



10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum Hold Mountain Warrior Green Dragon Ball

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The Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Section, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), and Fort Drum, New York, Dragon Soldiers conducted the 2008 Mountain Warrior Green Dragon Ball on 4 April 2008. Lieutenant Colonel George Gonas, chief of CBRN and Force Protection, 10th Mountain Division, hosted the event. Colonel Michael Bolluyt, chief of the Requirements Determination Division, Capabilities Development Integration Division, U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center, was the guest speaker. All Fort Drum Dragon Soldiers and their guests were invited to attend.

The event provided participants with the opportunity to gather, enjoy dining and dancing, and build teamwork within the community. Ten individuals who have contributed to the Chemical Corps were also formally recognized during the event.

After the formal posting of the colors, a somber Fallen Soldier Ceremony was conducted to recognize the supreme sacrifices of our fallen comrades.

The following awards were presented to the recipients:

- **Carol Ann Watson Award:** Mrs. Kerri Gonas.
- **Ancient Order of the Dragon:** Sergeant First Class James Sheets (Retired), Department of Veterans Affairs.
- **Honorable Order of the Dragon:**
 - Chief Warrant Officer Four Craig Boss (Retired), 10th Mountain Division.
 - Major Guillermo Santiago, 10th Division Special Troops Battalion.
 - Captain Hanibl Olmeda, 59th Chemical Company.
 - Sergeant First Class Aaron Atchley, 59th Chemical Company.
 - Sergeant First Class Terrence Bratton, 59th Chemical Company.
 - Sergeant First Class Alfred Domingo, 10th Mountain Division.
 - Sergeant First Class Cecil McCabe, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade.
 - Sergeant First Class Glynnis Moore, 10th Mountain Division.

As the guest speaker, Colonel Bolluyt shared his experiences and his insight for the future of the Chemical Corps. He also discussed some of the new-equipment initiatives designed to improve CBRN capabilities and better equip Dragon Soldiers.

Even in this time of continuous deployments, the Fort Drum Chemical Soldiers found time to pause, come together, and pass on traditions—actions that are becoming increasingly important in keeping our Army strong. Young Soldiers don't often have the opportunity for firsthand observation of unit pride and the traditions of a formal military gathering these days. For the Fort Drum CBRN community, the Mountain Warrior Green Dragon Ball was a significant investment in our future. Soldiers will carry on these traditions, promoting teamwork and building pride in our Corps and the Army. We can never allow these events to become unimportant in our military lives.

Editor's note: The 10th Mountain Division, CBRN Section, is currently deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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Awards presentation