



# RESERVE COMPONENT UPDATE

## Update on Army Reserve Units

The 455th Chemical Brigade (Fort Dix, New Jersey) was inactivated 9 September 2007.

The 460th Chemical Brigade (Little Rock, Arkansas) changed command on 9 September 2007, with Colonel Wornest Lambert taking the reins from Colonel Lucas Polakowski. (Colonel Polakowski is now the Deputy Commander, 90th Regional Readiness Command.)

The 464th Chemical Brigade (Johnstown, Pennsylvania) continues operations but is expected to deactivate in March 2008.

The 102d Division (Training Support), 3d Chemical Brigade, stood up on 1 October 2007. The unit provides military occupational skill (MOS) 74D training.

The 404th Chemical Brigade changed command on 22 September 2007. Brigadier General Anthony Stanich relinquished command to Colonel Steven Huber. (Colonel Huber was previously the Commander of the 108th Sustainment Brigade.)

## Training

The U.S. Army Chemical School held a critical task selection board in July 2007. The Corps has decided to reduce the requirement for smoke instruction in all phases of chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) training (beginning in late 2007).

Total Army School System (TASS) training is now in line with the Army Training Requirements Resourcing System (ATRRS). The former Region B screen is now where all 74D TASS training will be listed. This should make it easier for Soldiers to schedule MOS-specific training.

A Total Army School System Training Center (TTC) for 74D will be at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. This will be the only 74D TTC due to Chemical Defense Training Facility (CDTF) requirements. The training will also have its own equipment set to alleviate equipment availability issues. The first instructors should be on the ground in late 2007.

There are currently three courses being taught through six TASS battalions:

- **74D10 Military Occupational Specialty Training Course (MOS-T)** (formerly the Reclassification Course) is a four-phase course. Phase I is provided through distributed learning (dL) and cannot be completed in one weekend. Phases II and IV are resident training at Fort Leonard Wood. Phase III is nonresident instruction provided in the TASS battalion regions. This year, in response to requests from the field, Soldiers will only receive one set of orders to finish Phases II, III, and IV at Fort Leonard Wood (albeit in two locations).
- **74D Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course (BNCOC)** is also a four-phase course. Phase I is common to all MOSs. Phases II and IV are 74D-specific resident training at Fort Leonard Wood. Phase III is 74D-specific nonresident instruction provided in the TASS battalion regions.
- **74D Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course (ANCOC)** is now a three-phase course. Phases I and III are resident training at Fort Leonard Wood. Phase II is nonresident instruction provided in the TASS battalion regions.

## Chemical School Knowledge Network

The Chemical School Knowledge Network (CKN) is up and running! Use it as your first source for CBRN information. To access the CKN, go to the Chemical School homepage at <http://www.wood.army.mil/usacmls/> and click on the *CKN* logo in the upper left-hand corner. You must have an AKO account to access the CKN. The information in the CKN is "For Official Use Only" and includes additional information not available on the World Wide Web. If you have input, go to the feedback link on the page. We can work together to make this a fantastic CBRN resource!



## Officer Training

The Reserve Component Chemical Captain's Career Course (RC-CMC3) is a five-phase course. Phase I covers common-core material and is required for all captains, regardless of their component or branch designation. Phase II covers chemical technical material and is offered via dL. The Chemical School has successfully funded the complete revision of Phase II—the completed course should be up and running later this year. This is the first real update in a decade. Phase III is a two-week resident phase at Fort Leonard Wood that focuses on chemical and smoke operations, biological-agent effects and defense concepts, radiological operations, toxic-agent training, and hazardous material (HAZMAT) awareness training. This course now includes the opportunity to certify HAZMAT awareness and operations training. Phase IV, the dL portion of the Combined Arms Exercise (CAX), is still under development. The tasks in this phase will be designed to prepare officers for company command and brigade staff assignments. Phase V is the CAX phase and is conducted at Fort Leonard Wood. JWARN is in this phase, along with Maneuver Control System training. This phase culminates in a military decision-making process exercise using state-of-the-art battle simulation equipment.

Officers transferring to the Chemical Corps after attending another branch's officer basic course must attend the CBRN Defense Course to provide them with basic CBRN defense training. Other required training will depend on the level of the officer's education. Contact Reserve Component (RC) personnel at the Chemical School for specific details.

Senior officers transferring into the Chemical Corps have other requirements. Prominent among the requirements is attendance at the Joint Senior Leader's Course at Fort Leonard Wood to become familiar with upper-level issues among the services. These officers will also get the opportunity to experience decontamination missions at the CDTF. Contact us for additional information.

## Army Reserve- and National Guard-Specific Training

**Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive Enhanced-Response Force Package (CERFP).** The Chemical School offers the Mass-Casualty Decontamination Course to members of medical or decontamination teams of a CERFP. Of course, as the training provides HAZMAT awareness and operations training, it can be used by anyone on the CERFP. Anyone requiring HAZMAT technician training can attend the course.

**Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Consequence Management Response Force (CCMRF).** The Chemical School's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Responder Course is applicable to CCMRF Soldiers who need HAZMAT technician certification. Soldiers providing mass-casualty decontamination can attend the Mass-Casualty Decontamination Course at the Chemical School. And since the training provides HAZMAT awareness and operations training, it can be used by all personnel on the CCMRF.

## Chemical School Personnel Issues

**Authorized Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) Positions.** There are currently six authorized Active Army Reserve positions—the deputy assistant commandant–Reserve Component (DAC-RC) (an Army Reserve colonel position), the deputy assistant commandant–National Guard (DAC-NG) (an Army National Guard lieutenant colonel position), three training developers (Army Reserve major, master sergeant, and lieutenant colonel positions [the lieutenant colonel is currently serving as the Director of the Incident Response Training Detachment in a temporary assignment]), and one combat developer (Army Reserve lieutenant colonel position).

**Drilling Individual Mobilization Augmentee (DIMA) Positions.** We have 20 authorized DIMA positions throughout the Chemical School, with 12 officer slots (captain through lieutenant colonel) and 8 noncommissioned officer slots (sergeant first class through sergeant major). The mission of the RC is to supplement and expand Chemical School personnel during mobilization missions. The school currently supports the RC-CMC3 training mission. Our goal is to have instructors who are 100 percent qualified—we strive to improve both the active CMC3 and the RC-CMC3 through our work. There are always openings for qualified instructors. Please contact us if you are interested.



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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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