

UMCDF employee earns military medal

Matt Stayrook, an Assistant Control Room supervisor at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF), traveled nearly 15,000 miles in Iraq while conducting more than 70 convoy security missions, 45 as convoy commander. Stayrook was awarded recently the Bronze Star Medal for "exceptionally meritorious service" as a squad leader and convoy commander.



SSgt. Matt Stayrook was a convoy commander on 45 missions.

Stayrook has been a member of the National Guard for seven years. He was called to active duty in the summer of 2008 and spent nine and a half months in Iraq.

Team Umatilla donates batteries to war effort

Each month, the UMCDF's Demilitarization Protective Ensemble (DPE) Support Area stockpiles dozens of batteries used in communication devices during DPE entries. The batteries are used once, then removed from the radios and replaced with fresh ones to ensure reliable communications. With no more than two hours' use, these batteries are perfectly fine for use in a variety of electronics.

Working with the Soldiers' Angels charity, based in Pasadena, Calif., the UMCDF donated a barrel full of batteries to men and women fighting in the Middle East.

Carolyn Shafer, the Army's on-site Treaty Compliance Coordinator and a member of Soldiers Angels, helped coordinate the effort with other Team Umatilla employees.

"Batteries are one of the most requested items Soldiers' Angels receives from our brave warfighters," Shafer said. "I know they will be put to good use and appreciated."

Soldiers' Angels is a registered non-profit, volunteer organization created by the mothers of Soldiers to provide care and comfort to service members and their families, and to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces all over the world.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,230 days, or more than 5.6 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (Nov. 12 - 18, 2009)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	0
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	159
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	6.0
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	0
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	54
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	0
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	278,744
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	3,044,926
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	218,136
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,517.23
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	40.81

**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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