



Building CBRN Warriors

The Chemical Corps enables the Army to fight and win in a CBRN environment as part of large scale combat operations and supports activities protecting our homeland against weapons of mass destruction. We work alongside combat arms, federal agencies and international partners to accomplish our mission; so our profession is filled with diversity, opportunity and challenge. A CBRN lieutenant can expect to become part of a team that is America's counterforce and world leader in countering weapons of mass destruction, enabling expeditionary movement and maneuver and protecting the homeland. As a platoon leader, our lieutenants have the opportunity to sharpen leadership skills, as well as tactical and technical expertise. CBRN lieutenants also provide their expertise to commanders and staffs at the battalion level. The role of the CBRN officer is challenging and provides world class opportunities for a motivated officer!



Professional Military Education

CBRN Basic Officer Leader Course Provides technical skills and knowledge to perform the duties of CBRN Platoon leaders and battalion level staff CBRN officers.

CBRN Captains Career Course Reinforces technical skills and provides knowledge to perform the duties of company commanders and brigade level battle staff CBRN officers.

Masters of Science Environmental Management Provides tools and techniques to navigate the business aspects of environmental management. This program is offered through Webster University to Captains attending the Captains Career Course.

Masters of Science Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction World-class academic education to enhance your professional skills in policy development and threat analysis and prepare you for assignments at the highest levels of the government while enhancing your opportunity for advancement. Offered by Missouri State University.



Unique Assignments

There are opportunities for CBRN lieutenants to serve with Special Operations units (Special Forces and Rangers) as a battalion CBRN officer. Those lieutenants serving in a Ranger battalion will have the opportunity to become Ranger qualified. Lieutenants assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division will have an opportunity to become Airborne qualified. Those assigned to the 25th Infantry Division (Light), 10th Mountain Division (Light) or the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) will have the opportunity to become Air Assault qualified. CBRN officers assigned to a Special Forces Chemical Recon Detachment will have to opportunity to become Ranger and Airborne qualified.



Reconnaissance Platoon

Reconnaissance Platoons provide CBRN reconnaissance support to Brigade Combat Teams. The CBRN Reconnaissance vehicle is a rolling laboratory that takes air, water and ground samples and analyzes them in support of the platoon's mission to detect, identify, mark, sample, survey and report chemical and radiological contamination on the battlefield.



Biological Integrated Detection System (BIDS) Platoon

BIDS Platoons (Army Reserve Only) provide commanders with an effective system to detect and presumptively identify Biological Warfare (BW) agents. The BIDS primary purpose is to provide information to enable commanders to limit the impact of large-area biological agent attacks. Detection and identification provided by the BIDS platoon, when combined with theater-level intelligence, allows the force commander to make treatment decisions for his troops that can counter the effects of BW agents.



Decontamination Platoon

Decon Platoons provide CBRN decon support to brigade-sized units or strategic ports of embarkation / debarkation. Decon allows the U.S. and allied forces to maintain momentum by putting Soldiers and equipment back into the fight as rapidly as possible.



Battalion CBRN Officer

The Battalion CBRN Officer is responsible for personally advising the battalion commander on all aspects of CBRN defense and for ensuring the battalion is sufficiently trained to fight and win in a CBRN environment. The battalion CBRN officer must be an inspirational leader who is mentally tough, physically fit and able to "stand alone" as the resident expert in all aspects of CBRN defense. CBRN officers are assigned to all maneuver elements to include Infantry, Armor, Field Artillery, Special Forces, Ranger, Aviation, Air Defense Battalions and Brigades.



Functional Courses

- **Civil Support Skills Course**
- **Technical Escort**
- **Mounted CBRN Reconnaissance**



- **Dismounted CBRN Reconnaissance**
- **Biological Integrated Detection System**
- **CWMD Staff Planners Course**



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