

# New Program Criteria



On 2 February 2005, the Chemical Corps Regimental Association (CCRA) Board of Governors approved a new Order of the Dragon Program (OODP). The OODP was established to maintain and enhance the legacy of the Chemical Corps and to promote cohesiveness and esprit de corps in the Chemical Corps Regiment by recognizing individuals who have served the Corps with distinction. The new OODP consists of three awards: the Ancient Order, the Honorable Order, and the Carol Ann Watson Spouse Award. Nominated personnel must meet the criteria established for each level of recognition.

## Ancient Order of the Dragon nominees must—

- ⚔ Be a current member of the CCRA. Special consideration will be given to lifetime membership in the CCRA.
- ⚔ Have contributed conspicuous, long-term service to the Chemical Corps and the CCRA throughout a distinguished career. Special consideration will be given to service continuing after retirement.
- ⚔ Have completed twenty-plus years of service to the Chemical Corps and the CCRA.
- ⚔ Be honorably retired as a lieutenant colonel, sergeant first class, GS-12, or higher rank or grade.
- ⚔ Have maintained the highest standards of personal conduct throughout their career.
- ⚔ Be or have been a member of the Chemical Corps in an Active Army, Army National Guard, or Army Reserve status for the majority of their career.
- ⚔ Be or have been a member of the US armed forces or the Department of Defense who provided continuing service to the Chemical Corps and/or chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) readiness for the majority of their career.

Nomination for the Ancient Order of the Dragon must be made by a Chemical Corps lieutenant colonel or higher rank or an officer of the CCRA. Ancient Order of the Dragon status must be approved by the Chief of Chemical, as recommended by an annual selection board.

## Honorable Order of the Dragon nominees must—

- ⚔ Be a current member of the CCRA.
- ⚔ Possess qualities that set them apart from other Chemical Corps personnel or their peers.
- ⚔ Have completed a minimum of five years of service to the Chemical Corps and successfully completed the Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course or the Captains Career Course.

Consideration will be given to similar education for sister service and foreign military members.

- ⚔ Be eligible for favorable military actions (military members only) and be of good character.
- ⚔ Have maintained the highest standards of personal conduct (both on and off duty).
- ⚔ Be a Chemical Corps officer or noncommissioned officer in an Active Army, Army National Guard, or Army Reserve status or a Department of the Army civilian who has supported the Chemical Corps.
- ⚔ Be or have been a member of the US armed forces or the Department of Defense who provided service to the Chemical Corps and/or CBRN readiness.
- ⚔ Be a foreign military member or civilian who has contributed to furthering the mission of the Chemical Corps.

Nomination for the Honorable Order of the Dragon must be made by a member of the CCRA. Honorable Order of the Dragon status must be approved by the first Chemical Corps colonel in the chain of command or responsibility. If there is no Chemical Corps colonel, the Assistant Commandant of the US Army Chemical School will be the approving authority. Approval authority for the Honorable Order of the Dragon will not be delegated below the rank of colonel.

## Carol Ann Watson Spouse Award nominees must—

- ⚔ Be a spouse who has voluntarily provided significant contributions and support to the Chemical Corps, a chemical unit, chemical families, or a community.
- ⚔ Possess qualities that set them apart from other Chemical Corps spouses or their peers.
- ⚔ Be the spouse of a Chemical Corps soldier or civilian associated with service to the Corps and/or CBRN readiness.

Nomination for the Carol Ann Watson Spouse Award must be made by a member of the CCRA. The Spouse Award will be approved by the first Chemical Corps colonel in the chain of command or responsibility. If there is no Chemical Corps colonel, the Assistant Commandant of the US Army Chemical School will be the approving authority. Approval authority for the Spouse Award will not be delegated below the rank of colonel.

Information concerning the new OODP will be available soon on the CCRA Web site <<http://www.chemical-corps.org>>.