



U.S. ARMY CHEMICAL MATERIALS ACTIVITY BIOGRAPHY



COL Nathaniel W. Farmer

Director

U.S. Army Chemical Materials Activity

COL Nathaniel W. Farmer, Director of the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Activity (CMA), is responsible for the Nation's chemical weapons stockpile storage at two locations within the continental United States, and the assessment and elimination of recovered chemical warfare materiel throughout the Nation; and, ensures consistent policy and compliance as the Army's Implementing Agent for the Chemical Weapons Convention, the international treaty that prohibits the use and development of chemical weapons. COL Farmer joined the activity in 2013 as CMA Military Deputy, and was selected as CMA Director in 2014.

A native of Kentucky, COL Farmer was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Chemical Corps, upon graduation from Western Kentucky University in 1989, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree and was an Army Reserve Officers Training Corps Distinguished Military Graduate. COL Farmer also holds a Master's Degree from Central Michigan University. His military education includes the Command and General Staff College, CAS3, Jump Master School, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Technical Escort School, Army Force Management School, Nuclear/Chemical Target Analysis School, Chemical Officer Advanced Course, and Chemical Officer Basic Course.

COL Farmer has served in command positions from Platoon Leader to Battalion Commander, at staff levels from Battalion to Army. His significant assignments were in Light Infantry and Special Forces Units. From 1990–1993 he was assigned to 4th Bn 87th Infantry, 25th ID as Battalion Chemical Officer and two tours with Special Forces; from 1994–1996 with 7th Forces Group (A) as the Chemical Detachment Commander; and from 2001–2003 with 5th Special Forces Group (A) as the Group Chemical Officer. He served as aide-de-camp and executive officer for general officers; deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom with 5th Special Forces Group (A); and deployed as part of Joint Special Operations Task Force-North (JSOTF-N) and Joint Special Operations Task Force-West (JOSTF-W). COL Farmer served as ROTC Battalion Commander, Georgia Institute of Technology; Battalion Commander, Pine Bluff Chemical Activity, Pine Buff Arsenal, Arkansas; and Director of Training and Leader Development, U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) School, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (seven awards), Army Commendation Medal (three awards), Joint Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (five awards), Army Reserve Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Superior Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism-Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism-Expeditionary Medal. COL Farmer is married and has two sons.

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