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## 82d Chemical Battalion Cases Colors

*By Ms. Allison Choike*

The 82d Chemical Battalion rolled up its colors on 6 September 2007 during an inactivation ceremony at Cunningham Gymnasium, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

The battalion has trained initial-entry training (IET) Soldiers for two decades. The ceremony marked a closing for the 82d Battalion and a continuation for the 84th Chemical Battalion. “This is a sad but proud day for our regiment,” said Colonel Peggy Combs, 3d Chemical Brigade Commander. “We are closing one chapter, but reopening another in the proud history of our Corps.” Colonel Combs went on to say that the 82d Chemical Battalion supported the IET mission for 20 years, and with the battalion now being a part of the 84th Chemical Battalion, that mind-set will continue. “I believe that the true spirit and the legacy of the unit is forever set in the hearts, minds, and accomplishments of the Soldiers who have served in that unit—the legacy of excellence will live on.”

With changes taking place in the 3d Chemical Brigade, the 84th Chemical Battalion will continue with its training mission. “They [the 84th Chemical Battalion] will assume the advanced individual training (AIT) mission and become one of the most complex battalions in the Chemical Corps. Ironically, it assumes its mission right where it left off—providing relevant chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear training,” said Colonel Combs.



The ceremony also included a change-of-command presentation, where Major Thamar Main relinquished command to Lieutenant Colonel Bret Van Camp. Colonel Van Camp said that the ceremony represented many things, including the first steps toward training Chemical Soldiers—a responsibility the 84th Chemical Battalion takes on Army-wide.

“Today marks one of the new efforts in how we train our Soldiers and leaders. We will be responsible for all of the [chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear] CBRN specialists serving our Nation.”

Major Maria Bochat, the 84th Chemical Battalion Executive Officer said that IET training will finish out as normal until the end of the calendar year. There are still Soldiers in basic training in the battalion, and they will be graduating in December. After that, the 84th Chemical Battalion will only train at the AIT level. “We are only going to be training CBRN, and everyone in the Army will come here to train. It is kind of exciting,” said Major Bochat. 🎖️🎖️

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