

Depot remembers long-time security officer

Members of the UMCD Security Directorate salute as the colors are raised during a flag retreat for the late Lt. Cole Cordray on Tuesday.



The Umatilla Chemical Depot held a flag retreat Tuesday for Lt. Cole Cordray, a security officer who passed away Friday, April 18.

Cordray was born on July 26, 1943 in Coquille, Ore. Among his accomplishments were 10 years of service in the U.S. Air Force, earning an associate's degree in criminal justice, serving as a police officer for many years in Tigard, Ore., and more than 30 years of service as a depot security guard.

He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Jeanette Cordray of Hermiston, three daughters and a son, a brother and eight grandchildren.

A celebration of life service with military honors was held today in Hermiston.

VX projo milestones met

Destruction of VX-filled 155mm projectiles reached the 25 percent mark during processing at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) on Friday, April 18. In a related milestone, the plant also processed the 10,000th 'projo' on Monday, April 21, and it reached the 30 percent mark for VX liquid agent destroyed.

In other plant news, burster emission testing in the Deactivation Furnace System (DFS) was successfully completed this week. Also, one of the two liquid incinerators was brought down for a scheduled maintenance outage.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 656 days, or more than 3 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (April 17 - 23, 2008)

Total number of VX-filled 155mm projectiles destroyed this period	2,096
Total VX projectiles destroyed to date	10,800
Percentage of VX projectiles destroyed to date	35.8
Pounds of VX agent destroyed this period	11,994
Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date	422,314
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers	181,019
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,224.77
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	32.95

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- March 21, 2008:** Destroyed first VX 155mm projectile in the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).
- March 20, 2008:** First VX 155mm projectiles transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- Jan. 23, 2008:** Completed VX rocket campaign.
- Dec. 24, 2007:** Completed VX spray tank campaign.
- Nov. 26, 2007:** Processed the non-stockpile VX ton container.
- Nov. 23, 2007:** Destroyed the first VX spray tanks in the MPF.
- Nov. 19, 2007:** First VX spray tank transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- Nov. 9, 2007:** First VX chemical agent destroyed in the Liquid Incinerator (LIC).
- Oct. 29, 2007:** Processed the first VX M55 rockets in the Deactivation Furnace System (DFS).
- Oct. 26, 2007:** First VX M55 rockets transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- July 8, 2007:** Completed GB munitions campaign.

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