



*By Master Sergeant Joseph Baker*

Hundreds of soldiers, some coming from as far away as the ongoing operations in Iraq, made the trip to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, for the twenty-first annual Worldwide Chemical Conference. Attendees were welcomed by Major General Randal R. Castro, Commanding General of the US Army Maneuver Support Center, and Brigadier General Stanley H. Lillie, Chief of Chemical. During his motivational welcome to Fort Leonard Wood, Major General Castro reminded the audience of the importance of the Chemical Corps and the role the Corps plays as the Force of the Future. Brigadier General Lillie focused his presentation on the capabilities of the Chemical Corps in the 21st century.



**Brigadier General Stanley H. Lillie shares his vision for the Corps.**



**Major General Randal R. Castro welcomes conference attendees.**

The three-day event featured several keynote speakers, including Lieutenant General William Wallace, Commanding General of the US Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth; Dr. Dale E. Klein, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs; Brigadier General Klaus O. Schafer (Retired), M.D., M.P.H., Acting Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Chemical and Biological Defense; Ms. Lisa Bronson, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Technology Security Policy and Counterproliferation, Office of the Under Secretary of

Defense for Policy; Colonel Jean D. Reed (Retired), Professional Staff Member, House Armed Services Committee; Brigadier General Steve Reeves, Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense; and Brigadier General Walter Busbee (Retired), chairman of the Chemical Biological Defense Division, National Defense Industrial Association. The event also hosted the presentation of the Major General William L. Sibert award, given annually to the top Active Army and reserve component chemical units (see the article below for additional information regarding the Sibert Award). Additional events included the ribbon-cutting ceremony and dedication of the new gift shop in the Chemical Museum, the induction of new Hall of Fame members, and recognition for distinguished members of the Corps.

The conference opened events with a regimental review, where Brigadier General Patricia L. Nilo (Retired)

was honored for the years of service she provided to the Chemical Corps. The week ended with the Green Dragon Ball, where more than 900 attendees heard Major General John C. Doesberg, Commanding General of the US Army Research, Development, and Engineering Command, inspire the Corps with his words of wisdom. 🗣️

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## CHEMICAL COMPANIES RECEIVE THE ELITE SIBERT AWARD

The 12th Chemical Company and the 392d Chemical Company received the esteemed Sibert Award from the Chief of the Chemical Corps/US Army Chemical School Commandant on 13 October at the 2004 Worldwide Chemical Conference held at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. The Sibert Award provides recognition for excellence in the Chemical Corps and gives recognition to the best chemical company-size unit in the Army.

The award is named after Major General William L. Sibert—often referred to as the “father of the Chemical Corps.” Major General Sibert, who was elected by General John J. Pershing to stand up the Chemical Warfare Service, guided the Corps through many of its earliest challenges. Units compete for the highly regarded Sibert award based on their—

- Mission.
- Individual and collective training statistics, such as—
  - Common task testing.
  - Weapons qualification.
  - Army physical fitness test scores.
  - Army Training and Evaluation Program (ARTEP) results.
  - External support systems.
  - Number of training center rotations.
- Overall maintenance status and performance-on-command inspections.
- Accident and award safety performance statistics.
- Overall organizational excellence (based on individual and unit awards).
- Participation in educational programs and community or humanitarian activities.
- Battle-focused future training initiatives.



The 12th Chemical Company is part of the 1st Infantry Division and is attached to the 701st Support Battalion. The 392d Chemical Company (Recon), from Little Rock, Arkansas, is part of the 90th Regional Readiness Command. 🗣️