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2012 CBRN JIIM-IA



Register at the Link: [2012 JIIM-IA Conference & Exhibition](#)

Mark your calendars! The second CBRN Joint Interagency Intergovernmental & Multi - National-Industry & Academia (JIIM-IA) Conference and Exhibition will be held at Fort Leonard Wood 26-28 June 2012.

Planning for this year's conference is well underway, and we anticipate an even better event than last year. The

theme for the conference is "The CBRN Profession—2020 and Beyond." This theme focuses on the CBRN capabilities, units, Soldiers, and technology required to enable the future force as described in the current or developing Army Capstone and Army Operating Concept. We will engage our strategic thinkers of today and discuss preparations for our next set of challenges.

Strong Presence by JPEO-CBD: The Joint Program Executive

Officer, Joint Project Managers, and Subject Matter Experts will be on hand to share insight into the future of CBRN defense as well as updates on fielded CBRN equipment, products, and capabilities via 10 booth spaces ---both indoor and outdoor! ***There will also be a strong Presence by 20th Support Command***

CSM Gabe Arnold becomes the New Regimental CSM

Command Sergeant Major Gabriel Arnold becomes the 12th Regimental Command Sergeant Major for the U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear School.

Command Sergeant Major Gabriel S. Arnold enlisted in the U.S. Army in February 1989 as a 54B, Chemical Operations Specialist.

Command Sergeant Major Arnold's assignments and positions include Chemical Operations Specialist, Service Battery 2-29 Field Artillery and CBRN NCO Charlie Battery 2-29 Field Artillery,



Baumholder, Germany; Opposing Forces (OPFOR) Reconnaissance Team and Squad Leader, 164th Chemical Company, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, CA; CBRN NCO, Alpha Battery, 1/8th Field Artillery, Schofield Barracks, HI; CBRN NCO, Foxtrot Battery, 7th Field Artillery, Schofield Barracks, HI; Senior Drill

Sergeant, Delta Company, 82d Chemical Battalion, Fort McClellan, AL; Battalion CBRN NCO, 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat/Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC; Platoon Sergeant, 21st Chemical Company (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC; First Sergeant, Bravo Company, 82d Forward Support Battalion (Airborne), 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC; Alpha Company, United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, TX); Operations Sergeant Major, 3d Chemical Brigade, Fort Leonard Wood, MO;

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Command Sergeant Major, 82d Chemical Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Command Sergeant Major, 1st Battalion, 48th Infantry Regiment, Fort Leonard Wood, MO; and Command Sergeant Major for United States Army Garrison DAEGU, South Korea. Command Sergeant Major Arnold has participated in several

worldwide deployments including Operation Desert Shield/Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Command Sergeant Major Arnold's military education includes PLDC, BNCOC, ANCOG, First Sergeant Course and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. His other

military schools include Drill Sergeant, Airborne, Jumpmaster, Air Assault, Battle Staff Course and the Ranger Indoctrination Program. He is also a member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (1st OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (3d OLC), Combat

Action Badge, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and the Valorous Unit Award.

Command Sergeant Major Arnold is married to the former Ms Viviane M. Goncalves of Sao Paulo, Brazil. They have three children, Gabriel Jr, Maximus and Isabela.

CONGRATULATIONS CCRA Scholarship Winners

The CCRA selected 7 students to receive a \$500 scholarship to help with their education.

Our Winners Are:

**Nicole Brigham
Allie Cleaver
Alaina Dent
Mark Douglas Girone
Rebekah Hutchinson
Stephanie Plinske
Carol Sorensen**

The CCRA Scholarship Program awards scholarships to spouses and children of CCRA members.

Each year, the CCRA conducts the competition and the caliber of those who apply makes the selection a very difficult one.

The CCRA uses an

independent scholarship selection company to ensure that the process is fair and without bias. 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.Ω



CBRN Ladies Only Network Events (CLONE)

The first "CLONE" meeting was held in March! Many sent messages to say how much you appreciated the opportunity to meet and chat with other CBRNE friends.

The meeting was held at Amie Hoeber's home, which was the perfect

venue. And Regina Dugan gave a very candid and motivating talk.

The meeting was such a success that it looks like it will be held again.

If you would like to attend the next CLONE... Please provide your name, organization, title,

email, and telephone # to: Virginia Morlock
Cell: 508-450-5500
morlock55@aol.com

Until next time,
REMEMBER: "CLONE" for Success!

Loss of the Commandant's Mother

Suzette S. McMahon, 72, of Radcliff, died Tuesday, March 27, 2012 in Florida.

A native of Cudos, France, she was a Kentucky Colonel, a member of the American

Legion Post #113, the Camp Knox Masonic Lodge in Radcliff, the Order of the Eastern Star in Radcliff and the Elks and Moose Lodge in Palmetto, FL.

She retired from Hardin Memorial Hospital in 2006.

The CCRA shares in the sorrow of the Visser family.

Chapter News

Golden Wyverns Chapter Greenville, South Carolina

The 415th CBRN Brigade celebrated 40 years in Greenville, South Carolina. The Chairman of Greenville County Council, Retired BG Herman (Butch) Kirven, presented a proclamation on 22 February 2012 to the brigade recognizing the brigades' service to the community and nation.



Coordination and refreshments for the ceremony were provided by the Golden Wyvern Chapter of the CCRA. In conjunction with the

40th Anniversary of the 415th CBRN Brigade the Golden Wyvern Chapter sponsored a reunion dinner. Over sixty past member of the group/brigade attended the reunion dinner.

The Golden Wyvern Chapter of the CCRA receives recognition for outstanding support to the 457th CBRN Battalions "Best Warrior" Competition conducted in January 2012. The chapter provided Historical and other items to soldiers during the competition.

The chapter continues to work with local service organizations to

enhance community recognition. The chapter has helped the VFW increase it numbers by 10 this quarter. Our members will again be teaching Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training to service member Families and the local community.



Graduates from the last CERT class included Ms. Amanda Carlson (Girl Scout) and her Mother Mrs. (COL) Patricia Carlson, DCO 415th CBRN Brigade.



Original members of the 415th Chemical Group.

In 1988 the Group became the 415th Chemical Brigade.

McClellan Chapter, Anniston Alabama

Phil Trued, Chief of Staff at Anniston Army Depot (AAD), presents Mike Abrams (AAD PAO) with the Order of The Dragon



The Chapter's guest speaker for February was Mr. Jenkins from the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) who provided a briefing on the program.



The Chapter's March luncheon was attended by many familiar faces.



Notables



BG Les Smith has been selected for promotion to Major General

Command Sergeant Major Matthew Barnes, Command Sergeant Major, USAG, Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Has been selected as the

Command Sergeant Major of the United States Army Security Assistance support Activity (Saudi Arabia) Command Sergeant Major.

Command Sergeant Major Ken Graham, has been selected as the next

Commandant of the Fort Leonard Wood NCO Academy. He'll replace CSM Johnson next year.

Tom Woloszyn took on the mantle of Vice President for Museum and Historical Affairs. Tom is a perfect fit for this extremely

Update from Anniston Army Depot

By Mike Abrams

Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (ANCDF) managers plan to use a pressurized liquid nitrogen system to perform concrete scabbling in the Munitions Demilitarization Building during closure operations.

The nitrocision system will precisely shave off predetermined layers of concrete in rooms where liquid agent is known to or potentially have come in contact with the floor. The areas and rooms include the Explosive Containment Vestibule, Explosive Containment Rooms A and B, Munitions Processing Bay, Toxic Cubicle, Upper Munitions Corridor, Lower Munitions Corridor, Buffer Storage Area, Toxic Maintenance Area and the Liquid Incinerator Primary Room. In the hands of trained technicians, this alternative technology is expected to eliminate some early demolition to enlarge doorways and corridors prior to scabbling

concrete surfaces (similar in concept to highway repaving projects).

According to the plan, ANCDF nitrocision technicians will use compressed nitrogen ranging from 30,000 psi to 55,000 psi that, in liquid form is between minus 140F and minus 300F. The proven process works mainly by thermal expansion when liquid nitrogen, at extremely high pressure, penetrates the surface of the concrete to remove potentially agent-contaminated surfaces.

ANCDF managers and technicians prefer using nitrocision, in lieu of hydraulic hammers and other demolition equipment. According to Carroll E. Schmidt, ANCDF Closure Manager, "Nitrocision does not produce new or additional waste streams, there is no potential for generating heat or creating a source of ignition, an integrated

vacuum minimizes dust generation and material handling and we will not have to remove walls or enlarge openings for traditional machinery.

"And just as important, we will be able to reduce the number of entries into possibly toxic areas. That should improve schedule and operating cost, as well as improve our safety environment through some known risk reduction."

The nitrocision system was installed in January, systemization was completed in February and operations began later that month in the Explosive Containment Vestibule. ANCDF personnel are closely monitoring progress to capture programmatic lessons learned for possible use at other storage and demilitarization sites.



When the Nitrocision system is in use, ANCDF Instrument and Calibration Technician Jonathan Whiten will rely on the control panel, left, and backup control panel to monitor the metal tank in front of him, which is called the chiller.



Mechanical Technician Tim Wilson lays out the Nitrocision system's scabble head in preparation for a training session. Systemization on the unit continues, but Wilson and the rest of the Nitrocision team are learning as much as they can so they'll be ready to begin hands-on training when the unit is operational.

Last Role Call

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

Colonel Larry Allen Sparks



Larry Allen Sparks, 62, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012.

From March 2009 until February 2012, he battled a stage IV malignant brain tumor. Larry's courageous battle ended Feb. 29.

A 1967 graduate of Bellefontaine High School, he earned a degree in chemistry from Ohio University in 1971.

In June 1971, he was commissioned as a

second lieutenant into the U.S. Army and received his master's degree in logistics management in 1988 from The Florida Institute of Technology.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1971-1999, retiring as a colonel. He then went into the civilian sector and worked as a project manager in the northern Virginia area as a government contractor from 1999 through March 2009.

Survivors include his wife,

Marilyn of Silver Spring, Md.; children, Tamara (Sadron IV) Lampert of Williamsburg, Va., Kenneth (Lissette) Sparks of Edinburg, Texas, and Daniel (Regina) Sparks of Spring Valley, CA.

Contributions may be made to NIH National Cancer Institute Neuro-Oncology Branch, Center for Cancer Research Bloch Building 82 9030 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20892-8202.

John Nicholas Martino 8/20/1924 - 2/20/2012



Johnny Martino was a member of Company A, 81st Chemical Mortar Battalion, which landed on Omaha Beach on 6 Jun 1944. He went through France, the Battle of the Bulge and ended in Germany. He was awarded five Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, World War II Victory Medal and a Good Conduct Metal.

He was the President of the 81st Chemical Mortar Battalion Association for many years and was responsible for organizing numerous reunions. During the war, he found an accordion, which he

brought home. This accordion went to all the reunions, and Johnny enjoyed entertaining family and friends.

Johnny made grandfather clocks and made a special wall clock for a door prize at several of the reunions. He was a major force in obtaining a memorial stone for the 81st Chemical Mortar Battalion for the Memorial Grove at Ft. Leonard Wood.

The Chemical Corps hosted a number of reunions of the 81st Chemical Mortar Battalion Association. In 1994 their 50th reunion was hosted

at Ft. McClellan, their reunion in 1997 was hosted at Aberdeen Proving Ground Edgewood Area, and their 60th reunion was hosted at Ft. Leonard Wood in 2004.

Johnny was awarded the Order of the Dragon in 2004. Johnny was proud of being a member of the 81st Chemical Mortar Battalion and the US Army Chemical Corps.

He was married for 64 happy years to Hilda (Darko) Martino. He is survived by his wife and many loving members of his and his wife's families.

SPC Chris Workman 1/15/1979 - 4/19/2012



Sgt. Chris John Workman passed away April 19, 2012, in the line of duty serving in Afghanistan in Operation Enduring Freedom. Sgt. Workman was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division Combat Aviation Brigade in Hawaii, where he was a gunner on a Blackhawk helicopter.

Sgt. Workman was born Jan. 15, 1979, in Rupert, Idaho, to John Ross and Anna Workman. Chris and his older brother, Harry, were best friends growing up, being only 18 months apart. They loved doing everything from hunting, fishing and hanging out together. Every moment they had was truly special, especially being with their Dad while hunting and fishing.

Chris graduated from Idaho State University in 2003 with a business degree. After graduation, Chris worked for Alliance Title Company and Title One Company.

Chris fell in love with Camille Rudeen in Boise, Idaho, and was determined to make her his bride. On Nov. 14, 2009, they were married in Maui, Hawaii. With their union, Chris gained a stepson, Cole, whom he loved very much. Chris and Cole had a great relationship, learning so much from each other. Cole loved having Chris as a stepfather, and he learned so much about life and the military from him.

As a little boy Chris dreamed of becoming a soldier, but his official military career

began in 2008 when he joined the Army Reserves at Gowen Field in Boise. The Reserves solidified his desire to become an active duty soldier. The following year, he enlisted in active duty service and was assigned to Schofield Barracks in Oahu, Hawaii. He was initially assigned to the 8th Military Police Brigade, 71st Chemical Company, and later transferred to the 25th Infantry Division Combat Aviation Brigade. Chris was deployed to Afghanistan in January 2012.

As family and friends, we were blessed to be together this past Christmas when Chris, Camille and Cole came home to Idaho to spend the holidays. We all have such great memories



Mourners reflected in a portrait of Spc. Chris Workman at a memorial service for him and three other soldiers killed in a helicopter crash in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Workman, who lived in Boise and Rupert for years before joining the Army, was on a mission to pick up wounded Afghan soldiers when he was killed. HEATH DRUZIN — For the Statesman



U.S. Army Sgt. Chris Workman, who grew up in Rupert and had lived in Boise, was stationed in Hawaii. He is pictured here with his wife, Camille, and his stepson, Cole Hayes, and his beloved beagle, Lucky. PROVIDED BY WORKMAN FAMILY / IDAHO NATIONAL GUARD

Members who need our thoughts and prayers

Tab Blazak suffered a mild stroke but is expected to make a full recovery. Tab was released yesterday and moved down south to the rehab facility. His wife, Astrid is very happy to have him closer to home now and apparently works very close to the facility. He is at the HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Fredericksburg, 300 Park Hill Drive, Room 100B, Fredericksburg VA 22401. The telephone number is 540-368-7400. Visiting Hours are Mon-Fri: 1600-2000 and weekends: 1200-2000. Please keep Tab in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy and full recovery.

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About the Chemical Corps Regimental Association (CCRA)..

The purpose of the Association is to promote the heritage, history, esprit and professionalism of the United States Army Chemical Corps, and advance scientific, literary, educational, and artistic endeavors of the Chemical Corps.

The Association is the principal fund raising arm of the Chemical Corps Museum, and supports the collective legacy of the past, present and future Chemical Corps Regiment. The CCRA links active, guard, reserves, military

and Industrial partners, and it is the one common bond among all persons who support the Chemical Corps. The Chemical Corps is proud of its soldiers and civilians.

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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The CCRA wants to keep in touch with you! Please make sure as you move around or change email addresses that we have current information on file. You can drop an email with changes to our Business Manager or to any other of the email addresses listed above.

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