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Biomed/Biotech Special Interest Group (SIG) Meeting  
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## “Helping Fight Ebola During the Recent Epidemic in West Africa”

To be presented by

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**Wednesday, January 20, 2016**

6:00 – 6:20 PM – Networking; Pizza/drink

6:20 – 8:45 PM – Program

8:45 – 9:00 PM – Door-prizes drawing; Networking

Online Registration site: <http://www.asq509.org/ht/d/DoSurvey/i/35817>

Open to Public –

**\$5:** [non-ASQ members](#) to cover pizza/drink cost;

**Free:** ASQ members, veterans, senior citizens, past speakers, US PHS

Commissioned Corp officers, teachers, students, interns, residents, postdocs, FDA Commissioner’s Fellows, MJ-DC members, NTUAADC members, CAPA members, CKUAADC members, CCACC volunteers/employees, FAPAC members, CBA members, AAGEN members, NCARSQA members, OCA-DC members, and current job-seekers

**Location:** Kelly’s Deli Conference Center, 7529 Standish Place, Rockville ([Derwood, for GPS users](#)), MD 20855

**Registration Deadline:** Please register by **Wednesday noon, January 20, 2016.**

**Question:** Please contact Dr. C.J. George Chang, Chair of Biomed/Biotech SIG, ASQ509; [gchang2008@yahoo.com](mailto:gchang2008@yahoo.com) or 240-793-8425 (cell).

**Driving directions:** **By Cars:** From I-270 (N or S bound): Take Exit 9A and exit from the FIRST right exit; turn left (east) onto Shady Grove Dr.; turn right (south) onto Rockville Pike (**Route 355**); turn left (east) onto East Gude Dr.; turn left (north) immediately onto Crabb’s Branch Dr.; turn left (west) immediately onto Standish Place. The first building on your right side is 7519 Standish Place; open parking). [The venue is on the first floor of 7529 Building with its external entrance opposite to the left side of 7519 building main entrance.](#) **By Metro trains:** Off from Red Line **Shady Grove Station**, and take RideOn **Route 59 TOWARD ROCKVILLE** and get off from “**Calhoun Place**” stop. Standish Place is next to the Bus stop. Our venue is within 2 min of walking distance from the stop.

## Summary

In September 2014 the president of Liberia asked the president of the United States to send help in the fight against the Ebola virus epidemic. President Obama sent a variety of uniformed and civilian resources from the US government. One of these entities was a group of officers from the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. They were to configure and staff a portable hospital to treat this patient population. This hospital was designed to be used in remote locations by the USAF. I was part of the first team that went to Monrovia Liberia to carry out this mission. The US Army had assembled the mobile hospital provided by the USAF but it had not been modified to handle Ebola virus patients.

We spent the first two weeks configuring the hospital and going through scenarios that might occur once actual patients were referred to us. Over the next 7 weeks we treated patients with Ebola virus disease and had a survival rate of approximately 50% which was slightly better than average. There were many challenges to house and feed the team as well as to activate and supply the hospital. This presentation will cover this process from the President's original announcement on September 16, 2014 until the team returned on December 20, 2014 after turning the facility over to the second of four teams that manned it.

## Speaker's Bio: LCDR Philip Lafleur, MPAS, PA-C

- Born and raised in Massachusetts, and lived in the Midwest and the South for over 30 years
- USAF 1976-1981, US Army National Guard 1982-1986
- **Physician assistant** with a BS from Trevecca Nazarene University (1998) and MS from University of Nebraska (2001)
- Joined USPHS in 1999 and spent 9 years with the federal bureau of prisons
- Joined the FDA in 2008 - **investigator** with Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA) for 3 years at New England District
- Became a **compliance officer** in the CDRH Office of Compliance in 2011
- Widower with 3 grown children
- **Area 71 Government** (District 36) for Toastmaster International program

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