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# BYE, BYE BERETS?

Big Army makes the change, can the CSMR be far behind? And what about ACUs?



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# Operation Freedom Fighter Mission of Hope

By CH Brenda Threatt (1LT)  
Special to Warrior Words

*"I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the Governor of California and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to law and regulations. So help me God."*

With a sincere sense of commitment we, the Soldiers and Airmen of the California State Military Reserve, are sworn into military service with the CSMR. Then, we don the uniforms that represent an outward expression of the military oath. The only significance difference between us, as CSMR personnel, and our active military and National Guard is that we do not have the opportunity to serve overseas in foreign theaters of war.

We wear a military uniform that represents the dedication of those who fought and died for the oath all of us have taken. The honor and glory that is so apparent in military movies and songs is alive and thriving in the hearts of those who have survived war but still carry the physical, emotional, and spiritual scars often associated with combat service. These servicemen and women are the Airmen,

## Don't Let Them Be Forgotten

Remaining visits to VALBMC for 2011 are listed below. Visits are from 1-4 p.m. Report to the Volunteer Center on the Bellflower Boulevard entrance.

- July 24
- Aug. 21
- Sept. 11
- Oct. 23
- Nov. 20
- Dec. 18

Seamen, Marines, Soldiers and men and women of the Coast Guard who have survived war, but are now victims of their wounds, to illnesses... and to time. Chaplain Capt. Christopher Fowler heard an unvoiced appeal on behalf of these "Freedom Fighters" and, in response, drew up a plan of service for those who have served. The plan is simply this: 5 to 10 CSMR Soldiers will give a few

hours, once a month, to visit the Freedom Fighters (patients) at the Veterans Administration Long Beach

## OFFICER PROFILE: WARRANT OFFICER 1 MIKE PORLAS

**NAME:** W01 Theodore Porlas

**AGE:** 51

**LIVES IN:** Yucaipa, CA

**CSMR Duty:** Duty personnel management specialist in S-1.

**PRIOR MILITARY SERVICE:** 2 years USMR contractor, ROTC and Naval ROTC at San Diego State University

**CIVILIAN OCCUPATION:** Code enforcement manager for Fontana Police Dept.

**FAMILY:** Married, with three grown daughters.

**WHY DID YOU JOIN CSMR?:** "I see the state reserves as an opportunity to serve. I come from a family of government servants, military veterans. My mother was Army (Korean War); my grandfather was Navy, a Pearl Harbor survivor, Korean War veteran as well; my grandmother was a DOD employee. It just naturally fit that I would have some connection to the military."

**WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT THE CSMR:** "On May 1 I (just) graduated OCS, so for the last year I -- and my 13 classmates, my brothers and sisters -- have been living, eating, breathing the program. (And) we pulled, we pushed, we cried with each other -- we did everything to get each of us through it. But it was the esprit de corps, the camaraderie that came out of it... that was the thing I liked most."



Interview by Spec. Andy Karp; photo by Staff Sgt. John Thompson



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## Be Careful Posting

- Names and photos
- Meetings with top officials
- News about U.S.



- diplomacy
- Information about military facilities
- Leave

polices

- Brigade and company names
- Don't be too specific

## 'Net Do's and Don'ts

- Don't respond to unsolicited requests for information
- Look out for generic greetings, fake sender addresses, a false sense of urgency, misspellings or bad grammar.
- The safest way to send information via the Internet is to send it as a PDF (portable document file).



## Watch out for ....

- "Spear-phishing" when bad guys (enemies of America or just crooks) comb for information on the Internet aiming at a narrow number of targets.
- Identity theft. The attacker may address you by name, use the lingo of your organization or make reference to actual DoD procedures and policies.
- Easy-to-guess passwords. Don't use your birthday, the name of your dog or your address. Best is a combination of special characters, upper and lower case letters and numbers (45%#GOOf).

# BE SURE TO 'UNFRIEND' AMERICA'S ENEMIES

Practice good OPSEC when you use the computer to communicate

By SSG Jim Tortolano  
Warrior Words

The use of the Internet has become such a part of our daily lives, that we often share information about ourselves via the World Wide Web as if we were chatting with close friends over coffee.

However, in today's world of cyberwarfare and online terrorism, all members of the military — including the California State Military Reserve — need to be aware of how dangerous that may be for you and your country

That was the focus of a class on "Internet Security" given at the June 4 UTA by Capt. Daniel Robbins, assistant section commander of S-3. Also teaching the class is Capt. Roy Twaddell.

The course, which is now required of all CSMR personnel, is a kind of modern-day version of the World War II slogan "Loose Lips Sink Ships."

For example, even something as innocuous as the hometown press release, telling about how Pvt. Joe Smith just finished basic training, can be part of a mosaic of information for enemies of America with the patience to put the pieces together.

Referring to such releases and the use of social media such as Facebook, "All that gives the enemy information they can use," said Robbins. Even cheery (or teary) postings about deployments, training and promotions can help other nations to assemble information about troop strength, strategic intentions and other



**CAPT. DANIEL ROBBINS** speaks on Internet security.

important factors.

"The big guys," said Robbins, referring to America's political rivals, "are scrubbing that data for useful information."

In short, "information warfare is a reality."

Even seemingly innocent information about pizza deliveries can be strategically valuable. More pizza deliveries to the Pentagon can mean staffers gearing up for a major operation.

The key to OPSEC — Operations Security — is a healthy kind of paranoia about giving out information about yourself, both in your civilian and military roles. "The more suspicious you

are, the better," said Capt. Daniels.

The U.S. military isn't backing away from the Internet and social media, it's just becoming more careful about its use. "We have to balance OPSEC with public affairs," he said. "If we don't tell our story online, someone else will. We can't afford to not communicate."

Social media also contribute to unit cohesion, he said.

The course includes many do's and don'ts (see sidebar), but the main thrust is this: "Treat social media like a newspaper," he said. "If you don't want the whole world to know about it, don't post it."

## New AG Settles in at State HQ

Brig. Gen. David S. Baldwin is the new Adjutant General of the California Military Department.

Baldwin was appointed in April by Gov. Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown, Jr. after being recalled from his second deployment to Afghanistan, where he was serving as Deputy Commander of the 101st Airborne Division Tactical Command Post and senior mentor to the Commanding General of the 201st Afghan Army Corps.

In assuming assume command of the Cal Guard, Baldwin leads the largest, most tasked National Guard force in the United States, with an authorized strength of 23,000 personnel.

In his duties as adjutant general, he is responsible for the operation of the State Military Department, which consists of the California Army and Air National Guard, the CSMR and California Youth Programs.



**BRIG. GEN. David S. Baldwin**, the Adjutant General, California Military Department.

# CG SAYS THE RESERVE IS DOING THINGS RIGHT

The CSMR commander addressed SRSC Soldiers in April



Photos by Staff Sgt. Robert Davison

**BRIG. GEN. Roland Candee** speaking to the troops assembled at Los Alamitos.

## By CW2 Rick DeLaTorre Warrior Words

The CSMR offers the state a pretty good bargain as a militia that provides quality training and support to the National Guard and civil authorities, according to the Reserve's top commander.

There are constant examples of selfless dedication and service that show the validity of the CSMR as a functioning, disciplined and well-organized militia — "and it's awesome," Brig. Gen. Roland L. Candee told Soldiers at a recent UTA at JFTB Los Alamitos.

In his informal remarks, which served as a detailed pep talk combined with brief bits of command information, Candee stressed how Soldiers are getting good work done through sheer resourcefulness during an era of heavy budget

crunching.

"It's a bargain for them to get us," he said about the many hours of volunteer, unpaid service that Soldiers provide in numerous ways, such as small arms training, instruction in combat lifesaving techniques and MEMS.

"We're giving freely of our time. We're citizens, we train on our own dime. If monies don't come, we are willing to pay," he noted during his 30-minute address to scores of Soldiers at the April 3 morning gathering at the base's Liberty Theatre.

But because it is so generous in the way it donates personnel and efforts, including the "little things" that Soldiers provide, the CSMR, he noted, is "bulletproof" to any criticism that may come about regarding its cost effectiveness or any allegations of greediness

over pay.

"We're entering some incredibly austere times in government," Candee said, and the CSMR is getting noticed for its ability to "provide services in a fiscally responsible manner."

Candee, who in civilian life is a Superior Court judge in Sacramento, reminded the gathering of the five "rules" that he has established for CSMR Soldiers to center on: 1) believing in what you do makes a difference, 2) keeping a focus on serving others, 3) dwelling on the positive, 4) doing your best, and 5) enjoying yourself.

He also touched briefly on the CSMR's ongoing fight for more resources and a broad inquiry underway by the federal government into what is the "proper relationship" between the Department of Defense and state defense forces nationwide.

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## Basics for Everyone

You don't have to be non-prior to be a little vague on some military procedures and processes. Here are a few tips for new Soldiers and veterans who never got the memo ...

How do you address the various ranks? All levels of general are called "general."

Both colonels and lieutenant colonels are called "colonel."

Majors and captains, that's easy. And all lieutenants are "lieutenant."

It gets a bit more complicated with NCOs. The first four grades of rank for sergeants — that is, sergeant, staff sergeant, sergeant first class and master sergeant — are called "sergeants." But a first sergeant is called "first sergeant," and a sergeant major is "sergeant major." Probably the most confusion surrounds warrant officers, who are officers in certain specialties, as opposed to commissioned branch officers. All warrants are to be addressed as "Mister" (or "Mrs." or "Miss" or "Ms."). The use of "chief" as a form of address is widespread but not correct, at least according to Army regulations (AR 600-20).

As long as you're deciding who to salute, ever wonder why you salute by touching your cover (or eyebrow or glasses)? The tradition of saluting in the American

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Photos by Staff Sgt. John Thompson

**THE BASIC ORIENTATION COURSE** students and instructors, 01-11.

# BOC GRADUATES MORE SO. REGION SOLDIERS

52 students learned just how to do things the CSMR way

**By CW2 Rick DeLa Torre**  
**Warrior Words**

It was a productive spring for CSMR training personnel with the recent completion of the latest BOC class that saw a total of 52 Soldier graduates.

Basic Orientation Course 01-11 was held April 30 and May 1 & 7 at the JFTB Los Alamitos Veteran Services Center (Building 244).

The course was presented by the 1st Regional Training Company Provisional, in accordance with the guidelines of CSMR regulations and HQ CSMR G-3 directives.

"This was our fourth BOC class to graduate since 2009" when the Southern Regional Support Command began presenting the course, said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Rolando Quiambao, the 1st RTC commander. "And, as always, the Soldiers performed above expectations and were highly motivated during the training."

The BOC provides newcomers to military service

and prior service veterans alike with a general overview of military doctrine, customs and courtesies. The sessions cover various topics specific to service in the CSMR and include special subjects such as sexual harassment prevention.

In addition, the course provides a liaison opportunity for Soldiers to learn about, and become friends with, personnel from other units. Likewise, the teaching cadre is intentionally comprised of Soldiers from diverse units so that the

students can become familiar with units outside their own.

The 1st RTC has compiled an exemplary record of effectively handling its assigned training missions. As a result, the unit was recently transferred to and now officially serves as part of the new Operations and Training and Support Element – South (OTSE-S). The OTSE-S, commanded by Col. Andre Coulombe, is the primary G-3 representative in the Southern Region.

"This transfer will result in

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**THE INSTRUCTORS' CADRE** for BOC 01-11

# CSMR IS ON GUARD FOR THE GOVERNOR

By SSG Jim Tortolano  
Warrior Words

When the governor of the nation's most populous state needs security at a major public appearance, who's on hand to stand watch? Members of the Provost Marshal's Office of the California State Military Reserve, that's who.

Spc. David Johnson of the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion's PMO company was one of five CSMR Soldiers who served as plainclothes officers guarding Gov. Jerry Brown when he visited the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos on April 9 for the graduation of more than 1,000 members of the California Cadet Corps.

All the CSMR Soldiers involved are professional law enforcement officers in their civilian worlds; Johnson, 47, is a deputy with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.



**SPC.** David Johnson.

Johnson, a Garden Grove resident who's spent two and-a-half years in the CSMR, said he and his state reserve colleagues were in the outer ring of defense; close to the governor were uniformed California Highway Patrol officers.

"The event was open to the public," said Johnson "so there were all kinds of people there. So you look for someone who didn't seem to fit. Maybe it's a person dressed in a military uniform that isn't quite right. Or,

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**GOV. BROWN** with military dignitaries at JFTB.



U.S. Army photo

**THE MULTICAM** uniform used in Afghanistan won't be adopted universally, at least not yet.

## BERET ON WAY OUT? MULTICAM OVER ACU?

Army will use patrol caps for most duty; a new basic uniform is probably not coming soon

By SSG Jim Tortolano  
Warrior Words

It doesn't have a bill. It's hot. It takes two hands to put it on right.

Some members of the California State Military Reserve have made that complaint about the beret, as have many other Soldiers in the U.S. Army. Now, it looks like that particular headgear is going to be leaving the field for most military uses.

On June 12, Army Chief of Staff Martin E. Dempsey announced that the patrol cap will replace the black wool beret as the default cover for the Army combat uniform.

While that decision does not specifically affect the CSMR, California's military has generally followed the direction of the federal army, transitioning from olive drab to the woodland pattern Battle Dress Uniform to the

current digital green blocks of the Army Combat Uniform.

Additionally, Dempsey said Soldiers will be given the option to sew on name tapes, service tapes, rank insignia and skill badges rather than using Velcro attachments.

The changes came on the recommendation of

Sergeant Major of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III, who had been asked to survey opinions from the rank and file.

Soldiers will still wear the black beret with the formal Army Service Uniform. However, overall, the wear of berets will largely return to those Soldiers who wore them before —Special Forces, Airborne and Rangers.

Chandler also stated that many Soldiers wanted to replace the current ACU pattern with the Multicam pattern now used by troops in Afghanistan. Advocates for the Multicam (officially



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# COOKING FOR THE CROWD: BBQ @ JFTB

It's no dream. The time, place and menu are set for the start of a new CSMR tradition: "If You Barbeque It . . . They Will Come."

The SRSC will host its first annual Barbeque & Family Day starting at 11:30 a.m. during the UTA on Saturday, Aug. 6 at the JFTB's Picnic Area.

The picnic area is at the corner of Shiloh Way and Independence Road, and situated behind the gymnasium.

All SRSC personnel and their family members are cordially invited to participate at no cost.

Simple but sumptuous fare will be offered: hamburgers, Hebrew National hotdogs,

salmon patties, potato salad, chips and soft drinks. There will even be live entertainment.

The SRSC's Chaplains & Chaplain Assistants will be preparing and serving the food. Some Soldiers, including a few from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, have already offered to assist with the grilling chores.

Commanders and section leaders are requested to assign a POC for their units or sections to coordinate attendance and teams for set-up/clean-up support.

The BBQ's main POC is CH 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Brenda Threatt, who can be reached at: [kree8d@yahoo.com](mailto:kree8d@yahoo.com) or 626-409-7759 (cell).



**MAP** to the BBQ and picnic area (red).



**STAFF SGT. NANTZ** (Aaron Eckhart) in "Battle: Los Angeles."

## HOW DO MOVIES DEPICT MILITARY?

Two recent films have very different outlooks

By SSG Jim Tortolano  
**Warrior Words**

"Super 8" is a well-reviewed movie about an alien trapped on earth in circumstances even worse than "E.T." As in "E.T.," the heroes are children and the villains are adults. That's no surprise, considering that Steven Spielberg produced this one (and directed "E.T.")

In this particular movie, the bad guy is Air Force Col. Nelec (played by Roland Emmerich). He's accused of unfairly imprisoning the alien, who crash-landed decades ago. Worse than that, he's said to have tortured him in an effort to pry technological secrets from him.

The alien is being transported by train when it is derailed in the fictional town of Lillian, Ohio. The "Super 8" name comes from the story point that a bunch of middle-school kids are making a student film at the rail depot just as the derailment happens.

Nelec and other military types are killed in a battle between the alien and airmen, and much of the town is destroyed. Eventually, the alien, who only wants to go home, gets his wish.

If "Super 8" makes out the military to be the bad guys and the alien no worse than a victim, "Battle: Los Angeles" (recently released on DVD) spins it completely around. The heroes are American fighting men and women, combating a bunch of armored creatures here to kill people and steal our resources.

Aaron Eckhart stars as about-to-retire Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Michael Nantz. He and his squad are summoned to combat when aliens attack (among other places) Santa Monica. On a mission to rescue civilians trapped behind enemy lines, the squad links up with a group of National Guard soldiers from the 40th Infantry Division, as well as an Air Force intelligence sergeant.

Throughout the film, the confusion and tension of war is depicted with much more fidelity than in most Hollywood efforts. Staff Sgt. Nantz and his team battle the aliens across many blocks, rescue the civilians and even discover how to turn the tide of battle.

In all instances, the military is depicted as self-sacrificing, courageous, and dedicated. Nantz in particular is not only valorous but sensitive and wise.

"Battle: Los Angeles" isn't exactly "Citizen Kane," but offers an attractive and balanced depiction of Americans at war.

## HELP MAKE SOME NEWS

Does your unit deserve to be recognized for its service by being publicized in Warrior Words?

This newsletter for the Southern Regional Support Command of the CSMR is the place to give recognition for Soldiers and units who go above-and-beyond to help serve California.

Consider writing an article for WW 17, or just submit a story idea to us at either [warriorwords@mac.com](mailto:warriorwords@mac.com) or [james.a.tortolano@us.army.mil](mailto:james.a.tortolano@us.army.mil).

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Medical Center (VALBMC).

The purpose of these visits is to simply say: "We care about you. Thank you for your service!" Chaplain Fowler's Operation Freedom Fighter program has touched over 250 residents of the VALBMC in just three short months.

Those of us who have participated in Operation Freedom Fighter have seen smiles and tears. We have heard and shared stories. We have listened to memories and sung fight songs that spoke of another life. We have filled lonely hospital rooms with the knowledge that the person, who once wore the uniform, still has value. We have been able to give back to ailing veterans, a memory of the glory of the uniform, a memory of the glory of life wrapped in the gift of a small portion of time spent with a CSMR Soldier.

Our portion of success as CSMR Soldiers and Airmen is not measured in how well we served in theaters of war; it is in how we serve one another in the theater of life, especially life after war. Join us in this mission of life. There is no better way to "...bear true faith and allegiance...so help me God."

## CG CANDEE VISITS SRSC

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Among other quick mentions, the CG said, in terms of long-range planning, the CSMR's goal is to triple in size to 3,000 troops, over the next five to 10 years.

## 52 SOLDIERS GRADUATE

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the expedited presentation of institutional training for the region, including BNCOC, ANCOC and SNCOC and other required courses," Quiambao said.

"We look forward to many new training cycles in the future and, as we've done before, getting good feedback from the Soldiers and the teaching cadre so we can continue to improve the courses."

OTSE-S will be establishing a yearly training plan that will allow units to advance calendar when their Soldiers will be attending courses.

As a result of the operational standing of OTSE-S as the official G-3 representative in the region, the 1st RTC is currently seeking Soldiers who would like to transfer for duty with the 1st RTC as their

### Top of Their Class

The Distinguished Graduates for BOC Class 01-11 were:

- **Spc. Ron Ramsey:** Honor graduate (prior service)
- **Sgt. Jeffrey Harris:** Honor graduate (non-prior)
- **Staff Sgt. Anthony Morganti:** Leadership award.
- **Spc. Andrew Thompson:** Commandant's Award.

primary CSMR billet (TDA) assignment.

For further information regarding OTSE-S billeting and other information, Soldiers and Airmen are urged to contact CW3 Quiambao by e-mail at: [rolando.quiambao@us.army.mil](mailto:rolando.quiambao@us.army.mil)

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since at a graduation event where people are going to be mostly happy, someone who is scowling or angry."

The five-hour stint "went off without a hitch," he said. In addition to Gov. Brown reviewing the Cadet Corps (a state variation on the federal ROTC program), he also swore in Col. David Baldwin as new adjutant general, commanding the state military department, which includes the 16,000 members of the California

National Guard, the 4,800 members of the California Air National Guard and nearly 1,000 members of the CSMR.

Johnson was introduced to both the governor and the new adjutant general. He was impressed with the attitude toward the CSMR. "They treated us just like they would any other Soldier," he said. "I know this was a first for the CSMR. I was honored to be a part of it. I know it's a sign of the good things to come."

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** The UTAs for the remainder of the training year are on Aug. 6 and Sept. 15. A new training schedule should be out later this summer.

## BERETS AND UNIFORMS

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the Operation Enduring Freedom Camouflage pattern) claim it blends in better to the different backgrounds of a combat zone.

However, the Army is now working on a plan to adopt several patterns based on terrain – one each for woodland and jungle, one for arid and desert and one "transitional" pattern to work across a variety of combat environments.

At the local level, the headgear change preceded the federal announcement. Col. Marc Breslow, commander of the CSMR's Southern Regional Support Command, told Soldiers at the May UTA that the patrol cap would replace the beret for everyday use, but only within the SRSC's area of operations.

## THE BASICS

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armed forces goes back to an officer removing his hat (often with a flourish and a bow) to a higher-ranking officer. Eventually, the act evolved to just touching your headgear, as is done today. Much quicker and more practical.

Do you salute candidates for officer? Actually, yes. Such persons are considered "officers in training" and merit a salute, although the practice is not widespread in the CSMR. The correct form of address is "candidate," although "officer candidate" is also used.