

V Corps Conducts CBRNE Conference at Camp Victory, Baghdad

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On 17 October 2006, the Chemical section of Multinational Corps–Iraq (MNC-I) (V Corps) hosted a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives (CBRNE) conference at MNC-I headquarters in Al Faw Palace, Camp Victory, Baghdad. The purpose of the conference was to exchange mission and capability information, discuss lessons learned, and receive updates from warfighter support organizations. More than 40 individuals attended the event, including representatives from major support commands in Iraq, the U.S. Central Command, and the Coalition Forces Component Command.



Chemical Soldiers participate in the CBRNE conference at MNC-I headquarters in Al Faw Palace, Camp Victory, Baghdad.

“It is very important that deployed [chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear] CBRN warfighters are resynchronized from time to time,” stated Lieutenant Colonel Bill Hibner, MNC-I Chemical Officer and host of the conference. “We need to be as proactive as possible in dealing with changing CBRN threats in theater.”

Two individuals were recognized during the conference: Master Sergeant Bronte Stewart and Mr. Dwayne James. Master Sergeant Stewart, sergeant major for the Inspector General, MNC-I, was inducted into the Order of the Dragon (Honorary Order of the Dragon) for his outstanding career service to the Chemical Corps. The Chemical Corps Regimental Association awards the Order of the Dragon to individuals who have served the Corps with distinction. Mr. James, an employee of AMIC Group, Incorporated, received a certificate of appreciation for providing outstanding toxic industrial chemical protection and detection equipment support during Operation Iraqi Freedom, 1–31 October 2006. 🇺🇸 🇮🇶

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