
The CBRNWfF

By Ms. Beverley P. Finley

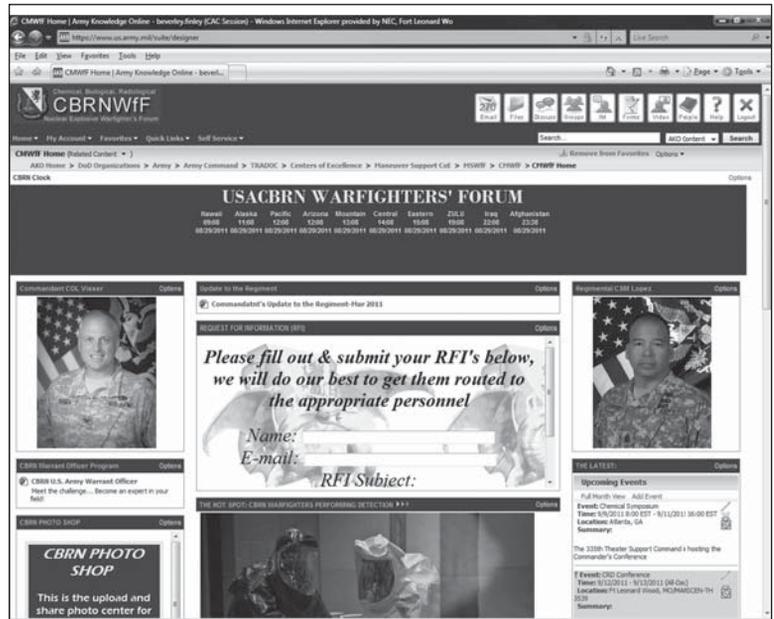
Do you know what the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Warfighter Forum (CBRNWfF) is? No?

Well, the CBRNWfF is a U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command-mandated Web site that was developed as an active, deliberate means of providing knowledge management (KM) support to chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) communities beyond the periphery. One of the main focuses is on the collaborative versus competitive sharing of knowledge. The CBRNWfF, in conjunction with the Chemical Knowledge Network (CKN) and the Protection Net, functions as a tool used to help achieve the KM goal of enhancing connections at all levels within the CBRN community.

The CBRNWfF can be accessed directly at <<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/567452>> or by clicking on the “CKN CBRN Knowledge Network Website” button on the U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School (USACBRNS) Web site at <http://www.wood.army.mil/wood_cms/usacbrns.shtml> and then clicking on the “USACBRN Warfighters’ Forum” link. Access to the secure site requires an Army Knowledge Online user name and password or common access card (CAC) log-in.

Some of the highlights of the site include—

- **CBRN Photo Shop.** The CBRN Photo Shop is the center for sharing CBRN photographs. Warfighters may upload photographs they would like to share and download photographs they would like to have. All uploaded photographs are reviewed and approved by the webmaster before being posted; photographs containing geotags are not posted.
- **The Hot Spot.** The most striking photographs are showcased in the The Hot Spot. The great things that CBRN warfighters are doing should be recorded and shared. However, operations security requirements are always considered and critical information is not compromised.
- **CBRN KM.** Clicking on the “CONNECTED” link (In the CBRN KM: One learns, everyone knows! section) takes the user to the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center Web site, which contains links to *CONNECTED*[®] (the Army Operational Knowledge Management newsletter), KM tools, and other pertinent KM information.
- **CMWfF Community Documents.** Documents that various school departments wish to share with their constituents are listed in the CMWfF Community Documents area (in the CBRNWfF Knowledge Center section). Information posted in this section is subject to review and approval by the Public Affairs Office, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.
- **CBRNWfF Discussion Forums.** While the CBRNWfF discussion forums are not unique to the CBRN Warfighter Forum, they do provide yet another platform for warfighters to discuss unclassified, CBRN-related issues.
- **Request for Information (RFI).** Clicking on the “SUBMIT” link (in the Request for Information [RFI] section) allows the warfighter to submit questions or request information. Questions and requests are automatically forwarded to three individuals—a lessons learned analyst, collector, and CBRNWfF analyst. Requesters receive a response within 72 weekday hours.



The CBRNWfF also contains other links that may be of interest to CBRN warfighters, including—

- ALLIS (CBRN Lessons Learned) (L2I).
- CBRN References.
- CBRN International Front.
- National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC).
- ARMY Home Page.
- Early Bird News.
- Collaboration Tools (Army Training Network [ATN], Joint Knowledge Online, JACKS, milSuite, CALL, CBRN Homepage, CKN, CATC, BCKS, and Defense Connect).
- Latest CBRN Protection Net Forum Posts.
- CBRNWfF Feedback.

Changes that do not violate security or business practice rules can be easily incorporated into the CBRNWfF, so users are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to provide feedback. Recommendations for improvement are welcome. The CBRNWfF is the warfighter's Web site. It is yours, mine, and the Regiment's—use it! ***Do not let it die!*** 

Ms. Finley is the CBRNWfF analyst in the Quality Assurance Element, USACBRNS, Fort Leonard Wood. She holds a bachelor's degree in history from Drury University, Springfield, Missouri.
