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Army Chemical Review is dedicated to all Dragon Soldiers and friends of the U.S. Army Chemical Corps and Regiment. Thank you for taking the time to read this professional bulletin.

In June 2010, we will celebrate the 92d anniversary of the Chemical Corps and, in partnership with the National Defense Industrial Association, hold our annual Regimental Week and Joint Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Conference. (See page 18 for a complete schedule of events.) This year's theme is "Shaping the Combating WMD Enterprise." We are projecting one of the largest conferences to date, with keynote speakers from the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the U.S. Army, various scientific and academic experts, two panels that include representatives of the institutional and operational capabilities of the Department of Defense, and more than 150 vendors. We are also opening the conference to young audiences to help build as much interest as possible in the disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and math among our future leaders. Regimental events will include a revised and updated Dragon's Peak Competition for CBRN warriors. Not only will the competitors' physical stamina be tested, but their mission area will be expanded to include the execution of CBRN operations in a live, toxic training area and the First Lieutenant Joseph Terry CBRN Responder Training Facility.

Throughout the past year, Regimental Command Sergeant Major Ted Lopez and I have visited multiple locations. Formations continue to prepare for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, and U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School (USACBRNS) mobile training teams continue to provide support for those deployments. For the first time, an Iraqi army officer is scheduled to attend a USACBRNS course. And the Iraqi Chief of Chemical is scheduled to attend Regimental Week and participate in the 92d Chemical Corps Anniversary. In addition, our teams are executing lab operations in support of the counter improvised explosive device mission in Afghanistan and conducting numerous other support and stability missions throughout the theater of operations. From operations in support of exercises in the Republic of Singapore to advice and assistance teams in two theaters, our Dragon warriors continue to excel. Thank you for what you do each day.

The 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High-Yield Explosives), 48th Chemical Brigade, 415th Chemical Brigade, and 52d Ordnance Group (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) provided world-class support to U.S. Forces Korea and Exercise Key Resolve by executing weapons of mass destruction (WMD) elimination and counter improvised explosive device operations in theater. Well done! The Republic of Korea remains a valuable CBRN defense and capabilities partner, and we had the opportunity to renew those partnerships with the Republic of Korea Chemical, Biological, and Radiological Defense Command and USACBRNS.

I also had the opportunity to participate in the Joint Staff Capstone Course at the National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C., from 25 January to 5 March 2010. This course provided great insight on the challenges and opportunities facing our Nation and on the distinct role that the Army and our Corps play in the Nation's defense.

This will be my last article as the 25th Chief of Chemical and commandant of the USACBRNS. My family and I have thoroughly enjoyed the time we have spent at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and I have enjoyed my visits to your locations. Our teams would not have been successful without the support of the entire CBRN/combating WMD community, of which there are too many names to mention. I would, however, like to recognize two stalwart leaders here at the USACBRNS—Colonel Greg Olson (assistant commandant) and Sergeant Major Gwendolyn Evans (personnel proponenty sergeant major). Due to the efforts of these individuals, our Corps, Army, and Nation are more prepared than ever; we look forward to their continued participation in retirement.

I look forward to continuing to work with each of you as I join the 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High-Yield Explosives) this summer. Regards, CBRN Dragon 6.

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