



CCRA E-News Bulletin



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*Welcome to the January edition of the
Chemical Corps Regimental Association E-News Bulletin*

Message from Your President LTC(R) Donnie Killgore

Army Regulation 600-82 (5 July 1990) states in Chapter 5 that (1) The branch proponent is the Chief of the Corps and (2) The branch proponent Command Sergeant Major (CSM) is the SGM of the Corps.

Although most of you know our Chief of Chemical and Regimental CSM, many may not. We are extremely fortunate and our Corps and Regiment are currently in good hands. For those of you who may not know, may I introduce our current Chief of the Chemical Corps and Regimental CSM.

Chief of Chemical



Brigadier General (BG) Leslie C. Smith is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. He received an early commission from Georgia Southern University (GSU) in 1983 as part of the Simultaneous Membership Program with the Georgia Army National Guard. In 1985, he graduated with a BBA in accounting and as a distinguished military graduate from GSU and was branched as a Chemical Officer. He holds a Masters of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University and a Master of Science in National Strategy from the National Defense University.

BG Smith has served as :

- Fire Support Team Chief in the 1-230th FA Bn, 48th Infantry Bde (1983-1985)
- Battalion Chemical Officer, Assistant S3 and HHC platoon leader in the 3-52nd ADA Bn in Germany (1986 to 1989)
- Division Chemical Section Staff Officer, DIVARTY Chemical Officer and 21st Cml Co
- Commander in the 82d Airborne Division in Ft Bragg, NC (1990 to 1993). While in the 82d ABN DIV, he deployed as part of Operations Desert Shield and Storm.

- Future readiness officer and company grade assignment officer position at Chemical Branch PERSCOM in Alexandria, VA. (1993 to 1996)
- Battalion S3 and XO in the 23d Chemical Bn, Taegu, South Korea (1997-1999)
- Chairman's representative to the Biological Weapons Convention Protocol in the Joint Staff, J-5 (1999 - 2001)
- Commander 83rd Chemical Bn at FLW, MO (2001 to 2003)
- Deputy Division Chief and Chief NBC Branch for the Full Dimensional Protection Division, Army Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff for Programs, G8 (2003 - 2004)
- Commander 3rd Cml Bde at FLW, MO
- G3, 20th SUPCOM (CBRNE)(2007 - 2008)

On 28 June 2008 he became the 25th Chief of Chemical and Commandant of the United States Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School.

His military education includes the Chemical Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Airborne School, Jumpmaster School, and Command and General Staff College. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (1OLC), Legion of Merit, Defense Services Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal (3OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1OLC), Senior Parachutist Badge, and both the Joint and Army Staff Identification Badges.

Regimental Command Sergeant Major



Regimental Command Sergeant Major Ted A. Lopez entered the U.S. Army in August 1979. He attended Basic Combat Training at FLW, MO and Advanced Training at Fort Sam Houston, TX.

RCSM Lopez has served in every leadership and staff positions to include Team Leader, Squad Leader, Company NBC NCO, Battalion Battle Staff NBC NCO, Regimental Battle Staff NBC NCO, Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant, Department of the Army Assistant Inspector General, Operations Sergeant Major,

Sergeants Major Academy Faculty Advisor and Command Sergeant Major. CSM Lopez holds an Associate's of Science degree from the State University of New York; Albany, New York a bachelor's degree in management from the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland; and a master's degree in management from Webster University.

RCSM Lopez has served with the:

- 257th Medical Detachment, Fort Jackson, South Carolina
- 10th Engineer Bn, 3ID, Kitzgen FRG
- 2-10 FA, 197th (SEP) Infantry Brigade, Fort Benning, Georgia
- 54th Chemical Troop, Combat Support Squadron, 11th ACR, Fulda FRG with deployment to South West Asia
- HHC, Chemical Biological Defense Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Edgewood, Maryland
- HHC United States Army, Pentagon, DC;
- HHC, 19th TAACOM, Camp Henry, Korea;
- A Company, United States Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, TX;
- CSM 83rd Chemical Bn and Warrior Brigade, Fort Polk, LA with deployments to South West Asia, Afghanistan, Qatar, Bagram, Kandahar, Kuwait, and Uzbekistan
- CSM 23rd Chemical Battalion and Garrison
- CSM 20th ASG, Camp Carroll, Korea;
- CSM DISCOM, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea-
- CSM 1st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade with deployments to Kuwait and Iraq with 46th Combat Heavy Engineer Bn,
- Commandant of the Fort Polk NCO Academy, FT Polk, LA;
- Post Command Sergeant Major, Carlisle, Barracks, Army War College, PA.

RCSM Lopez is the 11th Chemical Corps Regimental CSM and CSM of the United States Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School.

Message from Your Honorary Colonel BG(R) Pat Nilo and Honorary
Sergeant Major CSM(R) Pete Hiltner

A special congratulation goes out the BG Tom Spoehr for your selection to Major General! Well deserved and we are proud of you.

Well another year has come to an end. We want to thank all that have supported your Regimental Association over the past year. Your generous donation of time and active membership is what makes the association successful. Your association is still in the business of supporting our Soldiers, Soldier Families, and our Museum. We are always looking for suggestion on we can better serve our Corps. If you have any suggestions please let us know.

A special shout out to all our local chapter presidents and members. Your chapter is critical in getting the Corps message to the field. We know that in today's Army, time is valuable and "free time" is almost unheard of, but you continue to serve our Corps both on and off duty. Thank You!

Help us to keep the momentum going. Please reach out to our Dragon Soldiers, retirees and civilians who are not members of the CCRA and encourage them to join. We are growing fast, expanding chapters, and increasing our activities in support of our members. We look forward to an eventful 2010!

Keep an eye of the CCRA Web Page for any updates on our new programs.

We hope you enjoyed your holidays and we wish the best for you and yours in 2010.

Pete Hiltner
CCRA Member 4 Life
Honorary Sergeant Major
Hall of Fame Member

Pat Nilo
CCRA Member 4 Life
Honorary Colonel of the Corps
Distinguished Member of the Corps

Message from the Chief of Chemical and Regimental Command Sergeant Major

From the Chief:

Thank you for completing such a great year and everything you are doing to defend the nation both overseas and in the United States. CSM Lopez and I are very proud of our Dragon Soldiers and their families and wanted you to know your efforts do not go unnoticed. This note focuses on a few things that we have been working on for the team.

1. MG ACC Selection. BG Tom Spoehr selected for promotion to MG. This is a first for our Corps in over 5 years.

2. CBRN Transformation VTC. We are going to have these VTCs every other month. One focused on CBRN Transformation, the other on unit readiness (ARFORGEN updates).

- Need your help on ensuring that we get participation from the formations that need help in preparation for deployment and redeployment. If we have formations out there doing non-standard training and are asked to execute a mission w/o the required knowledge, we are back to pre 2003 capabilities. Please let us know what you need. Our first priority is to conduct the training in the institution (because we have first class facilities that are not reproducible at most locations). If we cannot accomplish this task, we have to develop a plan to support those units and Soldiers deploying.

- During our next VTC, I will brief you on the Army Enterprise concept and how it will apply to our development of the CWMD Enterprise. We have developed a lot of capabilities in DoD, but many of them work at cross purposes. Senior DoD CBRNE leaders are working the higher level concept, it is my intent to work the same for the Army - More to follow.

3. Support to the CIED Fight and Winning the Nation's Wars. We need to make sure that the efforts we develop support this overall concept. CEIDs will be with us for the foreseeable future. We have capabilities that can help to support that concept. The dismounted recon kit can help support the CIED mission, but we need to get it fielded and Soldiers trained.

4. Maintaining HAZMAT Training Readiness. To date we have trained over 10,000 Soldiers and other services on perishable HAZMAT skills. I need your help in making sure those that are trained keep up with refresher training. We have developed a link that I think will help you with that certification:

<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/589268>

Message from the Chief of Chemical and
Regimental Command Sergeant Major
Continued

5. Army Chemical Review. Thanks again for another great version of the Army Chemical review. Your input to the magazine has raised the level of professional discussion in our community. Keep it up!!! If you have not seen what we have done with the Army Chemical Review, please go online and see our changes. Really updated to show what our Soldiers are doing in the field and how the Chemical corps is expanding. Have included my draft intro to the next ACR.

6. Joint CBRN Conference, 92nd Chemical Corps Regimental Week (21-25 June 2010). We have started preparation for our next regimental. Block these dates and come out to see what your corps is doing today and plans on doing in the future. We expect a bigger display venue than last year with engaging discussions at all levels. See you there!!!

7. Combating WMD Community of Interest Meeting with DTRA. On 09 Oct, we executed the first Combating WMD community of Interest meeting. Our goal is to use this venue to move our community forward so we have a better idea for what we are doing. See below. Combating WMD COI Meeting. MG Randy Manner, Deputy Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, hosted the first CWMD COI meeting. Attendees included GO-SES leaders from OSD Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Acquisition Technology and Logistics (CM-Bio and CM Demil), Defense Threat Reduction Agency, US Army Chemical Corps and CBRN School, US Nuclear and CWMD Agency, Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center, Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense, and 20th Support Command (CBRNE). The meeting focused on organization missions-visions and areas of future partnership - challenges. MG Manner reiterated that this forum will not try to usurp normal processes but for all to understand mutual areas of support and how we can deliver more effective and efficient CWMD capabilities for the Warfighter. Next steps: Develop a CWMD senior distribution list IOT provide updates in actions, volunteered to host next event in APG, MD. Army applicability. Goal is to take this GO-SES framework and apply to current Army Component Command CWMD Council of Colonels work. We need to improve our synchronization of the Joint Staff and OSD strategy to combat WMD in the Army.

VR,
Les
BG, USA
25th Chief of Chemical

Message from the Chief of Chemical and Regimental Command Sergeant Major Continued

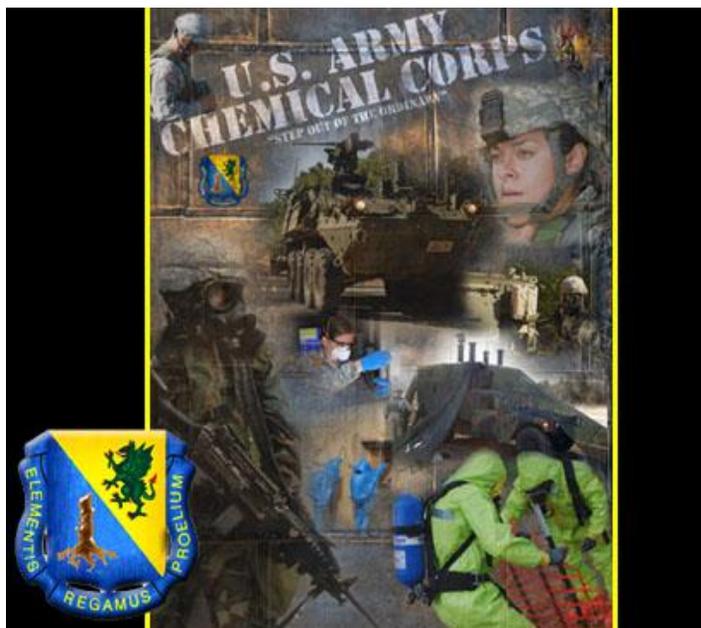
From the RCSM:

Team, as I look back this past year the Corps has accomplished a lot. I was privileged and honored with visiting our Warriors in Iraq, Korea, Alaska, Germany and almost every installation across the country. Our Warriors are doing a great job serving our Nation. I am very proud of all our civilians, retirees, Families, Friends and our great Warriors. The Commandant and I see the future of the Corps to be inspiring as we continue to transition to an enterprise system and to update our School--we are the leaders in innovation.

Staying relevant in the current fight and in the future is still one of our biggest challenges. I ask all our leaders to continue to educate the force on our capabilities. We are a Corps that has the best Warriors in the Army; our CBRN Warriors continue to accomplish all missions and are able to stay honed in the vast amount of CBRN tasks.

Dragon Warriors, as we start our new year and our 9th year in combat operations, I ask you think about how we can continue to support our Soldiers deployed all over the world. Our Army is stressed as we get ready to increase efforts in Afghanistan--help the Corps meet its goals by improving each and every foxhole we control. Again, thank you for what you do, invest in the Corps, God Bless you all!

RCSM Ted Lopez



Transforming the Regiment

On 7 January 2010, the Chief of Chemical sent this information about the transformation of the Chemical Corps. BG Smith gave us permission to share this with you in our newsletter.

From the Chief:

"As we continue the evolving transformation of our Regiment, the CBRN concepts and doctrine team has conducted an extensive review of our modular force from platoon to brigade-sized organizations. This process has been continuous for nearly two years now, and I intend to publish the results in doctrine. The publication titled Army Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for CBRN Aspects of Command and Control (ATTP 3-11.36) - a multiservice publication - represents a critical update to our operating force doctrine and TTP for C2 functions, to include threat assessments, vulnerability assessments, and capability assessments. Thank you for your contributions and positive feedback during the development of this manual. We are at the final editing stages before my approval and signature, and I wanted to highlight one specific area of the publication that focuses on our capabilities - the CBRN modular force. Appendix I of this new publication represents the following key changes:

- 1) Chemical units are re-designated as CBRN units. For example, a Chemical Company is now called a CBRN Company. This is consistent with Army modular force doctrine found in FM 3-0 and related publications. All TOEs will be update to reflect this new designation.
- 2) All of our CBRN units are included, along with the website designation to research the most current TOE and MTOE data, as well as a comprehensive review of every unit's doctrinal mission, key tasks, capabilities, and employment considerations for units ranging from platoon to brigade levels. In the past, we did not have this type of data for platoon-sized elements. All TOEs will be updated with these new mission profiles.
- 3) All CBRN units will include a functional designator where one applies. A summary follows:
 - a. CBRN Reconnaissance Platoon - five different configurations include IBCT, HBCT, SBCT, Armored, and Light.
 - b. CBRN Decontamination Platoon - two configurations include Heavy and Light.
 - c. CBRN Platoon (Biological) - formerly BIDS platoons
 - d. CBRN Platoon (Obscuration) - formerly smoke platoons, updated to reflect the multispectral capability, as well as consistency with the movement and maneuver warfighting function found in FM 3-0.

Transforming the Regiment continued

e. CBRN Company (Maneuver Support) - formerly Chemical Company (Combat Support); updated to remove obsolete doctrinal reference to combat support, while retaining the functional designation to predominantly support ground maneuver forces.

f. CBRN Company (Area Support) - formerly Chemical Company (Heavy); updated to reflect the appropriate operational deployment of this limited capability on an area basis primarily in support of division and higher.

g. CBRN Company (Obscuration) - two configurations include Mechanized and Wheeled.

h. CBRN Company (Biological)

i. CBRN Company (ACR)

j. CBRN Battalion - our general purpose CBRN battalion headquarters.

k. CBRN Brigade

l. CBRNE Battalion - formerly Technical Escort Battalion; updated to remove the implication that they are single-mission, as well as reflect the integrated EOD capability.

m. CBRNE Company - formerly Technical Escort Company.

n. CBRNE Response Team (CRT) - formerly Joint Response Team (JRT)/Remediation Response Team (RRT); updated to reflect the multi-functional role as well as integrated EOD capability

o. CBRN Staffs - an entire section that includes functions for Company CBRN NCOs, as well as Core CBRN Staff capabilities from battalion to ASCC levels; and includes CBRNE elements operating in protection cells at division and higher levels.

p. CBRN Coordination Element (CBRN-CE) - formerly JA/JB teams; updated to reflect new allocation rules.

Again, this represents a revolutionary review of our modular CBRN force as we continue to maintain pace with Army modular force transformation and associated Joint force integration. Our team here has worked with many of you in the past in developing this update to our modular force and we greatly appreciate your insights and contributions. Please take time to take one more look at what we have settled upon in the summary above, and provide feedback to LTC Mike Dutchuk you may have before we go to print with ATTP 3-11.36 later this month."



Chapter News . . .

McClellan Chapter - Mike Lanphere 256-231-2186

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Chapter hosted a presentation by the 310th CM CO (BIDS) on 10 Nov. 310th provided an overview of the unit and provided demonstrations of the BIDS. Despite a Tropical Storm, the event was attended by 32 people.

5 Dec Christmas Party, 58 attended; attendance a little low, we were competing against the SEC Football Championship game (Alabama vs Florida). Raised more money for the Military Support Program and collected presents for the 490th CM BN Family Support Group.



Donations (Magic Jacks, Phone Cards, Checks to the Family Support Groups) made to the 31st CM BDE, 151st CM BN and 490th CM BN.



McClellan Chapter continued

MG (R) Watson, CSM (R) Murry and SGM (R) Mains took part in an Order of the Dragon and Promotion Ceremony at the 310th (BIDS) CM CO.



21 Dec the McClellan Chapter presented a plaque to the FT McClellan Credit Union for their support to the McClellan Chapter and the local military organizations.



NCR Chapter - Mandy Lopez

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NCR Vice President - COL Thomas Woloszyn

Vice President - Joseph Ortiz

Treasure - James Snyder and COL Joseph Marquart

Secretary - Lisa Cramer

Planning Director Dee Morris

The NCR/Edgewood CCRA Chapter has a full 2010 and we are in the planning stages.

We hope all around the world can come and join us for these events and others, so if you are in the area around these timeframe call us for details.

Happy New Year.

WINTER (Jan, Feb, Mar)

(1) NCR folks sponsor a membership meeting in the Fort Belvoir or Fort Myers area.

(2) Edgewood folks sponsor a membership meeting in Aberdeen Proving Grounds or Edgewood Arsenal area.

(3) NCR folks sponsor Regimental/Commandant coins to the wounded warriors at the Pentagon or Walter Reed.

SPRING (April, May)

(1) NCR folks sponsor the Golf tournament in the Washington DC or Virginia area.

(2) NCR folks sponsor an outing to a ballgame at the National's Stadium. And/or

(3) Edgewood folks sponsor an outing to a ball game at the Oriole's Camden Yards

SUMMER (June, July, August)

(1) Green Dragon Ball at Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

(2) NCR/Edgewood folks sponsor a dinner cruise in the Washington DC Potomac area or a nice restaurant in DC or Baltimore.

FALL (Sep, Oct, Nov)

(1) Edgewood Golf tournament in the Aberdeen area.

(2) NCR/Edgewood AUSA membership gathering in the Washington DC area.

(3) Edgewood folks sponsor a football game outing to the Ravens Stadium And/or

(4) NCR folks sponsor a football game outing to the Redskins Stadium.

Winter (Dec)

(1) NCR/Edgewood folks sponsor a trip to the Army/Navy game.

(2) NCR/Edgewood Holiday gathering in the General's home.

Chapter News continued. . .

Ozark (FLW) Chapter - Bobby Williams

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Chapter motto is "Dragonfire!"

- Home chapter has over 90 confirmed and believed to be higher. We will confirm with the CCRA manager and update accordingly. We continue our recruiting efforts.
- I am pleased to announce that one of our Ozark Chapter patrons has volunteered to perform the duties as Treasurer. Please take a moment to congratulate Mr. Frank Lewis and thank him for stepping up to the plate.
- During the season of giving, the Ozark Chapter adopted four less fortunate children. As a function of this adoption we provided Christmas gifts in the form of bicycles and toys to each of the kids ensuring they had a Christmas to remember.

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Golden Wyverns (SC) - BG James Cook

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No input this quarter



Announcing the 2010 Scholarship Program

Our 2010 Scholarship Program officially opened on 1 January 2010!

"For the sixth consecutive year, The Chemical Corps Regimental Association (CCRA) is pleased to announce the 2010 CCRA Scholarship Program. In an effort to appreciate our members and their families, the CCRA sponsors a yearly scholarship program that awards scholarships to spouses and children of CCRA members. Applicants must be enrolled or planning to enroll at accredited post secondary schools. Children must be full-time students; spouses may be enrolled as part-time students. The students may be enrolled, or planning to enroll, in an accredited college or university in a program of undergraduate studies. All schools must be accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education. Parents or spouses must be a member of the CCRA to be eligible. All phases of the program are independently managed by Scholarship Managers (SM), a national, non-profit organization with extensive experience in the management of scholarship programs. They conduct our program very responsibly and we have been pleased with their service, especially the process they go through to select those individuals who are most qualified for scholarship award. More details are available on our website.

You may find information by using the direct link:

<http://www.chemical-corps.org/programs/scholarship.htm>

Our Application Procedure. Applicants must:

1. Meet all of the qualifications described.
2. Complete and sign the application.
3. Obtain a recommendation from a school official.
4. Secure a transcript (an unofficial transcript will be accepted) or a copy of their grades.
5. Mail the completed, signed application, the recommendation, and a transcript or copy of their grades to:

The CCRA Scholarship Program
Scholarship Managers
PO Box 2810
Cherry Hill NJ 08034

All application materials must be mailed together in one envelope, and must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2010.



2010 Hall of Fame and the Distinguished Member of the Corps Nominations Program

The Hall of Fame and the Distinguished Member of the Corps Program is a US Army Chemical Corps program supported by the CCRA.

You may find information at <http://www.chemical-corps.org> Click on Programs, then Click on Honors.

Open our site to read the regulation covering the policies and procedures for the nomination, selection, and induction of personnel into the Chemical Corps Hall of Fame (HOF) and designation of the Distinguished Members of the Corps (DMC), for the maintenance of records pertaining to these actions, and for nomination criteria and submission requirements

2010 Nominations are being accepted for the Hall of Fame and Distinguished Member of the Corps honors.

Hall of Fame. This award is extended to Chemical personnel (living or deceased) who have spent their professional careers serving the Chemical Corps or have performed a significant act of heroism. Their service to the Corps must be extraordinary.

Distinguished Member of the Corps. This award is extended to living members who served the Corps in their professional lives and continue to serve it in their personal lives. Active Army military and current (non-retired) federal civilian personnel are not eligible for the program. The nominations are limited to personnel who have been retired from active federal service (military and / or civilian) for two years.

Nomination packets must be sent to NLT 5 May 2010.

Commandant
U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School
Regimental Historian
ATTN: ATSN-CM-H
Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473-8926

All packets must arrive before 5 May 2010.

For more information, call (573) 563-7339 or e-mail david.chuber@conus.army.mil or christy.lindberg@us.army.mil.

Our History Corner - - Did You Know?



With America's entry into World War I came the urgent need to produce gas masks for our Soldiers and Marines destined for the trenches of Europe. While the initial production demand was satisfied by a conglomeration of American businesses, the mask they produced (a copy of the British small box respirator) proved unreliable. What was needed was a dedicated facility to develop, test, and assemble gas masks.

In the summer of 1917, the Gas Defense Plant was established by leasing, for the duration of the war, several large industrial plants on Long Island, New York City. These facilities included the Ford motorcar and Goodyear tire assembly plants. While military oversight was provided by personnel of the Medical and Ordnance Corps (soon replaced by the newly-created Chemical Warfare Service) the bulk of the workforce was civilian.

With the draft in full swing, American women were targeted as a previously untapped labor force, sparing young men to serve in the military. Priority was given to hiring women to work in the gas mask assembly workshops, and specifically women who had family members in military service. It was felt these women would work harder, and more diligently, if they thought the mask they were assembling might be used by their loved one. By the war's end the workers of the Gas Defense Plant were averaging 40,000 masks assembled *per day*, a truly astonishing rate of production.

The Gas Defense Plant badge in the collection of the Chemical Corps Museum is of the type used by all personnel, both military and civilian, working at that facility. Approximately 2 inches in diameter, it has the wearer's photograph and identification number, flanked by blue and yellow enamel, those being the colors of the Chemical Warfare Service.

Our History Corner - - Did You Know? continued

Due to wartime security measures, no one was admitted to the plant without verification of their identity, and these badges helped establish this identification.

Unfortunately a correlated list of worker's names and ID numbers has yet to be discovered, so the identity of this woman is not known. It is, however, a reminder of the role civilians have played in the history of the Chemical Corps for the past 91 years.

Contributed by Kip A. Lindberg, Chemical Museum Curator



Member Input . . .

Thank you for publishing the CCRA newsletter. I have found it to be a professional document of interest to me as a Dragon Soldier and for my civilian job.

While reading the October 2009 issue, I found your answer to the question concerning the Yellow Book to be informative. In addition, the Army has begun what they call a MILWIKI (https://wiki.kc.us.army.mil/wiki/Main_Page), basically it is Wikipedia for the US Army. Among the major categories is a "portal" called Portal: Army Units. The purpose of this portal is to function as the old Yellow Book, giving a description of the unit and providing a place to list unit contacts. Unfortunately, few units are capitalizing on the opportunity, or take the time to update the information following the creation of an entry. It is possible that most units just do not know the resources is available. I am sure that the creators would be more than happy if you provided the link in an upcoming edition of the CCRA newsletter. (Access requires AKO log-in information.)

Benjamin Terrell
Training Advisor, Protection, WFFTA Team
ARNG Distributed Battle Simulation Program (DBSP)
General Dynamics Information Technology

Comment - From Hubert Culpepper:

My father was in Baker company ..81'st chemical mortar battalion D day thru the end. being a former soldier, it brought tears to my eyes. thank you for honoring the old gentlemen.

Sp/4 Vietnam Hubert Culpepper
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Dragon Q&A

Question - From SFC Hall, Charles

"I am writing to inquire about possible waivers for recommending personnel for OOD. Can ANCOC be waived when recommending for OOD? and if so, what is the process and who is the approving authority for the wavier? Thank you

Answer - From Don Killgore, President CCRA, killgord@ctc.com

Charles,

Thanks for your concern.

I believe that this is the first request we have had for a waiver for the Honorable Order of the Dragon (HOOD). Although the OOD Program is managed by the CCRA, it is a Chemical Corps Honors Program under the purview of the Chief of Chemical (BG Les Smith). The Chief of Chemical has delegated approving authority for the HOOD and the Carol Ann Watson Award (spouse) to the first O6 in the line of authority or responsibility; however, the Chief of Chemical is the approving authority for any changes to the OOD Honors Program and would be the approving authority for any waiver to Nominating or Eligibility Criteria. I am sure that RCSM Ted Lopez would advise BG Smith on the waiver of ANCOC for the HOOD.

If you desire to provide me information on the individual and your rationale for the waiver, I will forward to BG Smith for his consideration.

Question - SSG Aaron Halter aaron.halter@usar.army.mil

To Whom it may Concern: The 308th CM CO (HVY), a reserve unit, is offically standing up on 01 OCT 10 and we are looking to do a formal dinning in to celebrate the event. Is there any guidance on how to conduct a Chemical Corp dinning in available?

Answer - From Scott Newell, CCRA Webmaster, ccrawebmaster@chemical-corps.org

Referred SSG Halter to the USACBRNS Operations Officer, Mr. Russ Gehrlein russell.gehrlein@us.army.mil

Dragon Q&A continued

Question - From SSG Carl Hackbarth carl.hackbarth@us.army.mil

"Hello, we are a brand new CBRN unit in the Wisconsin Army National Guard. We are looking a developing a unit coin, Our first commander will be leaving us in March and we would like to have a coin done before he goes since he help in the design. Is there any way the CCRA could helps us with die cost? Thank you for you time. "

Answer - From Don Killgore, President CCRA, killgord@ctc.com

Carl, yes, the CCRA can help you with die cost for a unit coin. In January 2007 the CCRA BoD approved a policy that states the CCRA will help a unit "set up" for accoutrements but the unit has to pay for their own unit specific accoutrements . The amount approved was \$250.00. If you will contact our Business manager (Mrs. Debi Hurt - ccramanager@embarqmail.com) she will provide you a check for \$250.00.

Question - Ms. Monique L. Spalding, Logistics Management Specialist, U.S. Army TACOM LCMC, monique.l.spalding@conus.army.mil

"I need to join as a lifetime member and I'm interested writing some articles --- I was in Balad, Iraq when the enemy was putting Chlorine inside the mortars. Right now completed tour in combat in Bagram, Afghanistan and TACOM offered me a job for the CROWS mission as a Logistics Management Specialist. They have a CHEM/BIO area that I'm trying figure out what roll their mission plays."

Answer - From Don Killgore, President CCRA, killgord@ctc.com

We are delighted that you wish to become a Life Member. If you will go to the following link you can join - www.chemical-corps.org/lmem.htm We would be delighted to publish your thoughts in our quarterly CCRA E-News Letter. If you will provide your article to BG(R) Pat Nilo (our Honorary Colonel of the Corps and Chairman of our Board) she will ensure your article is published - patnilo@comcast.net. Thanks for your desire to continue to support our Regiment.

Dragon Q&A continued

Contact -COL Marvin Owings marvin.owingsjr@gmail.com

"Good to hear from you. Hope everything is well with you and your family. I will be hitting my MRD 28 Jan 2010. It has been a great military ride and my days with the CM Corp were some of the best. I plan to stay active with the Asso. So, please keep me on your mailing list. "

Answer - From Don Killgore, President CCRA, killgord@ctc.com

Marvin, Good to hear from you. Best wishes to you and your family in all your future endeavors. OBTW we are delighted that you desire to stay active. We need all the help we can get.

Help us keep in touch with our Members. If you know of members who are not receiving the E-Newsletter, please encourage them to update their contact information with our Business Manager Debi Hurt at 573-329-0600 or ccramanager@embarqmail.com

The image shows a screenshot of the Chemical Corps Regimental Association (CCRA) website. The page has a dark blue background with a central navigation area. At the top, it says "WELCOME TO THE CCRA!". Below this, there is a grid of yellow hexagonal buttons for navigation: "HOME", "ABOUT", "MEMBERSHIP", "HISTORY & LINEAGE", "NEWS & EVENTS", "CCRA PROGRAMS", "MEMBERS LOGIN", and "Join the CCRA NOW!". To the right of the navigation grid, there is a section titled "The CCRA" with a small image of soldiers in a field. Below this, it states: "The CCRA is a Private Organization that operates for the purposes of:" followed by a list of bullet points: "- The Chemical Corps infrastructure (Chemical Soldiers and their families, Chemical Units, and Chemical Organizations)", "- The history and lineage of the Chemical Corps and efficacy of the US Army", and "- The Chemical Corps Museum". To the right of the "The CCRA" section, there is a "SPONSORS" section with a logo for "REGAMUS PROELIUM" featuring a green dragon on a yellow shield. At the bottom of the page, there is a "Photo Gallery" section with a small image of soldiers.

Special Congratulations

Our sincerest congratulations go out to Penn and Quinn Wilson on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. You are an inspiration and we wish you many more years of happiness together!

Last Roll Call

We Dedicate this Section to Those Who gave the Last Full Measure

We are all saddened by the passing these Dragon Soldier heroes and offer our condolences to their families. They will be missed but will remain in our memories.

(Retired) Colonel Eugene Bishop passed away at 3:00 a.m. on 12 October 2009, he was 65 years old.

Specialist Adrian L. Avila, 19, of Opelika, AL died Oct. 29 at Khabari Crossing, Kuwait, of injuries sustained from a non-combat related accident. Avila was assigned to the 1343rd Chemical Company, 151st Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear Battalion, 115th Fires Brigade of the Alabama Army National Guard in Fort Payne. The Fort Payne unit was deployed in April, along with the 151st Chemical Battalion of Gadsden.



Help increase CCRA Membership!

Do you know any Dragon Soldiers, Active, Retired, or former Dragon Soldiers who are not members of the CCRA? Get them on the web site and get them signed up!

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