

Regimental Command Sergeant Major

What a great year the Chemical Corps is having! We are so proud of our chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) warriors who are performing worldwide missions in support of our Nation.

This year's Best CBRN Warrior Competition, held at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, was one of the greatest ever. Eighteen two-Soldier teams from across the world competed in one of the most technically skilled competitions ever executed by our Corps. These CBRN warriors stepped up and took the challenge of conducting self-contained breathing apparatus radiological, biological, and nuclear operations; sensitive-site exploitation; decontamination; detection; site surveys of clandestine labs; and toxic industrial chemical protection and detection equipment operations in a live environment at the Chemical Defense Training Facility. They also donned self-contained breathing apparatuses and performed timed hazmat operations, such as the containerization of storage tanker leaks, at the First Lieutenant Joseph Terry CBRN Responder Training Facility. In addition, Army physical fitness tests, physical endurance courses, task-oriented land navigation, and reflexive firing were conducted in conjunction with the technical phases of the competition. I am so proud of the competitors!

I am also very proud of the great folks who contributed to the conduct of the Best CBRN Warrior Competition. There are so many who executed the testing that I could not possibly name all of them, but between the U.S. Army CBRN School, 3d Chemical Brigade, and Soldiers and NCOs from the 48th CBRN Brigade, it was a great competition.

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I recently had the opportunity and privilege of conducting battlefield circulation in Kuwait, where I spent time with soldiers from the Kuwaiti Army and National Guard. I spoke with their leaders and viewed equipment displays. The highlight of my trip was spending time with the mighty 62d CBRN Company and Army Central Command staff officers. The warriors of the 62d CBRN Company are making our Nation proud by carrying out their mission.

We conducted our 2d Annual International CBRN Defense Command Sergeants Major and Sergeants Major Conference in November 2010. The focus of the conference was to engage in professional dialogue with our joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational partners and to share our experience and expertise in the Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction Enterprise. This was a great opportunity to build relationships with our strategic partners in the CBRN Defense community.

Our warriors are conducting so many missions in support of our Nation; I thank all of you. I'm very proud of our retirees, civilians, and families; without you, we could not make it even one day. You all sacrifice so much to support our great Nation. I'm proud to serve our great Corps. Be safe, and invest in the Corps.



**Command Sergeant Major
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**Loyalty • Duty • Respect
Selfless Service • Honor
Integrity • Personal Courage**

