

Chemical Corps
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The Order of the Dragon (OOD)

1. References.

- Department of the Army Message, 201600Z Apr 98
- Department of Defense 5500.7-R, Joint Ethics Regulation (JER)
- Department of Defense Instruction 1000.15, Private Organizations on DOD Installations, 23 Oct 97
- Army Regulation (AR) 210-22, Private Organizations on Department of the Army Reservations, , 22 October 2001
- Army Regulation (AR) 600-82, The U.S. Army Regimental System, 5 June 1990
- Memorandum, Director of Management, 6 January 1995, Subject: Private Installations
- CCRA Constitution and Bylaws.

2. Purpose. The Chemical Corps Order of the Dragon Program (OODP) is established to maintain and enhance the legacy of the Chemical Corps and to promote cohesiveness and esprit de corps in the Chemical Corps Regiment by recognizing individuals who have served the Corps with distinction. This policy prescribes procedures for the nomination, selection, and induction of personnel into the OOD and for the maintenance of records pertaining to these actions.

3. Applicability. This policy applies to all elements of the U.S. Army Chemical Corps and to all members of the Chemical Corps Regiment.

4. Definitions.

4.1. The Chemical Corps: The Chemical Corps is the branch of the U.S. Army charged with the responsibility to protect the force and allow the Army to fight and win against a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, or Nuclear (CBRN) threat.

4.2. The Chemical Corps Mission: The Chemical Corps mission is to:

- To protect the force and allow the Army to fight and win in a CBRN environment and deter adversary use of CBRN weapons.
- To develop doctrine, equipment and training for CBRN defense, force protection from CBRN attack, and CBRN domestic protection programs.
- To provide the Army with the combat multipliers of smoke, obscurant, and flame.
- Provide a highly trained corps of experts to advise Department of Defense Commanders and staffs, and to lead Chemical units.

4.3. The Chemical Corps Regimental Association (CCRA). The CCRA was organized in 1986 under the Army Regimental System and within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code 501(c) (3) or the corresponding provision of any United States Internal Revenue Service to support the Chief of Chemical. The purpose of the CCRA is to:

- Support the infrastructure of the U.S. Army Chemical Corps. The U.S. Army Chemical Corps infrastructure is defined as U.S. Army Chemical Corps Soldiers and their families, Chemical Corps units, and Chemical corps organizations.
- Promote the heritage, history, esprit de corps, image and professionalism of the United States Army Chemical Corps and enhance the efficacy of the United States Army.
- Advance scientific, literary, educational, and artistic endeavors of the United States Army Chemical Corps.
- Solicit, request, raise, collect, and accept contributions, donations, funds, allocations, bequests, legacies, devices, transfers, and gifts of money, property, and services on behalf of the Association and the Chemical Corps Museum.

4.4. The Chemical Corps Regiment: The Chemical Corps Regiment is comprised of any individual who has joined the CCRA and those Soldiers who have affiliated with the regiment under the U.S. Army's Regimental system.

4.5. The Chemical Community. The Chemical Community represents Chemical Corps military and civilian personnel, other Department of Defense personnel and civilian contract personnel who normally engage in the Army's chemical related activities.

4.6. Significant Contribution to the Chemical Corps: A significant contribution to the Chemical Corps is characterized by actions above and beyond normal duty performance that significantly enhance the ability of the Chemical Corps to perform its missions. This can take the form of a single significant act or it can be the result of a career of dedicated service marked by conspicuous performance leaving a positive impact on the Chemical Corps. Attainment of high rank does not in and of itself denote a significant contribution. An individual who has made a significant contribution will have made a difference in the legacy and capabilities of the Chemical Corps.

5. Background. Effective 28 June 1986, the US Army Chemical Corps was placed under the US Army Regimental System with its home established at Fort McClellan, Alabama. In August of 1999, the Corps reestablished its home at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. The Chief of Chemical serves as the Regimental Commander and the USACMLS's Command Sergeant Major is the Regimental Sergeant Major. The CCRA was formed in 1986 at Fort McClellan, Alabama to support the Chief of Chemical. A Regimental Honors Programs was created to recognize truly outstanding individuals (both past and present) who have helped fulfill the Corps' mission in very special ways, or who have brought known credit to the Regiment over the course of its long and proud history. The OODP was established as a part of the Regimental Honors Program.

6. Responsibilities.

6.1. Chief of Chemical. The Chief of Chemical is responsible for the OODP and approves all OOD Awards. The Chief of Chemical delegates approval authority for the Honorable and Spouse OOD Awards to the first Chemical Corps Colonel in the Chain of Command or Responsibility.

6.2. The CCRA Board of Directors (BoD). The CCRA BoD is responsible for the approval of all policy and procedures pertaining to the OODP.

6.3. CCRA President. The CCRA President is responsible for the administration of the OODP and serves as the OODP Action Agent for the Chief of Chemical.

6.4. CCRA Chief Operating Officer (COO). The CCRA COO is responsible for executing the OODP and for the maintenance of procedures for the nomination, selection, and induction of personnel into the OOD.

6.5. CCRA Business Manager. The CCRA Business Manager assists the CCRA COO in the execution of the OODP and is responsible for the maintenance of records pertaining to these actions, for the acquisition and maintenance of accouterment that support the OODP, and for the administration of the program.

6.6. Ancient Order of the Dragon Selection Board. The Ancient OOD Selection Board is responsible for reviewing all Ancient OOD nominations and providing recommendations of approval or disapproval to the Chief of Chemical.

6.7. First Chemical Corps Colonel (or higher) in the Chain of Command or Responsibility. The first Chemical Corps Colonel (O6) in the Chain of Command or Responsibility is responsible for approving all Honorable and Spouse OODs and for the Maintenance of the integrity of the OODP. If there is no Chemical Corps Colonel in the Chain of Command or Responsibility, the Assistant Commandant, U.S. Army Chemical School is the approving authority. An official of the CCRA may approve the Honorable and Spouse OODs. Approval authority for the Honorable OOD will not be delegated below this rank.

6.8. CCRA Web Master. The CCRA Web Master is responsible for the maintenance of the OODP requirements on the CCRA Web Site as specified by the CCRA COO.

7.0 The Order of the Dragon Program. The OODP will consist of three Awards. These awards are the Ancient Order, the Honorable Order, and a Spouse Award. The Spouse Award will recognize the contributions of Mrs. Carol Ann Watson and be designated as the Carol Ann Watson Spouse Award.

8.0. The Ancient Order of the Dragon.

8.1. Nominating Criteria. In order to be nominated for the Ancient OOD an individual must:

- Be a current member of the CCRA with special consideration given to Life Membership in the CCRA.
- Have contributed conspicuous long-term service to the Chemical Corp and the CCRA throughout a distinguished career with special consideration to service continuing after retirement.
- Have completed 20+ years in service to the Chemical Corps and the CCRA.
- Have maintained the highest standards of personal conduct throughout his/her career.

8.2. Eligibility. In order to be eligible for the Ancient OOD an individual must:

- Be or have been a member of the Chemical Corps in an active, National Guard, or reserve status for the majority of their career.

- Be or have been a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or Department of Defense who provided continuing service to the Chemical Corps and/or CBRN readiness for the majority of their career.

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8.3. Nomination. Nomination for the Ancient OOD must be by a Chemical Corps LTC or higher rank or an Officer of the CCRA who is a member of the CCRA.

8.4. Approval of the Nomination. Approval of the Nomination for the Ancient OOD will be by the first Chemical Corps O6 in the Chain of Command or Responsibility. If there is no Chemical Corps Colonel in the Chain of Command or Responsibility, the Assistant Commandant, U.S. Army Chemical School is the approving authority. An official of the CCRA may approve the Honorable Order of the Dragon. Approval authority for the Honorable OOD will not be delegated below this rank.

8.5. Approval. Approval of the Ancient OOD will be by the Chief of Chemical as recommended by an annual Selection Board. The Chief of Chemical may call a Special Selection Board if he/she deems necessary and appropriate.

8.6. Submission of Awards. Nominations for the Ancient OOD will be submitted by the nominator through the CCRA Web Site. Submissions will include as minimum:

- Date of request.
- Name and information for the requestor.
- Name and information of the nominee.
- One-two page justification/biography of/for the nominee.
- Identification of Award accouterments desired and cost.

8.7. Selection Process. Each year the Chief of Chemical will appoint an Ancient OOD Selection Board to review and recommend nominees for the Ancient OOD. The selection board will be composed of Senior Leaders who have served in positions of major responsibility involving Chemical functions. The board will consist of seven voting members. The CCRA COO will be the President of the Board and six members at large will be appointed. A concerted effort will be made to ensure that board demographics include active, retired, officer, enlisted, female and minority members.

8.8. Accouterments. Accouterments for the Ancient Order of the Dragon will include:

- Official Medallion (silver in color) with distinctive neck ribbon
- Official Certificate.
- Other as approved by the CCRA Board of Directors.

9.0. Honorable Order of the Dragon

9.1. Nominating Criteria. In order to be nominated for the Honorable OOD an individual must:

- Be a current member of the CCRA.
- Possess qualities that set the individual apart from other Chemical Corps Soldiers or their peers.
- Have completed a minimum five years in service to the Chemical Corps and successful completed ANCOC or the Captain's Career Course. Consideration will be given to similar education for sister service and foreign military members.
- Be eligible for favorable military actions (military members only) and be of good character.
- Have maintained the highest standards of personal conduct throughout both on and off duty

9.2. Eligibility. In order to be eligible for the Honorable Order of the Dragon an individual must:

- Be a Chemical Corps Officer or NCO in an active, National Guard, or reserve status or a Department of Army Civilian that has supported the Chemical Corps.
- Be or have been a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or Department of Defense who provided service to the Chemical Corps and/or CBRN.
- Be a foreign military member or civilian who has contributed to furthering the Chemical Corps Mission.

9.3. Nomination. Nomination for the Honorable OOD must be by a member of the CCRA.

9.4. Approval. Approval of the Honorable OOD will be by the first Chemical Corps O6 in the Chain of Command or Responsibility. If there is no Chemical Corps Colonel in the Chain of Command or Responsibility, the Assistant Commandant, U.S. Army Chemical School is the approving authority. An official of the CCRA may approve the Honorable Order of the Dragon. Approval authority for the Honorable OOD will not be delegated below this rank.

9.5. Submission of Awards. Nominations for the Honorable OOD will be submitted by the nominator through the CCRA Web Site. Submissions will include as minimum:

- Date of request.

- Name and information for the requestor.
- Name and information of the nominator.
- One-two page justification/biography of/for the nominee.
- Name and Information of the Approver.
- Identification of Award accouterments desired and cost.

9.6. Accouterments. Accouterments for the Honorable OOD will include:

- Official Medallion (bronze in color) with distinctive neck ribbon
- Official Certificate.
- Other as approved by the CCRA Board of Directors.

10.0. Carol Ann Watson Spouse Award.

10.1. Nominating Criteria. In order to be nominated for the Carol Ann Watson Spouse Award an individual must:

- Be a spouse who has voluntarily provided significant contribution and support to the Chemical Corps, a Chemical unit, Chemical families, or a community.
- Possess qualities that set the individual apart from other Chemical Corps spouses or their peers.

10.2. Eligibility. In order to be eligible for the Carol Ann Watson Spouse Award an individual must be the spouse of a Chemical Corps Soldier or a civilian associated with service to the Chemical Corps and/or CBRN readiness.

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10.3. Nomination. Nomination for the Carol Ann Watson Spouse Award must be by a member of the CCRA.

10.4. Approval. Approval of the Carol Ann Watson Spouse Award will be by the first Chemical Corps O6 in the Chain of Command or Responsibility. If there is no Chemical Corps Colonel in the Chain of Command or Responsibility, the Assistant Commandant, U.S. Army Chemical School is the approving authority. An official of the CCRA may approve the Carol Ann Watson Spouse Award. Approval authority for the Carol Ann Watson Spouse Award will not be delegated below this rank.

10.5. Submission of Awards. Nominations for the Carol Ann Watson Spouse Award will be submitted by the Nominator through the CCRA Web Site. Submissions will include as minimum:

- Date of request.
- Name and information for the requestor.
- Name and information of the nominee.
- One-two page justification/biography of/for the nominee.
- Name and Information of the nominator.
- Identification of Award accouterments desired and cost.

10.6. Accouterments. Accouterments for the Carol Ann Watson Spouse Award will include:

- Official Medallion (bronze in color) with distinctive neck ribbon. The medallion will be smaller in size and designed specifically to represent a spouse.
- Official Certificate.
- Other as approved by the CCRA Board of Directors.

11. Special Awards. By exception the Chief of Chemical may approve the OOD for individuals that do not meet the specific criteria above if the Chief of Chemical deems that the individual has provided conspicuous service to the Chemical Corp and the CCRA.

12. Special Accouterments. The CCRA Board of Directors may approve special accouterments for selected individuals as they deem necessary and appropriate.

13. Grandfather Clause. The CCRA Board of Directors may approve that a Review Panel be organized to review OOD's presented previously presented prior to January 2005. If the Review Panel feels that an individual previously awarded the OOD, meets the criteria for award of the Ancient Order of the Dragon, the Review Panel may recommend that the Chief of Chemical upgrade the individuals OOD to the Ancient Order.

14. Accouterments. Individuals awarded the OOD are responsible for purchase of their accouterments.

15. Induction into the Order of the Dragon. Every effort should be made to present award of the OOD to individuals in a suitable ceremony.

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