



PCD Worker Receives SAIGE Award



Lt. Col. Amy Brinson and Ms. Mitchelene Big Man, U.S. Army awardees, with Lt. Col. Tim Greenhaw, Pueblo Chemical Depot Commander and Mr. Don Barclay, CMA Acting Director, after the SAIGE Award Ceremony in Denver, Colo., on June 7, 2012.

Ms. Mitchelene "Mitch" Big Man, a Pueblo Chemical Depot (PCD) civilian employee, received the prestigious Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) Department of Defense Civilian Meritorious Award at the National Convention in Denver, Colo., June 7, 2012. A second award was given to Lt. Col. Amy Sebastian Brinson, Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander for Administration of the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity in Japan.

Ms. Big Man, an administrative assistant for the PCD Security Directorate, was nominated for the award, representing the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) and the U.S. Army Materiel Command.

The award was presented by Ms. Stephanie Miller, representing the Department of Defense; Mr. Norvel Dillard, representing the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Diversity and Leadership; Mr. Danny Garceau, Chairman of SAIGE; Mr. Don Barclay, Acting Director of CMA; Lt. Col. Tim Greenhaw, PCD Commander and Mr. Vince Blunn, Director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security at PCD.

"I was honored to participate in the award ceremony. Ms. Big Man exhibits a very proud and honored tradition of her native culture to everyone who has the pleasure to know her and work with her," said Mr. Barclay.

"The PCD family benefits from Mitch's unselfish devotion to her culture, her background as a combat war veteran, Equal Opportunity Office representative and patriot," said Greenhaw.

A member of the Crow Nation, Ms. Big Man served two tours supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom, and she identified a need for women returning home. Her non-profit organization, Native American Women Warriors, works with other non-profit entities, such as Warriors in Recovery, finding resource assistance programs for Native American women veterans on reservations and urban districts who need health, education and employment assistance.

Ms. Big Man retired from the U.S. Army as a sergeant first class in April 2009, after twenty-two years of service. She is the founding member of Native American Women Warriors who perform Color Guard duties in Native American Regalia. The group performed in Colorado and throughout the Southwest and at the National Veteran's Day Parade in New York City.

Ms. Big Man is married to Master Sgt. Dwayne Cyrus, an active duty Soldier stationed at Fort Carson, and she is pursuing a master's degree at The University of Phoenix.

Chemical Weapons Demilitarisation Hosts Final Conference



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The Chemical Weapons Demilitarisation (CWD) hosted its 15th and final conference May 21-25, 2012, in Glasgow, United Kingdom. This year's theme was global progress in chemical weapons destruction. The conference attracted more than 170 delegates from 16 countries.

Discussions at the conference included a long-term review of the progress made by national CWD programs, with special emphasis on successes, lessons learned and an exchange of best practices. There were more than 90 speakers throughout the five-day event.

Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons Director-General Ahmet Üzümcü reported that of the 70 former chemical

weapons production facilities declared by 13 States Parties, 43 have been irreversibly destroyed and 21 converted for purposes not prohibited under the Convention.

Annual CWD conferences have been held all over the world for the last 14 years. The first conference was held in 1998 in Bournemouth, United Kingdom. Other locations included: Vienna, Austria; The Hague, Netherlands (twice); Gifu, Japan; Prague, Czech Republic (twice); St Petersburg, Russian Federation; Edinburgh, United Kingdom; Lüneburg, Federal Republic of Germany, Brussels, Belgium; Interlaken, Switzerland (twice) and Stratford-upon-Avon, United Kingdom.

The international series of CWD conferences brought together the world's largest gathering of professionals involved in the demilitarization of chemical weapons. The program included an eclectic mix of presentations and discussions where policy, science and implementation combined to form a true partnership and meeting of minds, all focused on the vision of ridding the world of chemical weapons. In addition to sharing information, the conferences also provided an ideal opportunity for delegates to foster contacts and friendships, while working together for a safer, cleaner world.



Mr. Steve Bird, NSCMP engineer, explains to representatives from the African Nations' Delegation how NSCMP responds to suspect chemical warfare material including: step one, packaging the item, and then step two, X-raying the item using NSCMP's Digital Radiography and Computed Tomography system.

NSCMP Hosts African Nations' Delegation

The U.S. Army Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Project (NSCMP) provided a technology tour on June 21, 2012, to representatives from the various African Nations, in support of a capabilities briefing and demonstration for 20th Support Command Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear and high-yield Explosives (CBRNE). The briefing and demonstration showed the U.S. Army's capabilities, roles and responsibilities in the elimination of weapons of mass destruction.

Mr. Steve Bird, NSCMP engineer, provided an overview briefing of NSCMP's roles, responsibilities and capabilities and walked the group

through a typical recovery scenario of a suspect recovered chemical warfare materiel (RCWM). The group then toured NSCMP's exclusive assessment and treatment technology for remediation of RCWM, including the Mobile Munitions Assessment System, Interim Holding Facility (IHF), Single Chemical Agent Identification Set Access Neutralization System, Explosive Destruction System (EDS), and the Mobile Command Post. Mr. Bird explained in detail how each system works and aids the Army's mission to eliminate RCWM. The African Nation representatives were particularly interested in the IHF and the EDS.

Annual CSEPP Meeting Held June 26-28

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The annual Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) meeting was held in Pueblo, Colo., June 26-28, 2012. A host of speakers addressed issues such as prevention and preparedness, protection, victim care and emergency public information.

The speakers included: Mr. Andy Mitchell, Director, Technological Hazards Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); Mr. Carmen Spencer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, Elimination of Chemical Weapons; Mr. Conrad Whyne, Program Executive Officer, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (ACWA); Mr. Don Barclay, Acting Director, U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA); Mr. Kirk Taylor, Sheriff, Pueblo County Sheriff's Office; Mr. Michael Myirski, CMA CSEPP; Mr. Scott Susman, Systems Engineering and Operations, ACWA and Mr. Vincent Blunn, Director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, CSEPP.

CSEPP, a joint partnership between the Army and FEMA, works with communities surrounding chemical weapons stockpiles, in the unlikely event of an accident. As a result of CSEPP, these communities have increased their capabilities to handle emergencies such as transportation accidents involving hazardous materials, floods and fires, as well as chemical stockpile emergencies.

Community enhancements include new command and public/media information facilities, communications equipment, sirens and tone-alert radios to warn and instruct the public, computerized planning and accident assessment tools, automated on-post and off-post communication systems and improved emergency personnel training.



CMA Transition/Wellness Office Hosts Shape-Up Competition

The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) Transition/Wellness Office is hosting a CMA Shape-Up Competition, emphasizing ways to foster a healthy lifestyle through structured competition. The competition, which began on June 18 will run through Sept. 18. Teams that lose the greatest percentage of weight will receive a trophy, while individuals losing the greatest percentage of weight will be given cash awards. The cash awards, which will be paid from participants' entry fees, will be distributed mid-point (July 30) and at the end of the competition (Sept. 18).

The competition has attracted two individuals and five teams representing five directorates. The Transition/Wellness Office hopes that participants will gain a better understanding of the importance of maintaining a healthy body through exercise and proper nutrition and continue their healthy habits after the competition is over.

Keep Your Four-legged Friends Safe this Summer!

While having fun this summer, keep in mind your pets' need for protection. Summertime means hanging out with friends and family, including the four-legged members of the household. It also means lots of cookouts and festivities. While it may seem like a great idea to reward your pets with snippets from the grill and bring them along to celebrate in the festivities, some foods and products can be potentially hazardous. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, or ASPCA, Animal Poison Control Center offers the following tips:

- Never leave alcoholic drinks unattended where pets can reach them. Alcoholic beverages have the potential to poison pets.
- Always keep matches and lighter fluid out of your pets' reach.
- Keep your pets on their normal diet. Any change, even for one meal, can give pets severe indigestion and diarrhea.
- Keep citronella candles, insect coils and oil products out of reach. Ingestion can produce stomach irritation and possibly even central nervous system depression.
- Loud, crowded fireworks displays are no fun for pets, so resist the urge to take them to Independence Day festivities.

For more information, including additional safety tips, visit ASPCA's website at: www.aspc.org/pet-care/pet-care-tips/july-4th.aspx