



BLUE GRASS CHEMICAL ACTIVITY BIOGRAPHY



Lieutenant Colonel Rodney D. McCutcheon
Commander
Blue Grass Chemical Activity

Lt. Col. Rodney D. McCutcheon enlisted in the South Carolina Army National Guard as a combat engineer in 1996, where he trained at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He was assigned to the 122nd Engineer Battalion in South Carolina.

Lt. Col. McCutcheon received his Army commission into the Chemical Corps in May 2000 from South Carolina State University through the Reserve Officer Training Corps. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and a Master of Science in Environmental Management

from Webster University.

His military education includes the Chemical Officer Basic Course, Captains Career Course, Basic Airborne course, Air Assault course, and Command and General Staff College.

Lt. Col. McCutcheon served in several command and staff positions, including heavy decontamination platoon leader in the 92nd Chemical Company, chemical officer for the 3-69th Armor Battalion, and chemical officer for the 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, at Fort Stewart, Georgia. He served in the 82nd Airborne Division and the 18th Airborne Corps Chemical Cells before assuming duties as the 18th Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Battery commander at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. McCutcheon deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and 2005.

In 2008, he was assigned to the Human Resources Command in the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations Division in the National Capital Region. He completed a one year fellowship with the Department of Health and Human Services before transitioning to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, to serve as the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade Chemical Cell officer-in-charge. He served as the 193rd Brigade Support Battalion executive officer before returning to the 4th MEB as executive officer. He then served at the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Combined Joint Interagency Coordination Group-Korea. From Korea, McCutcheon became the Training and Doctrine Command Chemical Surety Division chief, Fort Eustis, Virginia.

His awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with V Device), Army Achievement Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal (with 4 combat stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Combat Action Badge.