

Regimental Command Sergeant Major

To Dragon Warriors: Our Home of the Regiment survived a New Year's Eve tornado that took its toll on more than 64 Families and many of our Soldier training areas. Our team here at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, was tasked with ensuring that every Family had a place to live and was well cared for within hours of the storm. We were thankful and blessed that only minor injuries resulted. I want to take this opportunity to thank our first responders, garrison command, community, Chemical Corps Regimental Association, leaders, Soldiers, civilians, and Families for their timeliness, support, and commitment.

To the Corps: Congratulations! In the past six months, you have continued to sustain Soldiers, Families, and civilians; prepare for success in the current fight; reset returning units; and transform the Army to meet the demands of the 21st Century. We conducted a critical task selection board for the Senior Leader Course and Advanced Leader Course and proposed a program of instruction change for Advanced Individual Training. These actions are critical in providing the appropriate equipment and training to each Soldier. We remain in an era of persistent conflict, facing an uncertain and increasingly complex strategic environment. Hybrid threats made up of conventional, irregular, criminal, and terrorist capabilities will continue to test our forces. Therefore, we must continue to update our doctrine, develop critical tasks, and prepare our forces for the full spectrum of operations.

This summer, we will celebrate the 93d Anniversary of the Chemical Corps Regiment. We will also execute our Best Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Warrior Team Competition 12–18 June 2011 (see the schedule on page 34). We are very excited about the competition this year because our Regiment, the U.S. Army CBRN School, and the 3d Chemical Brigade have laid out a tough competition that will test the battlefield and technical skills of the teams. Extreme physical, mental, and technical demands will be placed on the CBRN warriors. We would like to see more team competitors from the Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve this year.

I have made many visits in the past six months, and I am very impressed with the great missions that our CBRN warriors are completing each and every day. I would like to highlight two of my recent visits. First, I met with the mighty 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort), who performed some outstanding mission sets in West Virginia. What a great place to conduct small-unit training! This training site offers a place for our teams and platoons to concentrate on supporting tasks with no outside distractions. The facility is equipped with life support; observer/controller expertise; and the resources necessary to conduct chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives training, along with guest star (hazmat) training. Next, the "Land of the Morning Calm" was a great venue in which to observe our 2d Infantry Division CBRN warriors performing some interesting full spectrum operations missions in the forward-deployed area of South Korea. The 4th Chemical Company, Camp Casey, is currently fielding the Stryker Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Reconnaissance Vehicle, while also training for war. I had a great time during my visit, and I am very proud of our warriors. I also ate lunch and visited with our CBRN warriors at Camp Humphreys, where I conducted a developmental briefing; and I received a capabilities briefing from the 3d Military Intelligence Battalion Command Team. In addition, I spent time with our Republic of Korea Army counterparts, building our partnership with the Republic of Korea CBRN School by visiting with Brigadier General Lee and his team, including his sergeant major and staff NCOs, as well as the school command sergeant major. Finally, I visited with Republic of Korea Chemical, Biological, and Radiological Development Center personnel; the commander, Brigadier General Kim, and his team presented an impressive capability brief. I had a good time sharing ideas and building our partnership with the command sergeant major and his staff NCOs.

I want to send a "shot across the bow" and personally thank all of our Families for supporting our great warriors throughout the world. We have many new leaders coming onboard across our great Army; I ask that you continue to support them. Please be safe. And thank you for what you do each and every day.

Elementis, Regamus, Proelium!



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