

Red Dragon Prayer

Presented here is the Red Dragon Prayer which became an official part of battalion history in 2012. The story of its origin is on the following page.

Almighty God,

You have placed Your hands of protection upon Red Dragon Warriors from our earliest beginnings until our present day. You have watched over our comrades in far and distant lands.

As our warrior predecessors carefully and strategically gauged their precision mortar coordinates, so may we fix our eyes upon You for our success, and may You continue to grant us Your favor which has allowed the Red Dragon Soldier to stand head and shoulders above the rest.

Lord, protect our families who support their Red Dragon Soldier as they serve our nation. Give them comfort in your grace and mercy. Grant them peace in the knowledge that You travel the path with them and with their Red Dragon Soldiers.

*May we ever be mindful of our rich heritage that You have blessed us to prevail over many trials and tests on and off of the battlefield. Let us continue to strive to uphold our traditions with uncompromising adaptation that displays humility, honor, and integrity. Give us the courage to meet the unknown without hesitation. Grant us the fortitude to persevere over any obstacle, and may our actions enrich the legacy of the 2d Chemical Battalion...**FLAMMIS VINCIMUS—"With Fire We Conquer"***

—AMEN!

Origin of the Red Dragon Prayer

LTC Chris Cox was a strong supporter of the Veterans Association during his tenure as battalion commander, and gave high priority to informing the soldiers in the unit about their history and tradition. He decided to take the lead in adding to that history with something that we have never had before – an official Red Dragon prayer. Captain Mark Musser, battalion chaplain, was tasked with the writing. “The commander and CSM Kraus and I met every week for three months to work on it,” the captain told me. “We went line by line through the books on unit history and said ‘Is that reflected in the wording?’ Then we turned it around and went through every line in the prayer, and said “How does that wording express what’s in the history? We even asked the Brigade CO and CSM to look at it.” The first official use of the prayer was to open the Battalion Birthday Ball in April, 2012. We are indebted to LTC Cox for his leadership, and to all three of these Red Dragons for their painstaking efforts to make this prayer a true reflection of and addition to the battalion’s tradition.



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