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2012 Chemical Regimental Conference set

The U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Nuclear, and Radiological School (USACBRNS) has confirmed the dates for this year's annual conference. The USACBRNS Joint, Interagency, Intergovernmental, Multinational, Industry, and Academia CBRN Conference, is scheduled to take place June 26-28 here at Fort Leonard Wood. The Best Joint CBRN Warrior Competition is scheduled to take place the week prior from June 17-22.

This year's conference theme is, "The CBRN Profession - 2020 and Beyond."

"This theme focuses on the CBRN capabilities, units, Soldiers, and technology required to enable the future force as described in the current or developing Army Capstone Concept and Army Operating Concept. We will engage our CBRN strategic thinkers of today and discuss the preparations for our next set of challenges," said Russell Gehrlein, USACBRNS operations officer.

This year's highlights include the Green Dragon Ball, JIIM-IA CBRN Conference and Exhibition, Hall of Fame/Distinguished Member of the Corps Induction Ceremony, Honor to the Fallen Sunrise Service, Spouse's CBRN Training Tour, Sibert Award Presentation and a Warfighter Seminar.

Although conference speakers have not been identified at this time, Gehrlein said to make arrangements to attend the conference now.

"We fully anticipate the conference to be even better than last year's," Gehrlein said.

The registration website for the conference and all regimental week events is scheduled to be live by April 27. Details on the JIIM-IA CBRN Exhibition can be found on the Chemical Corps Regimental Association website, http://www.chemical-corps.org/cms/index.php.

For more information about USACBRNS JIIM-IA CBRN Conference, contact Russell Gehrlein at (573) 563-7755.

About Fort Leonard Wood

Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains 80-90,000 military and civilians each year.

Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command's U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, one of only five reception stations in the Army, and the Army's largest Non Commissioned Officers Academy.

Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, a large Forces Command unit that is responsible for all deployable capabilities at Fort Leonard Wood. A colonel-commanded Marine Corps Detachment and an Air Force Detachment, which are both the largest on any Army installation, are located on Fort Leonard Wood; a large Navy Seabee Detachment and elements of the Coast Guard train here as well.