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Crab feast raises money for Alzheimer's cure

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Boy Scouts from Troop 1778 helped stock tables with crabs and removed picked shells during the 2017 Alzheimer's Crab Feast Fundraiser in Indian Head earlier this month.

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Marines from the Chemical Biological Incident Response Force at the Indian Head Naval Surface Warfare Center attended the 2017 Alzheimer's Crab Feast Fundraiser in Indian Head earlier this month.

The Town of Indian Head, the Military Alliance Council, MAC, and Advanced Vision Systems, Inc., AVSI, partnered earlier this month for a Community Fundraising Crab Feast to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association.

Over 200 people joined in for all-you-can-eat crabs — 26 bushels courtesy of Grinder's Seafood — along with beer, sides and hotdogs donated by local businesses, raffle baskets, a corn hole tournament and live music provided by Heather Haze and Dan Viar and Sam Whetzel.

Marines from the Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head joined the celebration. Brian Klaas, co-chair of the MAC, reminded the crowd that community is needed now more than ever since the USO closed this year. Eighty tickets were donated for the Marines to attend the event.

Volunteers from Boy Scout Troupe #1778 made sure every table was stocked with crabs and the pick-shells were removed promptly. The pastor and several members of the LifeStream Church pitched in and kept the food hot and kitchen sparkling. AVSI employees and their families worked for several days to ensure the event was a

success, allowing for \$7,700 to be raised for research and the support of Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers. The fundraising continues and you can be a part of "Team Handsome Dad".

Team Handsome Dad came together in 2010 after the death of Neal "Handsome" Drinkard after a 15-year battle with early-onset Alzheimer's. His children Stephney Drinkard, Barry Drinkard, Pennie Drinkard (AVSI President) and Sheila Zattau (AVSI VP) are committed to helping other families suffering from this mind-robbing disease.

This year's goal is \$12,000 and the group is more than half way there. The next event will be the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sept. 30 at Town Hall in La Plata.

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