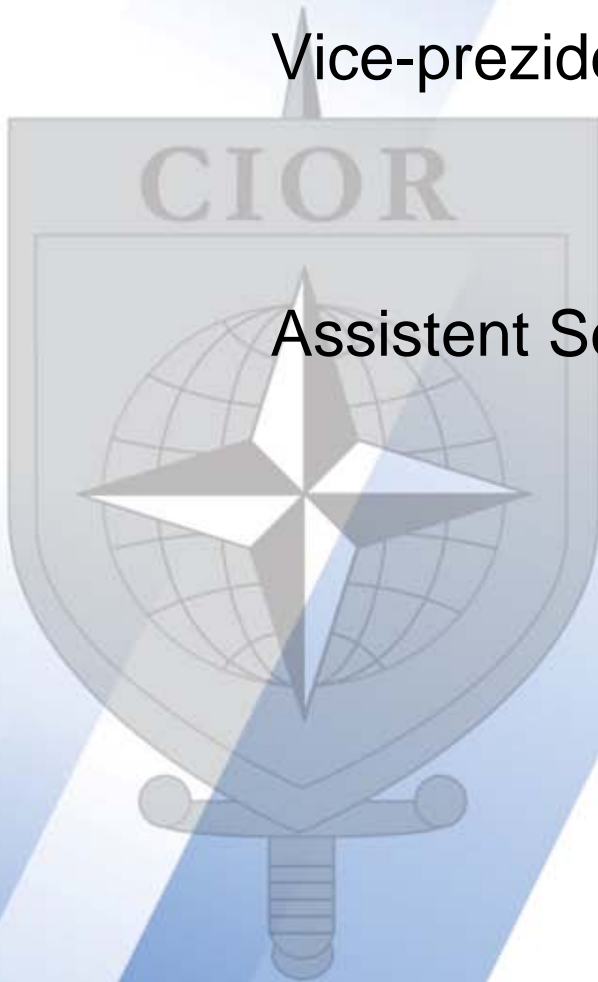
# AZB delegation to CIOR

Vice-prezident VP-CZE

Lt.Col. Arnošt Líbezný

Assistent Secretary General ASG-CZE

2Lt. Jaroslav Háječek



# CIOR Events in CZE

- Young Reserve Officers Outreach Seminars YROS - 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014
- CIOR CLA - 2000, 2010, 2012
- CLA English refresher course – 2011, 2012, 2013
- CIOR/CIOMR/NRFC Summer Congress - 2013

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