

2006 Distinguished Members of the U.S. Army Chemical Corps

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Four new names were added to the list of outstanding individuals serving the Chemical Corps. The award of the *Distinguished Member of the Chemical Corps* means that these individuals have given a lifetime of service to the Corps and continue to provide support to its primary mission, history, and traditions. These Distinguished Members of the Corps deserve recognition for electing to serve their country and regiment in this fashion. The following individuals were inducted into the 2006 Distinguished Members of the Corps: Brigadier General Dean R. Ertwine (Retired), Colonel Edward “Ted” W. Newing (Retired), Sergeant Major John R. Fuller (Retired), and Dr. John W. Scully.



Brigadier General Dean R. Ertwine (Retired)

Brigadier General Ertwine served the Corps in a variety of positions, including the Deputy for Systems Acquisition and the Director of the Systems Management Center, U.S. Army Communications–Electronics

Command, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey; Executive Officer to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development, and Acquisition); Commander of the Fire Support Armaments Center, U.S. Army Armament Research, Development, and Engineering Center, Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey; Commander of the U.S. Army Cold Regions Test Center, Fort Greely, Alaska; Director of Material Testing, U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground, Utah; Secretary of the General Staff, Deputy G-3; and assistant division Chemical officer for the 9th Infantry Division (Motorized), Fort Lewis, Washington. In October 1999, Brigadier General Ertwine assumed command of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command (later renamed the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command) until his retirement from the Army in August 2002. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (one oak-leaf cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal (four oak-leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal, and the Ancient Order of the Dragon.

Brigadier General Ertwine is currently employed by Battelle Corporation as the Vice President for Army Science and Technology Business Development, where he is applying his many years of Army research and development experience to develop future projects. His contributions to training, research, and development deem him worthy of selection as a Distinguished Member of the Corps.



Colonel Edward “Ted” W. Newing (Retired)

Colonel Newing’s career has spanned three decades of service. His comprehensive and extensive knowledge of nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) defense; weapons of mass destruction; smoke and obscurants; and environmental restoration has earned him the honored status of “recognized expert in the field.”

As Commander of the 25th Chemical Company, he pioneered tactics, techniques, and procedures that were captured in the Chemical Corps doctrine revitalization of the 1980s. As the Chief of the Installation Assessments Branch at the U.S. Army Toxic and Hazardous Materials Agency, he led the Department of the Army effort to survey 279 Army installations and determine whether past operations had created a threat for environmental contamination. Colonel Newing’s other assignments included operations staff officer (S-3) for the 2d Chemical Battalion; smoke integration officer at the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command; and systems integrator at the Department of the Army, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, he engineered the worldwide shifting of decontamination assets, overgarments, and NBC items.

In 1992, Colonel Newing commanded the 84th Chemical Battalion at Fort McClellan, Alabama. He was involved in studies and helped ensure the seamless transition of the U.S. Army Chemical School from Fort McClellan to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Colonel Newing also served as a V Corps Chemical officer in Germany, Commander of the Army Environmental Center, and Chief of Staff of the former U.S. Army Soldier and

Biological Chemical Command (SBCOM) (where he guided the organization through a top-to-bottom structural change).

Colonel Newing retired from the Army in February 2004. His awards include the Legion of Merit (two oak-leaf clusters), the Meritorious Service Medal (seven oak-leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (three oak-leaf clusters), the National Defense Service Medal (two oak-leaf clusters), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Bosnia), the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, the Army Superior Unit Award (two), and the Ancient Order of the Dragon.

Colonel Newing is currently the program manager for chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) readiness, where he directs Army first-responder programs and manages resources to support Department of Defense installation protection programs. For the outstanding and unique contribution he has made in his assignments and the leadership he has provided, the Chemical Corps community welcomes Colonel Newing as a Distinguished Member of the Corps.



Sergeant Major John R. Fuller (Retired)

Sergeant Major Fuller joined the Army in 1976 and completed his basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, followed by Quartermaster Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee, Virginia. Five years into his career, Sergeant Major Fuller changed his military branch specialty to nuclear, biological, and Chemical specialist (54E). One of his greatest contributions to the Chemical Corps occurred while he served as a drill sergeant in the 82d Chemical Battalion at Fort McClellan, Alabama. Sergeant Major Fuller was directly responsible for turning several thousand young Americans into Soldiers, many of whom went on to serve the Corps with distinction. Other assignments throughout his career included platoon sergeant, 21st Chemical Company, Fort Bragg; battalion Chemical noncommissioned officer, 313th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Bragg; first sergeant, 999th Signal Company, Fort Huachuca, Arizona; group noncommissioned officer in charge, Camp Zama, Japan; and sergeant major, Pine Bluff Arsenal, Arkansas. Sergeant Major Fuller is a veteran of Operation Desert Storm and the Liberation of Kuwait campaign. His awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (two oak-leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (five oak-leaf clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (four oak-leaf clusters), the National Defense Service Ribbon (with two stars), and the Ancient Order of the Dragon.

Sergeant Major Fuller is currently a training developer for new equipment training at Fort Leonard Wood. He is an active contributor to the Chemical Corps Regimental Association (CCRA) and frequently addresses students to educate them on the rich history and lineage of the Chemical Corps. Sergeant Major Fuller has dedicated his life to preserving the ideals and integrity of the Chemical Corps, earning him the honor of Distinguished Member of the Corps.



Dr. John W. Scully

Throughout his many years of service, Dr. Scully has been a strong leader, an effective mentor, and a champion for military personnel. Dr. Scully excelled at accomplishing many demanding missions but remained focused on his number one priority—getting the best equipment out to the people who needed it.

Dr. Scully's career in support of the military began in 1967 at the U.S. Army Night Vision Laboratory. Here, he obtained practical laboratory and contractual experience and the theoretical knowledge of optics and imaging systems, including the Man-Portable, Common Thermal Night Sight Program; the Tube-Launched, Optical-Sighted, Wire-Guided (TOW) Antitank Missile System, and the Dragon Missile Site Program. Dr. Scully served at the Night Vision Laboratory for 13 years before leaving in 1980 for the U.S. Army Chemical School.

Dr. Scully joined the Chemical School to help reestablish the Directorate of Combat Development. He was instrumental in establishing a civilian workforce, providing strong leadership, and creating a clear focus and direction. He used his background knowledge from the Night Vision Laboratory to excel in his new CBRN responsibilities. He served as Deputy Chief of the Materiel Systems Division and was the principal directorate technical advisor for NBC programs. Dr. Scully played a critical role in developing the requirements for protective masks and suits, multispectral smoke operations, and chemical and biological standoff detectors.

He remains a critical part of the joint CBRN program by encouraging the scientific and technological community to focus on the needs of military personnel. Additionally, Dr. Scully is an active member of the CCRA, serves on the Fort McClellan chapter advisory panel, and holds the honor of Ancient Order of the Dragon. Dr. Scully is a true professional whose contributions have had a lasting impact on the CBRN defense program and the Chemical Corps, earning him the honor of Distinguished Member of the Corps. ●●●