

## **Colonel Thomas F. Woloszyn**

### **United States Army**

Colonel Thomas F. Woloszyn is currently the Chief of Staff and Director, Chemical and Biological Programs in the Office of the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for the Chemical and Biological Defense Program and Chemical Demilitarization in Acquisition, Technology and Logistics.

Colonel Woloszyn is from Dunkirk, New York and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Chemical Corps after graduating from the Pennsylvania State University in 1980 with a Bachelors of Science in Biochemistry. He obtained his Masters of Science degree in Analytical Chemistry in 1992 from the Pennsylvania State University with his study of the structure - property relationships of varieties of mustard agent from the Iran – Iraq war.



COL Woloszyn's area of expertise is Weapons of Mass Destruction. The Army Chemical Corps is the nation's lead military component to deal with Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear weapons defense, consequence management, counter-proliferation, CW weapons storage and disposal.

In his twenty-six year career, he has been assigned as a CBRN staff officer in combat units such as the 82d Airborne and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Divisions. He served in a variety of command and staff positions, most recently with the United States Central Command (CENTCOM) where he served as the senior CBRN officer for planning and operations. At CENTCOM, he led the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Branch and has participated in both Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom. His team's area of responsibility was CBRN defense and coordinating the search and elimination for WMD weapons and their associated programs in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Colonel Woloszyn commanded the Umatilla Chemical Depot in Hermiston, Oregon from July 1999 to July 2001. There he began the process of construction and systemization of the demilitarization facility to destroy the base's 3400 ton chemical weapons stockpile.

He commanded the Pine Bluff Arsenal, a brigade-level command in White Hall, Arkansas. The Arsenal employs over three thousand people who manufacture and repair chemical defense equipment such as protective masks, protective suits, decontamination kits and filters for our Soldiers and Marines. The installation also produces pyrotechnic, smoke and white phosphorous ammunition. The installation is one of eight chemical weapons stockpile sites in the nation and is in the process of demilitarizing the 3800 tons of chemical weapons stored there as required by the international Chemical Weapons Convention. The Arsenal is also home to the nation's largest non-stockpile weapons destruction effort. During his tour, he initiated operations to demilitarize the stockpile.

His last assignment was the Deputy Director of the Combating WMD Office in OSD Policy where he developed policy and guidance for development of CBRN defense and capabilities necessary to deter and prevent proliferation of chemical, biological, nuclear and radiological (CBRN) weapons. He also provided expertise in consequence management, WMD elimination and demilitarization operations. He also managed counterproliferation cooperation with other nations.

He is a graduate of the National War College where he earned a Masters of Science in National Security Strategy, the Army Command & General Staff College and the Air Force Nuclear Emergency Team Operations Course.

Colonel Woloszyn is married to the former Karen Sogard from Duluth, Minnesota who is a school teacher in Prince William County. They have two sons: Christopher, who is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and John a sophomore (yearling) at the United States Military Academy at West Point.