



RESERVE COMPONENT UPDATE

Army Reserve Units

The 460th Chemical Brigade (Camp Pike, North Little Rock, Arkansas) held an inactivation ceremony on 10 February 2008. Colonel Wornest Lambert (brigade commander) and Command Sergeant Major David Hayes (brigade command sergeant major) cased the colors, with Brigadier General Philip Hanrahan, commanding general of the 90th Regional Readiness Command (RRC), presiding. Officially, the unit will stand down in September 2008, but the ceremony was held in February to ensure maximum participation from unit Soldiers.

The 464th Chemical Brigade (Johnstown, Pennsylvania) held an inactivation ceremony on 30 March 2008. Colonel Gregory Ritch (brigade commander) and Command Sergeant Major Donald Riggs (brigade command sergeant major) cased the colors, with Colonel Mark Smith, deputy commander (readiness) of the 99th RRC, presiding. All former Johnstown era brigade commanders and many former Soldiers were present at the ceremony, which was followed by an inactivation/reunion party. This unit will also officially stand down in September 2008.

The 7th Army Reserve Command, Germany, has been authorized to stand up four foreign consequence management civil support teams. Although details are not final, one of the teams will be staffed by Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Soldiers and the remaining three teams will be staffed with traditional Army Reserve Soldiers.

Training

All Total Army School System (TASS) training is now on one page in the Army Training Requirements and Resources System (ATRRS). The 74D TASS training is listed on the former "Region B" screen. This should make it easier for Soldiers to schedule military occupational specialty (MOS)-specific training.

Total Army School System Training Center (TTC) 74D instructors are now located at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. As previously noted, due to Chemical Defense Training Facility (CDTF) requirements, this is the only 74D TTC. Training XM50 masks are on-hand at the facility; the final variation should be available shortly. We are working to build an equipment set to alleviate equipment availability issues and ensure that our Soldiers receive premium training.

The 74D10 MOS training (formerly the "reclassification course") is a four-phase course. Phase I is provided through distributed learning (dL). Connectivity issues with the module continue to persist. Phase I cannot be completed in one weekend, so don't plan on that. Instead, get started early and finish early. Phases II and IV consist of resident training conducted at Fort Leonard Wood. Phase III consists of nonresident instruction provided in each TASS region. This year, in response to requests from the field, Soldiers will be able to complete Phases II, III, and IV on one set of orders to Fort Leonard Wood.

The 74D Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course (BNCOC) is also a four-phase course. Phase I is common to all MOSs. Work is underway to provide it via dL; look for that this year. Phases II and IV consist of 74D-specific resident training at Fort Leonard Wood. Phase III consists of 74D-specific nonresident instruction provided in each TASS region.

The 74D Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course (ANCOC) is a three-phase course. There is no dL portion. The entire course is provided through classroom instruction. Phases I and III consist of resident training at FLW. Phase II consists of nonresident instruction provided in each TASS region.

Officer Education

The Reserve Component Chemical Captains Career Course (RC-CMC3) is a five-phase course. Phase I, common core, is ready and will be required shortly. Phase II is the chemical technical dL phase. Final validation is complete, and this phase will replace the correspondence course shortly. Those students currently enrolled in the correspondence course may complete it; however, all future students must take the new dL phase. Phase III consists of a two-week resident phase conducted at the U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School (USACBRNS), Fort Leonard Wood. Before beginning Phase III, Soldiers must complete the awareness level training available through the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center (MANSCEN) Blackboard Web portal. To enroll in the training, contact Major Joan Lenahan-Bernard at <joan.m.lenahanbernard@us.army.mil>. An Army Knowledge Online (AKO) e-mail address is required. As additional or alternate study material, a compact disc-read-only memory (CD-ROM) can be provided to the student. On the first day of



resident training, students are tested on the precourse awareness level material as part of the hazardous materials (HAZMAT) training and certification conducted during the course. Phase IV, which does not yet exist, will consist of the dL portion of the combined arms exercise (CAX). Phase V, the CAX phase, is conducted at Fort Leonard Wood. This phase includes Joint Warning and Reporting Network and Maneuver Control System training. It culminates in a military decision-making process exercise using state-of-the-art battle simulation equipment. Previously, Phases III and V were taught only in the summer; but in Fiscal Year 2009, these phases will be offered in the early spring and summer.

Officers that transfer into the Chemical Branch after attending another branch officer basic course must attend the CBRN Defense Course to obtain basic CBRN defense training. Efforts are underway to place that course online; however, officers may attend the training in resident status wherever it is available. Good courses are available at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and in the TASS battalions. Other required training depends on the officer's previous education. Contact RC personnel at USACBRNS for specific details.

Army Reserve- and National Guard-Specific Training

Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High-Yield Explosives Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP). USACBRNS offers a mass casualty decontamination class, which is appropriate for members of the CERFP medical and decontamination teams. In addition, any member of the CERFP may complete the class to obtain awareness or operations level HAZMAT training. Anyone requiring HAZMAT technician level training may complete the CBRN Responder Course. These courses are available on ATRRS.

Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Consequence Management Response Force (CCMRF). The mass casualty decontamination class is appropriate for CCMRF Soldiers providing mass casualty decontamination. In addition, any member of the CCMRF may complete the class to obtain awareness or operations level HAZMAT training. CCMRF personnel who need HAZMAT technician certification may complete the CBRN Responder Course. These courses are available on ATRRS.

USACBRNS Personnel Issues

Authorized AGR positions. There are six authorized AGR positions at USACBRNS: the Deputy Assistant Commandant–Reserve Component (DAC-RC) (a U.S. Army Reserve [USAR] colonel), the Deputy Assistant Commandant–National Guard (DAC-NG) (an Army National Guard lieutenant colonel), two training developers (a USAR major and a USAR master sergeant), a combat developer (a USAR lieutenant colonel), and another total force integrator (a USAR lieutenant colonel) who is now serving as the director of the Incident Response Training Detachment. Five of these positions are currently filled.

Drilling Individual Mobilization Augmentee (DIMA) positions. There are 20 authorized DIMA positions throughout USACBRNS, with 12 officer slots (captain through lieutenant colonel) and 8 noncommissioned officer (NCO) slots (sergeant first class through sergeant major). The mission is to prepare to expand during mobilization. Our goal is 100 percent-qualified instructors. The RC-CMC3 training mission is currently supported. We strive to improve the RC-CMC3 and Active Army Chemical Career Captains Course through our work. Captains and sergeants first class are always needed, so contact us if you are interested!

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