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AT THE FRONT

RAPID FIRE:

■ At our deadline for this issue of Warrior Words, approximately 64 members of the California State Military Reserve, including many from the Southern Regional Support Command, had been called to state active duty to support the California National Guard's efforts to help suppress the lightning-sparked wildfires in Northern and Central California. We'll have more coverage of the SRSC in action in "Operation Lightning Strike" in our September issue.



■ The Annual Training scheduled for late July at Camp Parks has been cancelled because of state budgetary issues. It's possible that an AT will still be held this fall. Soldiers needing to complete the Basic Orientation Course will be accommodated by a new "enhanced" BOC, which will be six training days long, consisting of one weekend a month for three consecutive months. The first phase of the new BOC for the North was run at Camp Parks April 26-27, with the second phase tentatively scheduled for August/September.

■ The CSMR is on the grow. According to a memo released by BG Emory "Jack" Hagan, commanding general of the CSMR, the number of Soldiers in the ranks passed 700 in April and stood at 740 in late June.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

'Do not fear for I am with you'

The admonition to "fear not" is easier said than done! Fear is an emotion that is both helpful and harmful. Fear can motivate us to avoid dangerous situations, but it can also paralyze us—preventing us from taking actions that duty and honor require of Soldiers.

Some fears are instinctive, like our response to physical, emotional, and spiritual threats. Some fears are learned, like the fear of hot objects, other people, and certain types of circumstances.

Regardless of the source of our fears, God lovingly "commands" us not to fear! In Isaiah 41:10, God tells the prophet Isaiah to tell the Israelites: "Do not fear, for I [God] am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you."

Knowing Almighty God's promise of assistance when we're afraid, our best response to fear is to focus on Him, on His love for us, and on His power to change our circumstances!



CPT CHRISTOPHER FOWLER

OFFICER PROFILE

1LT DANIEL E. WOODWARD



Age: 45

Joined the CSMR: July 2005

Prior Service: Active duty with the U.S. Navy, Utah National Guard.

Now: Logistics officer with SRSC.

Lives in: Mission Viejo.

CSMR section: Logistics.

Civilian hobbies and interests: Camping, hiking, wine-tasting.

Civilian education: B.A., Cal State Long Beach.

Why join the CSMR?

To serve and be a part of the solution and not the problem.

What do you most like about the CSMR:

I like the idea of serving with like-minded people. I also like exposure to emergency training.



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ON THE COVER

Cover photos: Noelle Jewell, was Ms. Armed Forces in 2005-6; she's pictured with her husband, then-Sgt. Tom Dumeny, USMC. At left, she's shown taking the oath of enlistment into the CSMR while husband looks on. **Photos courtesy of Tom Dumeny**



NOELLE JEWELL was Ms. Armed Forces in 2005-6. She's pictured above with a Marine Corps escort. In May she decided that she could help support the military even more by enlisting in the CSMR.

She's a Jewell of a CSMR recruit

San Diego resident retires her tiara to serve as a specialist with the 1/185th

Special to Warrior Words

Noelle Jewell has traded in her high heels for combat boots. The 25-year-old former Ms. Armed Forces beauty queen has set aside her gown and sash for ACUs and a beret.

Jewell held the pageant title in 2005-6 when her husband, Tom Dumeny, Jr., was serving in the Marine Corps. As of May 3 her new title is specialist in the California State Military Reserve.

After serving as Mrs. Armed Forces as a spokesperson for military families, she decided to do more to serve. "I followed my heart and joined the CSMR," she said. In doing, she was following a family tradition. Not only did her husband serve five years in the USMC – participating in Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (Iraq) --

her grandfather was a U.S. Army veteran who served in World War II and Korea.

Her path to enlisting to serve with the 1/185th began with his marriage to Tom in 2004.

A San Diego resident and wife of a serving Marine sergeant, she entered the Ms. Armed Forces pageant in California's second-largest city. It's open to women who have served in the military and wives of veterans and active duty and reserve Soldiers.

During her reign as Ms. Armed Forces, she traveled across the nation, appearing at the Las Vegas Air Show, Operation Welcome Home and the World's Largest Yellow Ribbon.

She is the founder of the "Operation Sending Our Support"

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AS PART of its efforts to streamline and standardize the recruitment process, the CSMR held its first school for recruiters in April at the JFTB Los Alamitos.

Strength training for the CSMR

A professional corps of recruiters is helping build up the size of our forces

**By CW2 Rick de la Torre
Warrior Words**

The California State Military Reserve has initiated a new program to standardize its recruiting mission with the dual objectives of streamlining the recruiting process and generating an increased number of quality soldiers into state service.

The CSMR's recruiting mission is now being handled 100 percent by professional recruiting task forces responsible for covering their northern and southern California areas of operation.

Each applicant is now assigned a recruiting NCO to mentor and shepherd him or her through the enlistment process, resulting in: a well-informed recruit; accurate and complete application

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packages; and, a faster turnaround time at HQ CSMR between receipt of the package and issuance of orders.

Recruiting Task Force South, under the command of MAJ Rick Lalor, has implemented monthly orientation presentations for prospects, supported by a formalized Military Entrance Processing Station operation — including medical officers and JAG personnel — to facilitate the enlistment process.

The RTF South works closely with the CAARNG Accession Task Force and has created a formal PowerPoint presentation highlighting CSMR opportunities. The RTF South is in the final stages of generating a leads-tracking database to monitor the progress of each individual

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through the system and has mounted enhanced field recruiting missions.

RTF South has been hosting an average of 25 patriotic Californians each month who step forward with the desire to serve their state and country.

Currently staffed by 12 officers and NCOs, the unit is based in Long Beach at the headquarters of the 224th Sustainment Brigade, CAARNG.

A critical component in the establishment of the new recruiting initiative was the CSMR's inaugural professional recruiter school held in April at JFTB Los Alamitos.

The three-day program presented an intense curriculum covering a variety of topics ranging from personnel regulations to the medical waiver process, and featured instruction from professional recruiters from the Centurion BN of the CAARNG Accession Task Force.

A total of 26 officers and NCOs completed the school and are now officially designated CSMR recruiters.

"This schooling was a major achievement," said CW2

Rolando Quiambao, who serves as the S-3 for RTF South, "For the first time, the CSMR recruitment process has been standardized and its recruiting mission is truly being conducted on a global basis."

BG Emory "Jack" Hagan, the CSMR commander, took time out from his busy schedule to address the students and

"Ours is a 24/7, 365-days-a-year mission and to achieve it we have assembled - and continue to bring on board - a cadre of professionals dedicated to the task."



AT A recruitment booth during a Veteran's Day event last year in Carson, from left 1LT Cory Celeste (CMH), SSG Jerry Shultz (RTFS), BG Mary J. Kight (Assistant AG CNG), SGT Kenneth McCreary (CNG) and CW2 Rolando Quiambao (RTFS).

award two California Commendation Medals and two CSMR Meritorious Achievement Medals.

Graduates were presented with a diploma and earned the CSMR Professional Development Ribbon and the right to wear the CSMR Recruiter Badge, signifying their status as recruiting professionals.

is important to note that every CSMR Soldier is a "recruiter" and is encouraged to support recruiting efforts by generating leads for the RTF South staff to contact and follow up. Formal recognition programs for Soldiers generating new recruits remain in effect.

"Our goal is to find and enlist quality soldiers into the State Military Reserve and also assist our recruiter counterparts in the California National Guard whenever possible," MAJ Lalor said.

"It is often said that the toughest mission in the military, other than actual combat, is recruiting. Ours is a 24/7, 365-days-a-year mission and to achieve it we have assembled — and continue to bring on board — a cadre of professionals dedicated to the task."

The RTF South is still considered a work in progress and will continue to evolve over the coming months. But now, for the first time, the CSMR has a professional and dedicated recruitment operation that mirrors that of the California National Guard.

Said MAJ Lalor: "We are making tremendous strides and will continue to do so as we march forward and build the force."

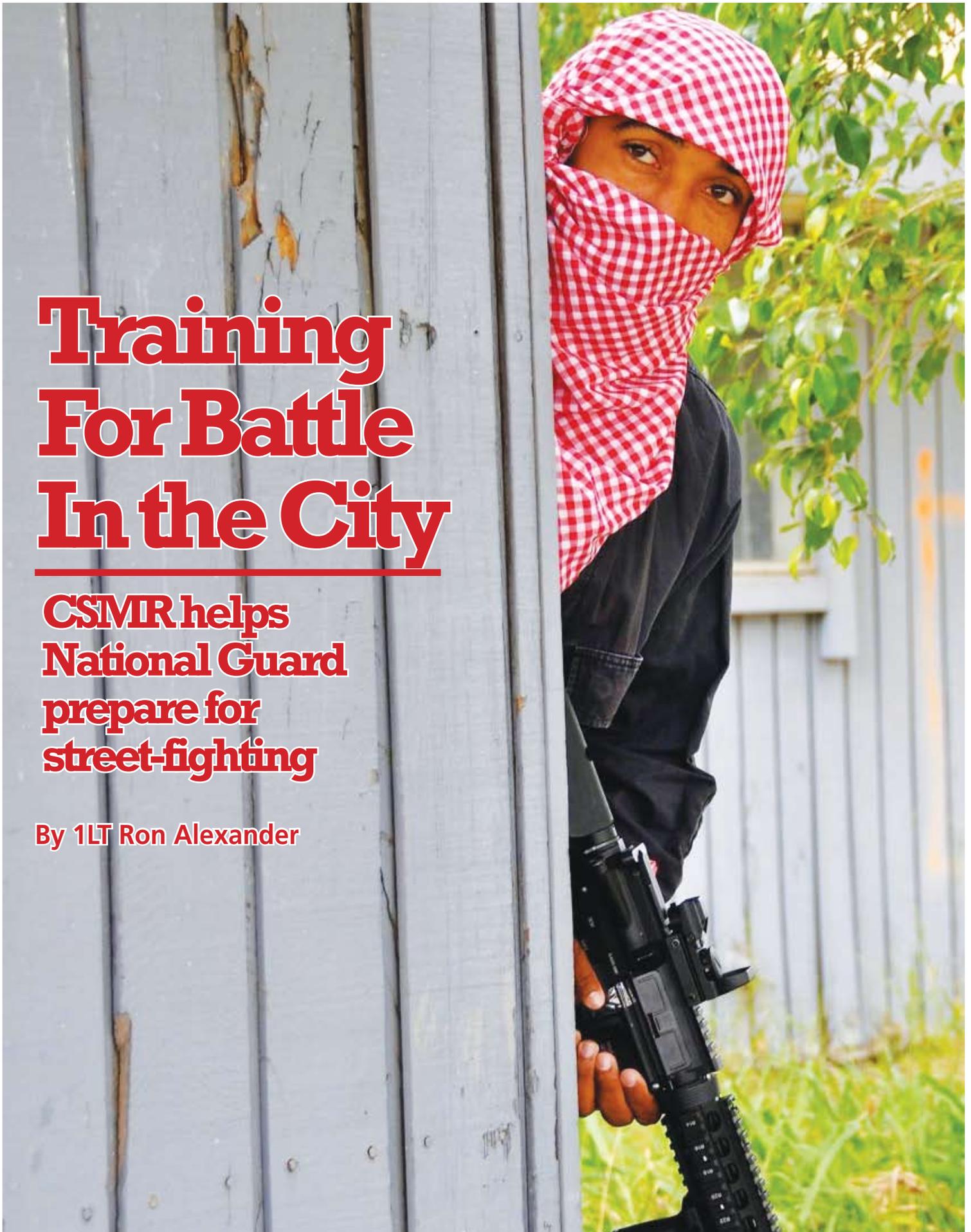
RTF South reports operationally to COL Marc Breslow, Commander, Southern Regional Support Command, ensuring that new soldiers will be assigned to units within the region where their skills can be rapidly and effectively utilized to support the California National Guard.

Although the responsibility for CSMR recruiting rests with the RTF South, it

Training For Battle In the City

**CSMIR helps
National Guard
prepare for
street-fighting**

By 1LT Ron Alexander



Few types of modern warfare call for more nuanced judgment, quick reactions and calm temperaments than combat in cities and towns. An effective force can root out terrorists and insurgents, bringing stability and peace to a weary neighborhood.

On the other hand, ill-prepared troopers can alienate the local population and thereby build support for the enemy if the job of patrolling and maintaining security is mishandled.

For those reasons, the CSMR is helping train California National Guard Soldiers in the complicated craft of conducting Military Operations in an Urban Environment. In a recent exercise conducted at the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos, the Provost Marshal's Office staged exercises for CNG Soldiers to give them supplemental instruction and practice.

According to CPT William R. Chidsey, Jr., the CSMR worked hand-in-hand with the Guard to create a realistic situation.

"Their [CNG] primary responsibility is to set up an operation from the get-go. They send out their teams to reconnoiter the area, find out what's what, report back with a SALUTE-report type scenario, develop operational teams, send out sniper teams, send out observational teams and send out



CSMR instructor SPC Dennis Duvall advises a Cal Guard Soldier on seeking cover and concealment in recent urban operations training at the JFTB. At left, a suspected "insurgent," role-played by SGT Terrence Beezley, gets a pat-down. Previous page, SPC Nathan Tapper, also role-playing, looks to make a surprise move. **Photos: SSG Bergquist.**

inserting air teams," he said. "That's going to be the entire process."

The PMO team sets up a village to be searched, complete with "civilians" and "insurgents."

"That's one thing which they have to be concerned about," said CPT Chidsey. "They need to know that not everyone

in a village is an insurgent. Not everybody is a bad guy. At some point they will have to make tough decisions. That's going to be the scenario."

The PMO team from the CSMR will also set up a roadblock using some CNG vehicles and weaponry.

In these practicums, CNG Soldiers will have to gather much information and make many decisions. Soldiers get to practice entering and clearing as building during operations and securing it. In another lane, they'll practice moving over, through, around and clearing obstacles.

"The objective is to know the proper way to do some something, to minimize

your risk as a Soldier," he said.

In another lane, Soldiers practice reacting to unexploded ordnance. "Most of the casualties that we take are as a result of IEDs [improvised explosive devices]," he added.

Additionally, Soldiers practice entering a village, taking up temporary

"Not everybody is a bad guy. At some point they will have to make tough decisions. That's going to be the scenario."

fighting positions and reacting to an attack, and another exercise in which they react to direct fire when dismounted.

With luck – and the kind of training the CSMR is helping to provide – these drills in former base housing will mean that more American Soldiers make it back safely from their deployment in combat zones.

From sash, gown to ACUs, boots

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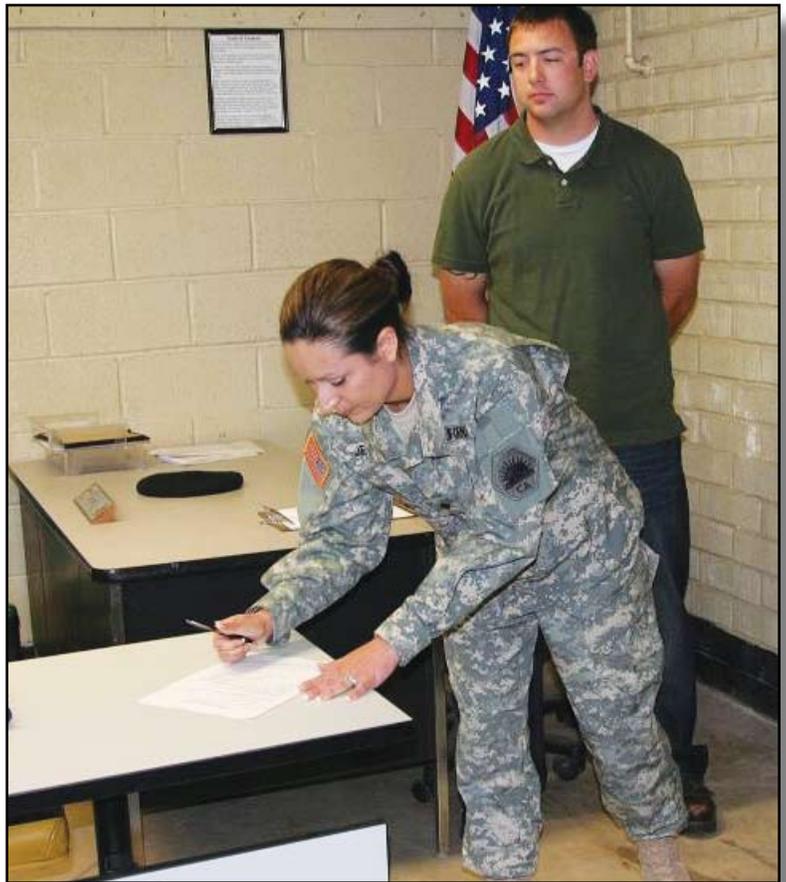
program supported by college fraternities and sororities who sponsor individual Soldiers with motivational mail and “care” packages during their deployment.

Jewell also helped start “Operation USMC: United Share a Merry Christmas,” in which San Diego families open their homes during the holidays to troops who are unable to go home to celebrate the season, or who have no family.

On top of that, she recently started Iraq War Wives, a support group for the spouses of our nation’s newest generation of veterans.

Jewell is not just a pretty face in cammies. She holds a B.A. in urban studies with an emphasis on urban land development; her minor is in communications studies. While working for Driscoll Yacht and Ship Brokerage, she is pursuing a master’s in business administration from Franklin Pierce University.

Still, it’s been adjustment for her to trade in the catwalk turn for an about-face, but it also proves just how versatile and determined a CSMR Soldier can be.



SPC NOELLE JEWELL signs the oath as husband looks on.

FALL OUT

Awards, promotions

May 2008

- **De La Torre, Richard** to CW2
- **Alexander, Ronald** 1LT
California Commendation Medal
- **Arocha, Mauricio** 2LT
California Commendation Medal
- **Bailey, Brett** 2LT
Recruiting Achievement Ribbon
- **Bailey, Lisa** WO1
California Commendation Medal
- **Bergquist, Richard** SSG
California Commendation Medal
- **Davis, Randall** SGT
Recruiting Achievement Ribbon
- **Mascorro, Hector** 2LT
California Commendation Medal
- **Mott, Christopher** SSG
California Commendation Medal, Recruiting Achievement Ribbon (5th)

- **Thompson, John** SSG
California Commendation Medal
- **Wagner, James** SGT
Recruiting Achievement Ribbon

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- **Abbott, Keith J.** 2LT Meritorious Achievement Medal
- **31 Soldiers** (Golden Guardian) State Service Ribbon
- **44 Soldiers** (Operation Fall Blaze) State Service Ribbon

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