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Exceptional Civilian Service Award given to U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency site project manager

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. - Don E. Barclay, site project manager for the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) in Umatilla, Ore., has been honored with the Department of the Army Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service Award. The award was presented to Barclay in a Pentagon ceremony on Wednesday, March 29.

The Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service is the highest Department of the Army honorary award granted by the Secretary of the Army. It is equivalent to the Distinguished Service Medal for military service. Nominees for this award have established a pattern of excellence and achievements during their Army career.

"Don Barclay has worked diligently to reduce the risk of chemical weapons to citizens and the environment," said CMA Director Michael Parker. "He ensured the Umatilla facility began agent disposal operations in a timely manner, and he remains well-focused on that important endeavor. His unending energy, positive demeanor and attention to detail serve our agency, the Army and the public very well."

Barclay's distinguished long-term service to the Army has included various munitions assignments. He has managed safe and successful chemical weapons disposal efforts at CMA's Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility since April of 2001 when he was named as site project manager. In 2001, he also received the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award. From 1997 to 2001, Barclay was director of CMA's prototype disposal facility, the Chemical Agent Munitions Disposal System (CAMDS) in Tooele, Utah, where he managed successful efforts to safely design, install and test various chemical munitions disposal systems. He began at CAMDS in 1993 as risk manager.

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Prior to that, Barclay was safety and environmental manager at the Army's Lone Star Ammunition plant in Texarkana, Texas. He also worked for the Army's Safety Engineering Program in Texarkana. Barclay's tenure with the Army began in 1981.

Barclay was born and raised in Athens, Tenn. He received his bachelor of science degree from Tennessee Wesleyan College, majoring in chemistry. He and his wife Kathy have three daughters. He enjoys running, biking, hiking, camping, fishing and ballroom dancing.

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The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) is a dedicated team whose expertise and oversight sets the standards of excellence and leadership in safely storing the nation's aging chemical weapons and developing programs aimed at effectively recovering, treating and ultimately eliminating the nation's chemical warfare materiel. CMA personnel also enhance national security by providing specialized products and capabilities to our nation's Warfighters and homeland defense and response capabilities. CMA encourages public participation and is committed to worker and public safety and environmental stewardship. For more information about CMA and its programs, visit www.cma.army.mil.

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