

Editor's note: "The doctrinal mission statement for the IBCT CBRN Reconnaissance Platoon (Light) is to provide dismounted CBRN reconnaissance to the infantry brigade combat team in order to protect the force across full spectrum operations. Organizational mission sets include 1) Dismounted CBRN Reconnaissance, 2) CBRN Site Assessment Operations, 3) Hazardous Materials Mitigation Support, and 4) CBRN Consequence Management Support." (FM 3-11.6, Multiservice Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Aspects of Command and Control, DRAFT).

The JNBCRS 2 (HMMWV) variant is not under development for use in the U.S. Army. In 2004, the program was restructured using a dismounted concept to address three areas: sensitive-site assessment, hazardous-site assessment, and enhanced dismounted CBRN reconnaissance. Studies are underway to address future tactical vehicle requirements. The tactical vehicle that is selected to replace the HMMWV is the vehicle that will provide this light capability. The heavy requirement is being addressed by a CBRN variant to the Stryker family (NBCRV).

The JNBCRS 2 program is partitioned into three phases. In Phase I, COTS and government off-the-shelf detection and protection equipment will be fielded in a package that addresses the joint urgent needs requirement to detect and protect against TIM such as nitric acid. Phase I will include new equipment training to support fielding and changes in institutional training to address the new capabilities. The POI for the training is under development. In the meantime, the CBRN School has been providing mobile training team support to the units receiving the Phase I equipment. In Phase II, capabilities will be formalized with a full-featured training and logistics package that will replace Phase I equipment. The equipment will be packaged in modular containers. Improved technologies and added capabilities unique to each service will be introduced in Phase III. They will be configured in a modular package organized as a set, kit, or outfit. This approach is intended to provide a flexible, tailorable package that can be upgraded as more capable equipment options become available.

German Liaison Team Honored

By Colonel Robert Walk

On 26 March 2008, Brigadier General Thomas W. Spoehr, Commandant of the U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School (USACBRNS) and Chief of the Chemical Corps, presented the German liaison team of Lieutenant Colonel Fabian Bosse and Sergeant Major Uwe Leiner with Orders of the Dragon for their efforts while assigned to the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center (MANSCEN) and Fort Leonard Wood (Missouri). Lieutenant Colonel Bosse and Sergeant Major Leiner are members of the Atomare, Biologische, und Chemische (ABC)-Abwehrtruppe—the German equivalent of the Chemical Corps. This was the first time that the MANSCEN German liaison team had been composed solely of ABC-Abwehrtruppe Soldiers.

Lieutenant Colonel Bosse, who was assigned to this position in 2005, worked on high-level issues between the schools. He departed on 31 March 2008, returning to Germany for his next assignment with the German equivalent of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

Sergeant Major Leiner has worked extensively with trainees at the Chemical Defense Training Facility, Basic Officer Leadership Course, Chemical Captains Career Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course, and Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course—introducing them to the German Army and, most importantly, the German Army proficiency badge. Sergeant Major Leiner will depart this spring to attend the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas. 



Brigadier General Spoehr presents the Order of the Dragon to Sergeant Major Leiner (left) and Lieutenant Colonel Bosse (right).

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