

### Depot commemorates WWII igloo explosion



Above left: Sgt. 1st Class Marvin Merillat places a wreath on a memorial marker at the site of a fatal explosion in 1944 at the depot.

Below: The audience, which included family members of those killed in the explosion, listen as "Taps" is played by a bugler (above right).



For the third consecutive year, the Umatilla Chemical Depot held a ceremony memorializing the six workers killed in an explosion accident during World War II.

This year's ceremony marked the 66th anniversary of the accident that occurred on March 21, 1944. Killed in the accident were: Kenneth LeRoy Fraser, foreman; Lance Stultz, lift truck operator; William Sanders, munitions handler; Harry Dwight Sever, munitions handler; Hiram Cook, truck driver; and Alice Wolgamott, junior laborer. Two crew members working on a nearby railroad pier survived – Glenn P. Long, foreman, and Cecil Pennington, foreman. The storage igloo, B-1014, containing 264 500-pound conventional bombs, was completely destroyed.

U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) Director Conrad Whyne was the special guest speaker for the ceremony. Depot Commander Lt. Col. Kris Perkins also spoke.

### UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,349 days, or more than 6.2 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

### Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (March 11 - 17, 2010)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	8
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	229
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	8.7
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	4
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	133
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	6,578
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	373,810
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	3,139,992
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	218,212
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,564.77
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	42.19

\*Recipient ton containers are byproducts of mustard disposal and were not a part of the original stockpile.

### UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- June 11, 2009:** Began first HD ton container destruction in the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).
- June 4, 2009:** First HD ton containers transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- Nov. 5, 2008:** Completed VX munitions campaign.
- Oct. 26, 2007:** Began VX munitions campaign.
- July 8, 2007:** Completed GB munitions campaign.
- Sept. 7, 2004:** Began GB munitions campaign.

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