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## PEO ACWA Chief of Staff earns 'Order of the Dragon'

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ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. -- The Chemical Corps Regimental Association inducted Program Executive Office, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (PEO ACWA) Chief of Staff Robert Eldringhoff into the Honorable Order of the Dragon during an agency town hall Oct. 7, 2013.

"I've known Rob for a long time, and he's most deserving of this prestigious award and honor," said U.S. Army Chemical Materials Activity (CMA) Director of Stockpile Operations Col. Darryl Briggs.

True to its name, the induction ceremony included reading of a citation that recalls the legend of brave knights who bested fire-breathing dragons, and it compares those in the order to the knights who tamed the dangers of the dragon's elemental powers.

"Rob has clearly demonstrated all the criteria necessary for this award. He has demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and moral character, an outstanding degree of professional competence, and has contributed to the promotion of the Chemical Corps in numerous ways over the course of his career," Briggs said.

"I'm honored and humbled to have been inducted into the Order of the Dragon," Eldringhoff said. "I've had the privilege to work with some of the finest civilians and soldiers during the last 13 years of service to the Chemical Corps."

The recognition comes to Eldringhoff after his 10 years at CMA where he was most recently the Deputy Director and served in increasing levels of responsibility there from 2003 until earlier this year. The organization was responsible for destroying nearly 90 percent of the nation's stockpile of chemical weapons. PEO ACWA, where Eldringhoff is now Chief of Staff, is charged with the destruction of the remaining stockpiles at sites in Colorado and Kentucky.

"The mission of destroying the nation's stockpile of chemical weapons is a noble one, and I am extremely proud, every day, to serve this great cause," Eldringhoff said.



Photo Caption: PEO ACWA Chief of Staff Robert Eldringhoff poses with CMA Director of Stockpile Operations Col. Darryl Briggs after the ceremony inducting Eldringhoff into the "Honorable Order of the Dragon" for his service to the Chemical Corps. (PEO ACWA photo)

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