

Chemical Corps Regimental Association

8 October 2019

Policy Letter Number 4

SUBJECT: The Order of the Dragon Honors Program

1. GENERAL.

a. The Order of the Dragon (OOD) Honors Program is a Chemical Corps Regimental Association (CCRA) program and is conducted in cooperation with the Chief of Chemical. The program recognizes CCRA Lifetime members and spouses of CCRA Lifetime members who have demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and moral character, who have contributed to the advancement of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) mission and the CCRA goals and ideals, to include volunteer service.

b. The OOD Honors Program consists of four awards. These four awards are the Ancient Order of the Dragon (AOOD), the Honorable Order of the Dragon (HOOD), the Order of the Dragon – Legionnaire (OOD-L), and the Carol Ann Watson Award (CAWA).

c. The CCRA Board of Directors is responsible for the OOD Honors Program. The CCRA President and Business Manager provide support by assisting with the review of all nominations as they are received to ensure all requirements are met. If the nomination is found lacking, it will be returned to the nominating official for correction.

d. All nominations for the OOD Honors Program will be submitted through the CCRA Business Manager by mail or e-mail using the appropriate nomination form. Final approval of the nomination will be held until accouterment fee is received.

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

2. ANCIENT ORDER OF THE DRAGON.

a. Criteria. In order to be eligible for the Ancient OOD an individual must:

(1) Be a Lifetime member of the CCRA.

(2) Be or have been a serving, retired or honorably discharged member of the U.S. Armed Forces or Department of Defense who provided conspicuous service to the Chemical Corps and/or CBRN readiness for the majority of their career.

(3) Have completed 20+ years in service to the Chemical Corps and/or the CBRN readiness mission and the CCRA.

b. Nominating Official. The nominating official for the AOOD must be a CCRA Life Member and HOOD or AOOD recipient holding or having held the rank of Colonel or above, CWO5 or serving as the Regimental Chief Warrant Officer (RCWO), Sergeant Major, GS-15 or above, voting member of the CCRA Board of Directors, or Chapter President.

c. Nomination Submission. The AOOD nomination must be submitted NLT 60 days prior to desired award date.

d. Approval. The Chief of Chemical is the approval authority for the AOOD. Completed nominations will be provided to the Chief of Chemical along with a CCRA recommendation for approval or disapproval.

3. HONORABLE ORDER OF THE DRAGON.

a. Criteria. In order to be eligible for the Honorable OOD an individual must:

(1) Be a Lifetime member of the CCRA and,

(2) Be or have been a serving, retired or honorably discharged member of U.S. Armed Forces or Department of Defense (DoD) who provided continuing service to the Chemical Corps and/or CBRN readiness for the majority of their career. Be a graduate of the CBRN Senior Leader Course and hold the rank of Sergeant First Class or higher, be a graduate of the CBRN Warrant Officer Advance Course (WOAC) and hold the rank of CWO2 or higher, or have completed the Chemical Captains Career Course and hold the rank of Major or higher. These requirements apply to Chemical Soldiers only.

(3) Serve or served as a DoD Civilian in the grade of GS-9 or above, or as a Non-DoD civilian (including contractors) who have provided profoundly significant support to the CBRN mission.

(4) All nominees must have completed a minimum of 10+ years in service to the Chemical Corps and/or the CBRN readiness mission and the CCRA and possess qualities that set the individual apart from their peers.

b. Nominating Official. The nominating official for the HOOD must be a CCRA Life Member and HOOD or AOOD recipient holding or having held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel or above, CWO4 or above, Sergeant Major, GS-14 or above, voting member of the CCRA Board of Directors, or Chapter President.

c. Nomination Submission. The HOOD nomination may be submitted at any time but NLT 30 days before induction to allow time for processing.

d. Approving Authority. Approving authority of the HOOD must be a CCRA Life Member, Honorable or Ancient OOD recipient and be either the first Chemical Corps O-

6 or above in the Chain of Command or Responsibility, voting member of the CCRA Board of Directors, or Chapter President. If there is no one eligible to approve in the Chain of Command or Responsibility, the Assistant Commandant, U.S. Army CBRN School is the approving authority.

4. ORDER OF THE DRAGON (Legionnaire).

a. Purpose. Opportunities to recognize non-chemical Soldiers, civilians and foreign nationals is important to building esprit de corps and partnerships with multiple stakeholders in support of the Chief of Chemical's CBRN/WMD priorities around the world. The Order of the Dragon (Legionnaire) was established to recognize non-chemical corps Soldiers, DoD military and civilians not in direct support of the Chemical Corps, non-DoD civilians or foreign representatives, and on occasion foreign military and civilians.

b. Criteria. In order to be eligible for the Order of the Dragon (Legionnaire) an individual:

(1) Must have demonstrated conspicuous contribution to the Chemical Corps.

(2) CCRA membership is not required but encouraged.

c. The nominating official for the OOD (Legionnaire) must be a CCRA Lifetime Member and HOOD or AOOD recipient holding or having held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel or above, CWO4 or above, Sergeant Major, GS-14 or above, voting member of the CCRA Board of Directors, or Chapter President. It is the responsibility of the nominator to ensure nomination packets are complete and upon approval purchase the award accoutrements and certificate.

d. Approving Authority. Approving authorities for the OOD (Legionnaire) are the Commandant, U.S. Army CBRN School; Chemical Corps General Officers; Chemical Brigade Commanders; Voting Members of the CCRA Board of Directors; and Chapter Presidents. The approving authority for the OOD (Legionnaire) must be a CCRA Lifetime member and HOOD or AOOD recipient.

5. Carol Ann Watson Award (CAWA)

a. Criteria. In order to be eligible for the Carol Ann Watson Award an individual must:

(1) Voluntarily provide significant contribution and support to the Chemical Corps, a Chemical unit, Chemical families, or a community.

(2) Register in the Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS) and obtain a minimum of 500 hours of Volunteer Service.

(3) Not be a previous CAWA recipient.

b. Nominating Official. The nominating official for the CAWA must be a CCRA Lifetime Member holding or having held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel or above, CWO4 or above, Sergeant Major, GS-14 or above, voting member of the CCRA Board of Directors, or Chapter President.

c. Approving Authority. Approving authority of the CAWA must be a CCRA Lifetime Member and either the first Chemical Corps Colonel in the Chain of Command or Responsibility, CCRA voting member of the Board of Directors, or Chapter President. If there is no one eligible in the Chain of Command or Responsibility, the Assistant Commandant, U.S. Army CBRN School is the approving authority.

d. Nomination Submission. The CAWA nomination may be submitted at any time but NLT 30 days before induction to allow time for processing. Recipients of the CAWA are listed on the CCRA website (www.ccrassn.org) under the "Programs and Scholarships" tab.

e. This Policy Letter supersedes Policy Letter Number 4, The Order of the Dragon Honors Program, dated 17 April 2017.

Original Signed
Randal L. Kennedy
President, CCRA

Original Signed
Chuck McArthur
Chair, CCRA