



CCRA E-NEWSLETTER



July 2010

*Welcome to the July 2010 edition of the Chemical Regimental Association
E-News Bulletin*

Message from Your President LTC(R) Randy Kennedy

Last month's Regimental Week was a huge success for the Corps, the School, and the CCRA. The event seems to get bigger and better every year. It was good to see so many old friends again this year. We had the largest crowd ever at the annual BBQ.

Following Regimental Week is a good time to update everyone on the status of the Association. During the last 12 months, we have added more than 300 lifetime members and nearly 30 corporate members. Within the next few months we will be adding 5 chapters: Fort Hood, Fort Bragg, Dugway Proving Grounds, Korea (Chosun), and the New York City area. This will give the Association a total of 11 chapters. Chapters play an important role in assisting the Association to promote the heritage, history, esprit de corps, image and professionalism of the Corps. We are grateful for the efforts of those who are working to establish the new chapters. I hope in the near future that we'll have chapters on every installation/area with a significant CBRN population (ex. Fort Polk, 25th ID/Hawaii, etc.).

The Association Constitution and By Laws have been revised and an Executive Committee was approved by the Board of Directors. The purpose was to ensure that the Association is more accountable to the membership and is better able to support Dragon Soldiers and their families. I believe that we have made a good start in accomplishing this goal.

We are upgrading computer hardware and software in the business office and Gift Shop, and will soon launch a new Association website that will better enable us to serve our individual and corporate members.

The focus for the upcoming year will be to improve the Memorial Grove located here at Fort Leonard Wood. The Grove which recognizes CBRN units and the Dragon Soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice is appropriately the site of the "Rite of Passage" ceremony for graduates of the CBRN Advanced Individual Training (AIT) Course and the Basic Officer Leaders Course (BOLC). The Board of Directors will be reviewing plans for the upgrades in the near future. This past Spring we initiated our first annual fundraiser to assist in funding the improvements to the Memorial Grove. To date \$1,350 has been donated. If each Lifetime member would donate just \$10, it would go a long way toward funding the improvements.

Again, I thank the members and corporations for your continued supported. I also want to thank the officers, directors and staff for their outstanding efforts throughout this year, but especially during the Regimental Week.

Randal L. Kennedy
President, CCRA

Message from Your Association Chairman BG(R) Pat Nilo and
Association Vice Chairman CSM(R) Pete Hiltner

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members and volunteers for their exceptional support to Regimental Week. The CCRA supported and/or our members volunteered their time in support of the Regimental Golf Tournament, the Dragon's Peak Competition, the Hall of Fame and Distinguished Members of the Corps, the Siebert Award, and the Green Dragon Ball. Your support as members has allowed the CCRA to continue supporting this great event. I hope that next year, our volunteers once again are able to dedicate the time necessary to make sure than CCRA can continue to execute this level of support.

We appreciate the support from our individual and corporate members. They made it possible to conduct an fun filled golf tournament and provide outstanding recognition for our Hall of Fame and Distinguished Members of the Corps, enjoy camaraderie of the CCRA BBQ and Green Dragon Ball, and many other events. Without this generosity the CCRA would not be able to provide the high level of support to our soldiers and families

We want to specifically thank a number of people who volunteered during regimental week in support of the CCRA:

Randy Kennedy
Art Bland
Jon Pool
Ted Newing
Eugene and Donna Hudson
Heather Olsen
Vanilynmae Geulen
Jen Walton
Sunny Hiltner
The CCRA Board of Directors: Pete Vega, John Fuller,
Chuck MacArthur, and Paul Cockman

Within the next month we will have our new 26th Chief of Chemical, COL Phil Visser. Congratulation, Phil! In the meantime, COL Bret Van Camp stepped up to the plate to provide continuity until Phil assumes command. Let us all put our full support behind Bret during this interim.

Pat Nilo
BG, USA Retired
Member for life
Chairman, CCRA

Pete Hiltner
CSM, USA Retired
Member for Life
Vice Chairman, CCRA

Message from the Assistant Commandant and
Regimental Command Sergeant Major

I am now on board as your Assistant Commandant. If you have issues which require our attention, do not hesitate to contact us here at the school.

I want to thank you for a very successful Joint CBRN Week! There was great collaboration across our community of interest and our collective challenge will be to sustain that and improve synchronization as we forge ahead with our enterprise approach in solving our current and future challenges. I also want to thank you for the professional send off of our 25th Commandant, BG Smith. If you had not heard, BG Smith will assume command of the 20th Support Command this week. In addition, the former Assistant Commandant, COL Greg Olson was retired after 30 years of service by the TRADOC Commander, GEN Dempsey. Planning and execution of all these events was impeccable!

Please join me in congratulating the following newly selected LTCs:

MAJ (P) ALATORRE TAMMY
MAJ (P) GIBBS WILLIAM
MAJ (P) MAGTURO NARCISSUS
MAJ (P) BENNETT KIMBERLY
MAJ (P) GRICE CHRISTOPHER
MAJ (P) MCKINLEY MARC
MAJ (P) BUFFINGTON ALFRED
MAJ (P) HAGER BRIAN
MAJ (P) NETHERY DANTE
MAJ (P) CASTELLI JAMES
MAJ (P) HICKS JEFFREY
MAJ (P) ORTIZ LUIS
MAJ (P) CONNER BRIAN
MAJ (P) HOFFMAN CHRISTOPHER
MAJ (P) REICHERT ANDREW
MAJ (P) CONNER JAMES
MAJ (P) HOLLINGER LOREN
MAJ (P) SANTIAGO RODRIGUEZ
MAJ (P) CROCKETT DALE
MAJ (P) JORDAN TIMOTHY
MAJ (P) WALKER MICHAEL
MAJ (P) EPOLITO WILLIAM
MAJ (P) KREUSER TRACY
MAJ (P) WALTON ADAM
MAJ (P) FARMER ROBIN
MAJ (P) KUGEL KEVIN
MAJ (P) WILDE SHANE

HOOOAH! We look forward to your continued contributions to the Corps and our Army!

Message from the Assistant Commandant and
Regimental Command Sergeant Major (Continued)

News from your school: We will continue to improve our communication across the COI. We want your feedback as we do so. Listed below are some highlighted items coming up. I hope that the CBRNS Weekly update is being disseminated across the board.

CBRNE Senior Staff Planners Course: With the establishment of the 20th Support Command; the transformation of Division, Corps, and Army staffs to CBRNE cells (within the Protection Directorate); and the CWMD construct; we have identified an education gap for our field grade officers and senior NCOs. To bridge this gap, we have developed a CBRNE Senior Staff Planners Course. The purpose of this course is to provide Senior CBRNE Officers (O4 and above) and Senior Enlisted Non-Commissioned Officers (E-7 and above) continuing Professional Military Education after Captains Career Course/ILE and Senior Leaders Course. This course is also open to sister Services and any service member working CBRNE issues. The focus of this course is on providing CBRNE organizational capabilities, real-time threat briefs, targeting information, protection, counter Improvised Explosive Devices threat, environmental concerns, CWMD, Homeland Security information, planning at Division and higher Headquarters, and existing intelligence on the current theaters. To enhance the academic rigor of this course, we are bringing together the best minds and expertise to instruct this course (i.e., COCOMs, ECBC, DTRA, USANCA, CEHC, etc....). The first Pilot or Seminar will be conducted, 2-13 Aug 10, at FLW. There are 30 slots for the class, and all slots have been filled. Our intent is to offer three to four iterations of this course per FY depending on the demand from the field. USACBRNS DOT&LD POCs are LTC Vasili Karatzas, vasili.karatzas@conus.army.mil, 573-563-4111; Ms. Emily Olsen, Emily.olsen@conus.army.mil, 573-563-7176; or CPT Brian Cyr, Brian.cyr@conus.army.mil, 573-563-7159. This promises to be an exceptional course in making our senior NCOs and officers more current.

Joint Senior Leaders Course: The most recent course was held on 22-25 July. Though designed by the Joint Staff J8, the class is executed here at Fort Leonard Wood. The intent is to give CWMD leaders and new personnel to the field a three day immersion in CWMD strategic and operational topics and discussions. If you have not attended one of these events, take the time to encourage your senior leaders to participate. The Honorable Michael Chertoff was the guest speaker. He is a former cabinet member under the Bush administration and former Secretary of the DHS. Contact Mr Terry Johnson @ terry.johnson28@conus.army.mil for details.

Message from the Assistant Commandant and
Regimental Command Sergeant Major (Continued)

Adding Division Chemical Officer position to the Command Select List-Key Billet. We have received positive inputs from all of the Division leaders and Major Commands. Staffing continues through HRC in preparation for the FY 11 slating board. This process is a win for the Corps and Army by recognizing those officers carrying a heavy load in operations around the world. Contact SGM Boozier for details @ montonya.boozier@us.army.mil.

Warrant officer assessment. The implementation of the CBRN Warrant Officer Program was developed to bridge the technical gap following the events of 11 September 2001 and continuing through the current operating environment, the role of the Chemical Corps has evolved from conducting conventional chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) passive defense to encompassing the full spectrum of operations, including consequence management; weapons of mass destruction-elimination; and toxic industrial chemical, toxic industrial material, and radiological hazards mitigation. The CBRN Warrant Officer Program was officially announced 3 May 2010. Interested Soldiers must hold the MOS 74D and have 5 years of experience in that MOS, be a Staff Sergeant or above and a graduate of Advanced Leader Course (cannot be waived). All packets must be submitted by 1 October 2010. USACBRNS Personnel Proponent POCs are SGM Montonya Boozier, montonya.boozier@us.army.mil, 573-563-7376 and Mr. Tom Crow, Thomas.crow@us.army.mil, 573-563-7728.

We look forward to the arrival of COL Vance (Phil) Visser, who will assume the position of Commandant on 10 AUG here at Ft. Leonard Wood.

Please share with those interested in operations in the CWMD Community across the force.

Elementis Regamus Proelium!!!

COL B. A. Van Camp
Assistant Commandant

Thank You to Our Corporate Members

Thanks to all our CCRA Corporate Members for their donations, sponsorships, and sustaining support of the Chemical Museum, Chemical SOLDIERS, and their families.

Over the last two years we doubled in size to 61 members. During the JCBRN Conference CCRA Corporate Breakfast in June and despite a difficult economy, 15 companies generously gave special donations amounting to \$24,250. Over 20 CCRA Corporate members purchased Regimental Golf Sponsorships, which not only help financed the event, but also provided additional resources for the Chemical Museum Fund.

Additionally, other CCRA Corporate members helped sponsor special events like the Hall of Fame Reception and the CCRA BBQ. Pictures of CCRA Corporate Members and exhibitors at the 2010 JCBRN Conference will soon be on our improved website. Please join me in congratulating them for their continued support.



Joint Chemical Conference and Regimental Week Highlights

Hall of Fame and Distinguished Members of the Corps Induction. Seven deserving individuals were inducted into to Hall of Fame Members and Distinguished Members of the Corps Members. We congratulate them and their families for this recognition and thank them for their contributions and some for making the ultimate sacrifice.

Hall of Fame Members

Theodore R. MacDonnell (He is 90 years of age)
LTC (RET) Dean Dickey (deceased)
CPT Paul Barkley Bowman (deceased)

Distinguished Members of the Corps Members

COL (RET) Gary R. Wallace
Mr. Patrick L. Berry (Deceased)
LTC (RET) Edward Stanley Draper (Deceased)
Mrs. Joe Johnston - Wrote the Chemical Corps Song

Corporate Breakfast. The CCRA held a Corporate Member breakfast to thank out Corporate members for all their support and generosity. The CCRA and the Chemical Family are very fortunate to have the loyalty and dedication of these members who are the engine for our being able to perform our mission.



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Golf Tournament. Thanks to the generosity and sponsorship of our Corporate Members, fun was had by all at the Golf Tournament. Ted Newing and Pete Hiltner devoted many hours to organizing the sponsors. Our thanks also goes to the 3rd Brigade and especially the 58th Transportation Battalion for organizing and supporting the tournament. As you can see below, we were lucky to have Happy Gilmore on our team!



CCRA BBQ. Great time was had by all at our annual CCRA BBQ and General Membership Meeting. We had plenty of food provided by Sweetwater BBQ and great atmosphere provided by the American Legion Hall in St. Robert. We were honored to Mrs. Jo Johnson present. She wrote our Chemical Corps Song. The members all stood in recognition of her and sang our Chemical Corps Song!



Chapter News . . .

McClellan Chapter - Mike Lanphere 256-231-2186

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Advisory Board: Chuck Trull, Jim Mains, Larry Hilton, Robert (John) Clark, Curt Sasser

Armed Forces Day, 15 May: McClellan Chapter supported the Armed Forces Day Celebration held at the FT McClellan National Guard Training Center. The chapter received a letter of appreciation for its participation and assistance in bring in military units and equipment. The chapter raised over \$1100, selling hot dogs and soda, for its Military and Family Support Program. We had 310th BIDS setup next to us. It was a great day and everyone was exhaust - but we all had fun. Service members in uniform ate free.



Chapter News . . .

McClellan Chapter Continued:

Guest Speaker Program:

16 Apr. LTC Andrew Herbst, Commander of the Chemical Demil Activity, provided an outstanding overview of the great work being done to destroy the chemical stockpile at the Anniston Army Depot. Discussions included the the current status of destruction and what needs to be done over the next 18 months to complete the demil operations. LTC Herbst and Mike Abrams answered numerous questions raised by the audience. It is obvious that the workforce (Government and Contractors) take great pride in the work they are doing.

11 May. Dave Clement (LTC, Ret) presented an exploration of the Cherokee Nation - focusing on Anniston and Northeast Alabama links. It provided a historical survey of how the Cherokees came to Alabama, what they experienced through the ages, and where they are today. Areas discussion included the Creek War and the Trail of Tears. People in the audience, who have lived here for years, were fascinated by what they learned.

15 June. COL Robert Jones, Chief of Staff JECE, presented a briefing on the Joint Elimination Coordination Element (JECEI WMD Elimination Operations. The focus of the brief was JECE overview, Command Relationships, Joint Task Force formation, and Operational Considerations. This was a very enlightening presentation, since many in the audience are aware of some of the changes effecting the Chemical Corps. Appreciate COL Jones taking time out of his busy schedule to come down here from Aberdeen, MD.

The Anniston Army Depot Bingo Hall host our monthly presentations; the staff does an outstanding job supporting, and meals they've prepared have been excellent. Copies of all presentations are posted on the McClellan website.

McClellan Calendar for July - September (Subject to Change)

08 Jul - Board Meeting at the 19th Hole on McClellan

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NCR Chapter - Mandy Lopez

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Chapter President - Mandy Lopez, Jr. mandy.lopez@tex-shield.com

NCR Vice President - COL Thomas Woloszyn

Edgewood Vice President - Mr. Joseph Ortiz

Treasure - Mr. James Snyder and COL Joseph Marquart

Secretary - Ms. Lisa Cramer

Planning Director - Ms. Dee Morris

The NCR Chapter this year had the honor of increasing our last years donation of \$500.00 to the CCRA scholarship fund to \$1,000.00 for 2010. We encourage the other Chapters to follow our lead.

The CCRA NCR/Edgewood Chapter has been working a full 2010 schedule of events. We hope all around the world can come and join us for these events scheduled for in and around our Nations Capital, so if you are in the area around these timeframe call us for details.

The SPRING Golf tournament in the NCR was a GREAT success.

Congratulations to the first place winning team - MG Tom Spoehr, BG (retired) Stan Lillie, COL Bill Barnett and COL (retired) Tom Francis - what a power house team with a winning score of 62!

Chapter News . . .

NCR Chapter Continued:

SUMMER (August) (1) Planning for the Green Dragon Ball at Aberdeen Proving Grounds/Edgewood Area is in full swing. It looks like it will turn out to be a great one with host MG Tom Spoehr and his wife Cynthia and guest speaker the Former Assistant Secretary Defense for Homeland Defense the Honorable Paul McHale. (2) NCR/Edgewood folks are also planning a possible dinner cruise in the Washington DC Potomac River or a nice dinner at a well known restaurant in DC.

FALL (Sep, Oct, Nov) (1) The Edgewood Golf tournament in the Aberdeen area is scheduled for September 17, 2010 - so mark your calendars and contact Mr. Joe Ortiz. (2) Planning is ongoing for the NCR/Edgewood AUSA membership gathering in the Washington DC area scheduled throughout the AUSA convention in October - more information coming. (3) Planning is ongoing by the Edgewood folks for a football game outing to the Ravens Stadium And/or (4) Planning by the NCR folks to sponsor a football game outing at the Redskins Stadium. Stay tone.

Winter (Dec) (1) A NCR/Edgewood Holiday gathering with family and friends is being planned. Lots more information to come on this event - so stay tone.

Golden Wyverns (SC) - COL James Crout
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Last Qtr Accomplishments:

- Presented Eight Orders of the Dragon
- Continued Support for Homeless Veterans
- Provide on going history to the Greenville, SC Facility
- Increased Membership
- Elected new Chapter Board members

Next Qtr Initiatives:

- Presentation to American Legion in Greenville
- Presentation to VFW in Greenville
- Put on large recruiting effort at local community events
- Updated Webpage

Chapter News . . .

Ozark (FLW) - Bobby Williams

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No input this quarter

FDNY - CPT Hanibl Olmeda

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No input this quarter

Fort Lewis - CSM Kenneth Graham

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No input this quarter

CCRA Recognition

Chapter of the Year. The National CCRA is very proud of the good works that our Chapters perform during the year. Our Chapters are continuing to grow and we will soon have eleven. This year we established the Chapter of the Year recognition to highlight chapter contributions and show our appreciation for their continued support to our Soldiers. This year the CCRA selected the McClellan Chapter as the 2010 Chapter of the Year. MG Jerry Watson accepted the award to the Chapter's President, Mike Lanphere. In addition to a plaque, the chapter received a \$300 check. Congratulations McClellan Chapter!



CCRA Recognition



Annual CCRA Scholarship Program. The CCRA presents scholarships to deserving students of our members. This year we are pleased to present to you six very outstanding students who will each receive a \$500 scholarship to continue their academic pursuits. Our winners are:

Benjamin Bechtold

Parent: Michael W Bechtold

Ashley Brigham

Parent: Eric Brigham

Alaina Dent

Parent: Gregory A Dent

Katherine Rose Girone

Parent: Michael D Girone

Leah Larmore

Parent: Jonathan M Larmore

Benjamin Moore

Parent: John Moore

Volunteer of the Year. The National CCRA is blessed to have the support of outstanding volunteers who contribute their time to make our programs successful. This year the CCRA established a program to recognize an

outstanding volunteer. The recipient of this recognition is Heather Olson. Heather devoted many hours to helping in the CCRA Gift Shop. Her contributions were instrumental in keeping the Gift Shop and mobile operations going during this year. The CCRA owes Heather a great deal of gratitude. She and her spouse, COL Greg Olson, recently retired from the Army and Greg is being recalled. They will be going to Korea to continue their service to our Nation. They will both be missed at Fort Leonard Wood. Congratulations and best wishes for continued success!

A Very Special Birthday

In April, the CCRA received a request for help in locating the History of the 89th Chemical Mortar Battalion during WWII. The request came from Judy Hobbs from the Chesterfield, Virginia Police Department. She was looking for the book to be able to present to Colonel Sid Wells, a Chemical Corps WWII veteran who was about to celebrate his 91st birthday on 5 May. COL Wells is a volunteer in the Police Department evidence room. When COL Wells was moving in with his family the history was thrown away by mistake. The office where he works thought it would be nice to try to find the book for him. He has been so upset about losing the book. Judy Hobbs said that COL Wells "tells stories to us about those days just like it was yesterday. His facts and memories are so clear we all sit and listen as much as possible."

The Administrator of the Police Property and Evidence Unit, Chet Smith, wrote that "Sid Wells is an extraordinary man, we are fortunate to have him amongst us and we are small in compassion. Six years ago Sid came to me seeking to serve as a volunteer in the Police Property & Evidence Unit. He explained that his wife had passed about a year before and he was looking for something to do to be useful. Sid helps us on the logistical side of our operations two days a week. On occasion we have to find him and ask that he leave, so we can close shop and go home for the evening !

Sid swims at the local YMCA a couple days a week, volunteers at his church and exercises regularly. He shares with us his incredible memory of vast experiences; going ashore at Normandy a couple days after D-day, fighting across Europe, getting wounded, battlefield promotions, subsequent assignments and various duty stations during his career.

Everyday that he is here with us he takes a few minutes and writes a letter to his wife.

Sid Wells is truly an amazing man." The CCRA and the CBRN School Historian could not find the book. The CCRA sent COL Wells an Honorary Lifetime Membership and welcomed him into the Order of the Dragon. This was small consolation for the loss of his valuable history. But, Chet Smith said: "[The CCRA's] thoughtfulness in recognizing him really brightened his day and in doing so made a bunch of other people happy too !"



Nominations for CCRA Officers

The new policy on the nomination and selection of CCRA officers can be found on the CCRA website when approved. We will be receiving nominations for CCRA officer position vacancies.

We want to thank the following who served the CCRA in leadership positions:

John Fuller, Director
Tom Nard, VP for Programs
Donnie Killgore, President
Roger Gunter, COO
George Heib, Secretary

Some positions vacancies are existing and some have been recently added to increase the opportunities for those outside Fort Leonard Wood to participate. The positions available include:

Director, CCRA Board
President
Secretary
VP Student Membership
VP Programs
VP Fort Leonard Wood Programs
VP Programs
VP Chapters

The period for nominations open in 2 August and end 23 August. The CCRA Executive Committee will serve as the Nomination Committee. Nominations must be submitted IAW the policy letter.

We encourage all who have a genuine interest in the success of the CCRA to apply. Being an officer requires dedication and sacrifice of time and energies that are not confined just to quarterly meetings.

New CCRA Website

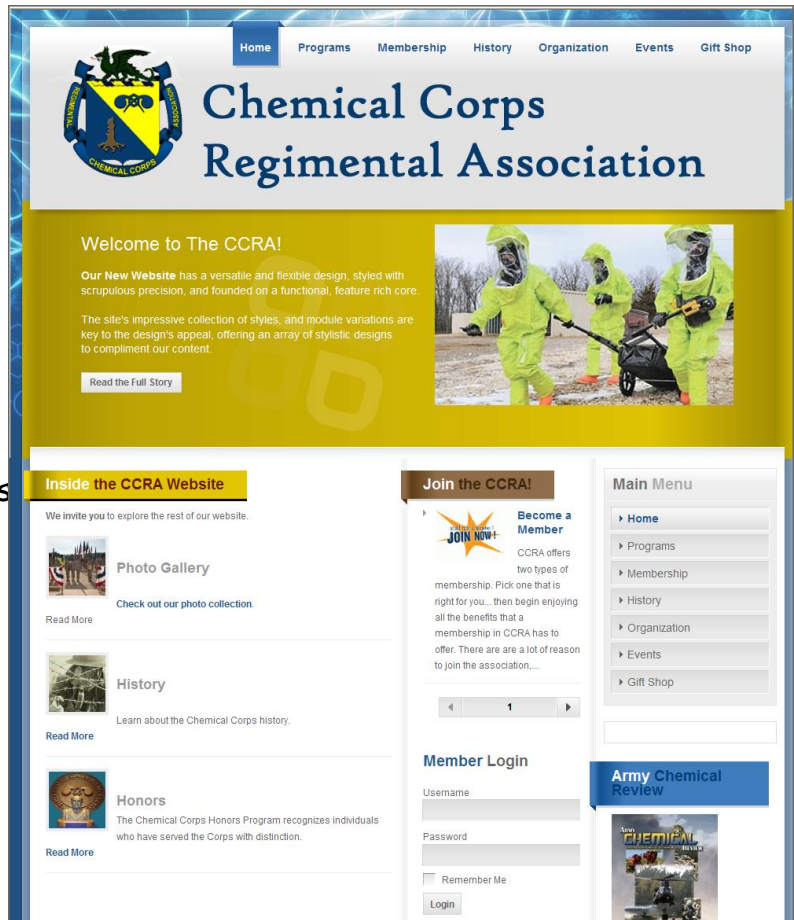
The CCRA Website is getting a face lift! The new site will reflect many new features that will make it much more user friendly. The website change-over will come in four phases:

Phase I: Replace "read only" elements of the current website with the new website. The new website will basically have a new look and feel, and the content will be moved over. Login, OOD nominations, and gift shop remain with the old system.

Phase II: Implement the new membership management system (will require all members to create new usernames and passwords).

Phase III: Activate donation system (will attempt to integrate with membership system).

Phase IV: Replace the Gift Shop online software with a newer version to ensure compatibility with the new membership system and new website.



Status: We are in the final stage of testing Phase I. Target launch date late is August 2010.

Scott Newell
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Last Roll Call

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

MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT ORTON

ON 5 MAY 2010, the Chemical Corp, the Army and our Nation suffered the loss of and outstanding General and a friend. We could not provide a better tribute to MG Bob Orton than that which was written by Paul Greenberg. Mr. Greenberg is a Pulitzer Prize winner and published the following in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette editorial page on 2 June 2010. We provide the most of the article below

"Maj. Gen. Robert D. Orton, 70, received his final orders 5 May 2010 ... For to know Robert Orton was to respect him. He was not only an officer and a gentleman but a general and a scholar. Indeed, he was a chemist of some note -- one of the world's leading authorities on chemical, biological and radioactive weapons. He knew not only how to use them but, even more important as it turned out, how to prevent their ever being used. To borrow a phrase from the boys in the Strategic Air Command way back when, peace was his profession. Aside from his gentle demeanor, which was particularly impressive in a general, it was the combination of his chemical expertise and administrative skill that most impressed all those who worked with him, and anyone who ever editorialized about him.... Under the historic chemical-weapons treaty with the Russians, it would fall to Gen. Orton to oversee the safe destruction of the world's most lethal non-nuclear weapons stored at seven scattered sites -- which included the Pine Bluff (Ark.) Arsenal, Anniston, Ala., and Johnston Island in the North Pacific. He would also serve as chief of the Army's chemical corps and commanding general of the Army Chemical School at Fort McClellan, Ala. The general had a chestful of decorations, picked up over his years of service around the world since he'd gone through ROTC at the University of Texas at El Paso and taught chemistry at West Point. But you'd never know it from talking to him; he was the most self-effacing of men. When he got his second star, on April Fools Day in 1992, he was heard to observe that "it shows the Army has a sense of humor." ... One distinction may say it all about Bob Orton: When he was a bachelor officer posted to the Indiana Army Ammunition Plant at Charleston in 1979, he sponsored a Brownie troop. And, you can be sure, did an outstanding job of it. The general's Arkansas connection was cemented with his marriage to Sylvia Spencer... Nothing ever got past Sylvia's eagle eye. Bob Orton certainly didn't; she always had an eye for quality. In the general's latter years, as he slowly slipped away and a fine mind dimmed, we all mourned long before the memorial service. But were comforted by his years of service not just to his country (and the world) but to every community he was ever part of. For the commander of a military base is also a leading citizen of the town that plays host to it. The next time anybody bashes the military, surely the most competent aspect of our federal government, I'm going to think of Robert Dell Orton. With gratitude.

Last Roll Call

COLONEL BILL CRESS

We share in the loss of Mike Cress' father. Although COL Bill Cress was not a Dragon Soldier, we mourn his passing as part of our extended Chemical Family. Colonel William "Bill" Cress of Anniston, passed away peacefully on June 27, 2010, from complications of a sudden onset respiratory disorder. He was 83 years old. He was an innovative and successful military leader and civil service manager with a combined career that spanned more than six decades and covered 43 years of Government service. In his last Government assignment, he was responsible for several new tank designs and the management of the Directorate Of Maintenance for Anniston Army Depot. He enlisted in the US Army May 9, 1946, after graduating from high school and rose to the rank of Master Sergeant (Infantry). In 1950, he transferred to Armor and received his battlefield commission as a second Lieutenant in 1951 as a result of combat leadership and innovative bravery. In 1956, he switched to Ordnance. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star (with V Device) and single Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with 5th Oak Leaf Cluster, the Korean Service Medal and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation. Colonel Cress was a proud recipient of the Combat Infantryman's and US Army Parachutist Badges. Colonel Cress came to Anniston Army Depot in January 1973 as Director of Maintenance. In his personal life, Bill Cress was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Mrs. Gladys B. Cress. Colonel Cress was an outstanding husband, father, mentor to many and a Master Mason. Colonel Cress was a Founding Sponsor of the National Museum in Arlington to honor the American Soldier.

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!

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR ACCOUNT PROFILE!

Very soon you will be able to update your contact information on our Website. Until then, if you have any updates please contact Jen Walton our Business Manager. If you know of a member who is not receiving this newsletter, have them make sure it is not being blocked as "spam" and ensure that their email address is correct. Thanks!

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Donations . . .

If you wish to provide a donation to the CCRA, you can send your check payable to **CCRA** to the CCRA Website:

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