

# 95<sup>th</sup> Teaches NBC at Fort Lewis

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A group of 31 instructors from the 95<sup>th</sup> Division spent almost two months this summer teaching NBC skills to more than 5,500 advance ROTC cadets attending the National Advanced leadership Camp at Fort Lewis, Washington. It was the second consecutive summer than the 95<sup>th</sup> Division group worked the entire camp. Other training units split their instructor groups into two increments.

“This is a mission we look forward to, because we go in a group instead of small increments,” said First Sgt. Eric Roberts. “We create a company here at Fort Lewis and spend 49 days working the camp.”

“It’s not hard to get people to volunteer for a long tour here. This year we had more volunteers than we needed,” Roberts added. “At drill last winter when we put the roster together, hands shot up in the air from soldiers wanting to go.”

The instructors from the 95<sup>th</sup> Division are the only ones who work the entire camp. Instructors from other units come in for two weeks, then are replaced by another group from the same unit.

“We think that this really makes a difference in the quality of the instruction, because we are trained up to Army standards, and different groups of cadets that come through here receive the same quality of instruction,” added Roberts.

“I wound up here with the 95<sup>th</sup> instructors through a rather circuitous route,” explained 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Kelly Roda.



“I am a Chemical Corps officer, but live in Albuquerque, New Mexico where I was the battalion S-4 with the 3/3/95<sup>th</sup>. I was involuntarily mobilized and assigned to Fort McCoy. I was supposed to go the Turkey, but that mission was called off. Then I was transferred to Fort Lewis, where I found myself back with this group from the 95<sup>th</sup>. Pretty amazing.”

“And this is has been a great experience, teaching the cadets their NBC skills. And the cadets received great raining. It’s not often that a Chemical Corps officer is available to help teach these basic skills.”

