

## **Colonel William D. McCune (Class 3-72)**

Colonel McCune was Commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School on June 2, 1972.

His initial assignment after attending the Chemical Biological Radiological Course was Chemical Depot Surety Officer, Pueblo Army Depot from 1972-75.

Subsequent assignments were Operations Officer, 15th Ordnance Battalion (SW), Darmstadt, FRG (1975-76); Ammunition Company Commander, 184th Ordnance Company, Mannheim FRG (1976-77); Brigade Chemical Officer, 17th Field Artillery Brigade, Augsburg, FRG (1977-79); Training Coordinator, Readiness Region VIII, Denver, Colorado (1979-83); Training Course Author and Course Developer and graduation from Command and General Staff College in 1983.

From 1983 to 1987 Colonel McCune served as Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Operations Officer VII Corps, U.S. Army. He then served as the Chemical Surety Officer, Depot Systems Command (DESCOM), Army Materiel Command, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania (1987-91); Commander of the Umatilla Army Depot, Army Materiel Command in Oregon (1991-93); Division Chief Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Weapons Division Defense Nuclear Agency (DNA) Alexandria, Virginia (1993-95).

He was promoted to Colonel on January 1, 1995 and graduated from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in June 1996.

Colonel McCune served as the Chief, Nuclear, Biological Chemical Division, On-Site Inspection Agency (OSIA) Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) from 1996-98 and was the Chief, Chemical and Biological Division and Army Element Commander of the DTRA from 1998-2000.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Army Commendation Medal.

After retirement from the Army, Colonel McCune was employed by Battelle in the field of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and energetics (CBRNE) defense challenges for ten years, then served as a Defense Consultant. He has been the Compliance Manager at the Bechtel Pueblo Chemical Demil Plant since May 2013.

***FYI:***

Gentlemen, not part of the bio. Background information, in case you are not up to date on the Pueblo demilitarization plant:

The Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (PCAPP) is a state-of-the-art facility built to safely and efficiently destroy the chemical weapons stockpile currently in storage at the U.S. Army Pueblo Chemical Depo.

The Bechtel Pueblo Team, which includes Bechtel, URS, Battelle Memorial Institute, and Parsons Infrastructure and Technology, won the competition in 2002 to design, build, test, operate, and ultimately close PCAPP after destroying the stockpile.

More than 2,600 tons of mustard agent in artillery projectiles and mortar rounds is stored there. After the chemical weapons have been eliminated, the plant will be closed in an environmentally responsible manner. Unlike other demilitarization facilities, this one dismantles munitions using a first-of-a-kind robotic process.

From Randy C. Dunham