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gear up for  
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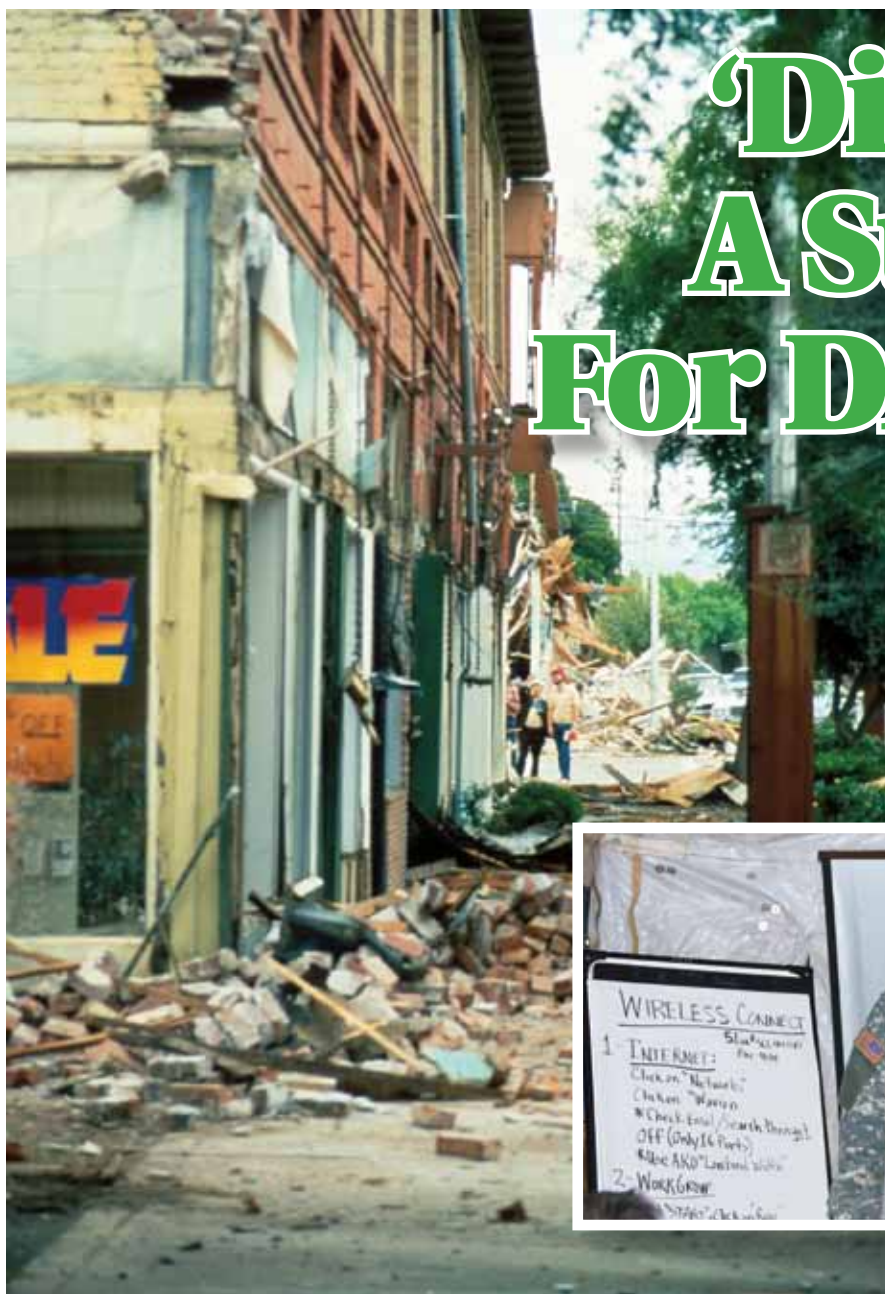


**Sgt. Hartman  
joins with  
CSMR, sort of**

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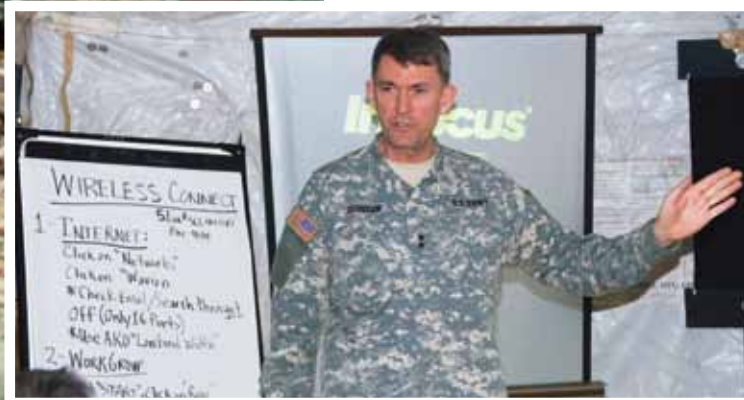
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## 'Disaster' A Success For DARTEX

**Joining with  
the Cal Guard  
to prepare for  
the 'big one'**

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**CAL GUARD MAJ. GEN.  
SCOTT JOHNSON**

**THE 1993 COALINGA QUAKE**

## NCO PROFILE

### STAFF SGT. MIKE NGUYEN

**AGE:** 31.

**LIVES IN:** Long Beach.

**CSMR DUTY:** Public Affairs and Army Warrior Task Trainer.

**PRIOR MILITARY SERVICE:** None.

**CIVILIAN OCCUPATION:** Assembly support for the Boeing Globemaster and graphic designer.

**FAMILY:** Engaged to Sarah Kanaster.

**WHY DID YOU JOIN THE CSMR?** "To humbly serve my community, state and nation."

**WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT THE CSMR?**

"Being able to assist in the training of the 40th Infantry Division."

**CSMR HIGHLIGHT:**

"Being selected to be a Blackhat Instructor at the Basic Orientation Course, and 'squaring away' new CSMR Soldiers."



## Make a note ....

Here's the schedule for the remainder of the training year for DSB, SRSC and ASGS. Most of these dates are REVISED from the January WW.

April 2, 2011  
May 7, 2011  
June 4, 2011  
July 9, 2011  
Aug. 6, 2011  
Sept. 10, 2011

If you need a SUTA, make sure to contact your section leader well in advance of the Unit Training Assembly date.

## More CSMR visits to 'freedom fighters' set

By CW2 Rick de la Torre  
Warrior Words

Plans are underway to increase the number of visits by CSMR Soldiers to veterans who are being cared for at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Long Beach and perhaps to initiate similar stopovers at other VA medical centers across the state.

Based on the success of the annual, gift-giving visit by SRSC personnel each December to the Long Beach facility, the plans call for a boost in the number of visits to that site for monthly events and additional holidays during the year, starting with Memorial Day (May 30) and then Veterans Day (Nov. 11).

There are also details being worked out for a regular schedule of the same type of visits to centers in central and northern California, including the Bay Area.

Because VA staff refer to their patients as "freedom fighters," the CSMR campaign for the expanded visitations is being called Operation: Freedom Fighter, or O:FF.

Capt. Chris Fowler said the purpose of the campaign

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# CNG helps CSMR to get geared up

Brand new, unissued field equipment now available for our use

By Lt. Col. James Adair  
Warrior Words

If you're like many CSMR Soldiers, you may have dipped into your own wallet to purchase the uniform items and gear that allow you to serve alongside your California National Guard counterparts.

Your bank account might be in for a rest, though, as the CSMR has acquired hundreds of items for the use of its Soldiers while on duty, according to Lt. Col. Dennis Fandey of the logistics section of the Southern Regional Support Command.

"We've received 254 of the MLLCE gear or MOLLE system, which includes the assault pack, fighting load carrier, waist pack (also known as fanny pack), hydration system and multiple-use pouches for canteens, entrenching tools and magazines," said Lt. Col. Fandey. The items began arriving in February at the Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamitos.

"We've been told that more should be coming," he added. Among the other items that might be in the pipeline are Kevlar helmets and vests and sleeping bags. Kevlar helmets are a requirement for any Soldier working near the firing line on shooting ranges, or riding in military vehicles.

That doesn't mean that Soldiers can start lining up outside of the S-4 offices and fill their duffle bags with gear.

"My recommendation, as the S-4 to the Command, is that [the gear] not be allowed to go home but securely stored either at JFTB and/or where the battalions are located and then checked out when needed," he said.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Robert Davison

**LT. COL DENNIS FANDEY** with some of the gear now available to CSMR Soldiers

The gear is new and would be expensive to replace, and each Soldier issued such items will be held accountable for them. Battalion and section leaders will determine who gets issued which gear.

The equipment has been transferred from Cal Guard stores to the CSMR at the request of CSMR Col. Kenton Ashworth, who made the case for the gear.

"All of the equipment we've requested is not just 'nice to have' but required for us to do our jobs in supporting the Army and National Guard," noted Fandey, "whether it be in the field, on the ranges, training or during actual support missions such as natural disasters."

Requests for field gear should be made through your chain of command, battalion or section.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Robert Davison

**LT. COL. FREDRICK TRIBBLE** (right) briefs Cal Guard Maj. Gen. Scott Johnson in the CSMR Civilian Military Operations Center.

## ‘Disaster’ that was a big success

### Fake quake readies Reserve to assist the Cal National Guard

By CW2 Rick de la Torre  
Warrior Words

The epic earthquake and aftermath that has devastated Japan shows the crucial value of well-coordinated training exercises that can realistically test the military's ability to support civil authorities during a stateside disaster.

Valuable lessons were learned by the California State Military Reserve during its participation in the 40th Infantry Division's Defense Support of Civil Authorities Exercise March 3-6 at the Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamitos.

The field exercise simulated a

7.8-magnitude quake striking the New Madrid Seismic Zone along the central Mississippi River.

As part of its testing of the National Guard Bureau's Domestic All-Hazards Response Team (DART) initiative, the 40th ID conducted a simulated deployment to Arkansas in support of the Arkansas National Guard. At the same time, the Division tested the CSMR's civil-military operations center concept parallel to the DART exercise.

The Cal Guard operations and the CSMR center were housed in separate tent areas on the post's east side.

"The center was found to be an effective asset," said CSMR Lt. Col. Fredrick Tribble, who directed that portion of the Reserve's exercise. "I am very impressed with how much the Division was able to accomplish in such a short time. Talk about full-spectrum operations!" he added,

**"The Center was found to be an effective asset."**

referring to the 40th ID's ability to multi-task and meet multiple exercise objectives.

For the CSMR, the primary objectives were to test and validate the center concept and its internal operations methods. These were accomplished, according to CSMR commanders.

During his walk-through with CSMR commanders, Cal Guard Maj. Gen. Scott W. Johnson praised the Reserve for its organization and readiness.

The center, which was structurally set up for classic Soldier assign-

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# Q&A with Lt. Col. Tribble

By Capt. Ronald Alexander  
Warrior Words

Lt. Col. Fredrick Tribble took the lead in organizing the CSMR's role in the March DARTEX at Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamos.

*Warrior Words* interviewed him about the nuts and bolts of the exercise.

**Q. How would you describe the need for intricate planning before the activation of this exercise? We know that it took several months before the activation of the CSMR and its participation in the CMOC/DARTEX.**

A. In terms of man-hours, I would say that approximately 600 hours were spent reading, writing, and editing materials in support of this exercise. Of these, Master Sgt. Marc Melissas contributed 80 percent, Staff Sgt. Brad Welker contributed 15 percent and I contributed 5 percent. The National Guard Soldiers assigned to the DART cell varied in their knowledge of exercise planning. Naturally, they welcomed the support of CSMR Soldiers who were very knowledgeable in this area (particularly). Melissas prepared the Division exercise alert email, operations orders, fragmentary orders and was deeply involved in the selection and development of situational injects that would drive the exercise. Melissas and Welker's

assistance in exercise planning were examples of the highest level of soldierly integrity, cooperation, and collaboration between the National Guard and CSMR. The Division G-3 put it succinctly to me in an e-mail, "Couldn't have done it without him." He was referring specifically to Melissas.

**Q. The CSMR set up the all-purpose tent, radio communication and provided security through its PMO. How has this force multiplier improved the capacity and performance of CSMR Forces?**

A. I am not sure that the CSMR's capacity for performance has improved. Capacity is a measure of the capability to do an amount of work. In the CSMR, our capacity is naturally limited by the number of available Soldiers and their levels of training, experience, and education. We have an amazing variety of highly skilled, educated, and trained individuals who are capable of a very large number of tasks.

As an example, Lt. Col. Frank Nauemann's security team is very competent and skilled in establishing zone security, fixed facility security and access control. Their professionalism and attention to detail were exemplary of this high level of capability. However, all of us in the CMOC, EOC, Security Team, IC4U teams, and so on, realize that our capacity is limited by the number of Soldiers we have. The question really turns on the



Photos by Staff Sgt. Robert Davison

**CSMR SOLDIERS** were present at DARTEX in many capacities, including security. Above is Sgt. Erik M. Krause, 4th Battalion.

nature and scope of the mission(s) to which we are assigned. I am fairly confident that CSMR Soldiers in Southern California could perform any mission assigned (other than combat, and we also have a few of those). However, they would not be able to do a large volume of work.

**Q. As you directed activities in**

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## 'Disaster' a success for CSMR-CNG coordination

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ments such as logistics, planning and analysis, was also able to gain effective interoperability with the 40th ID command post and utilize the National Guard Incident Commander's Command, Control, and Communications Unit (IC4U).

In addition, a small team of civilian

volunteers was brought in to role-play representatives of state agencies and community organizations, such as the highway patrol and Red Cross. For more realism, the CSMR Provost Marshal's Office provided a security force to handle area patrols and related tasks.

As part of military emergency management training for its Soldiers, the

CSMR conducted an additional exercise that simulated the Arkansas Emergency Operations Center.

The exercise, held at the California Emergency Management Agency Southern Region center at JFTB, was formally observed by Cal Guard Maj. Joe Adams, who ably represented the Arkansas Joint Operations Center.

## Visiting our 'freedom fighters'

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is to:

1) thank the veterans on behalf of a grateful nation and state;

2) create opportunities for the veterans to share their own military experiences with their CSMR colleagues; and,

3) expose CSMR personnel, many of whom are veterans, to the full range of veterans' services available to VA medical centers.

"We have learned from our prior visits that the veterans at the Long Beach center are delighted and encouraged by our visits," Fowler said.

To create a more comfortable and welcoming atmosphere, the visiting personnel will be wearing their ACUs rather than Class A or B uniforms.

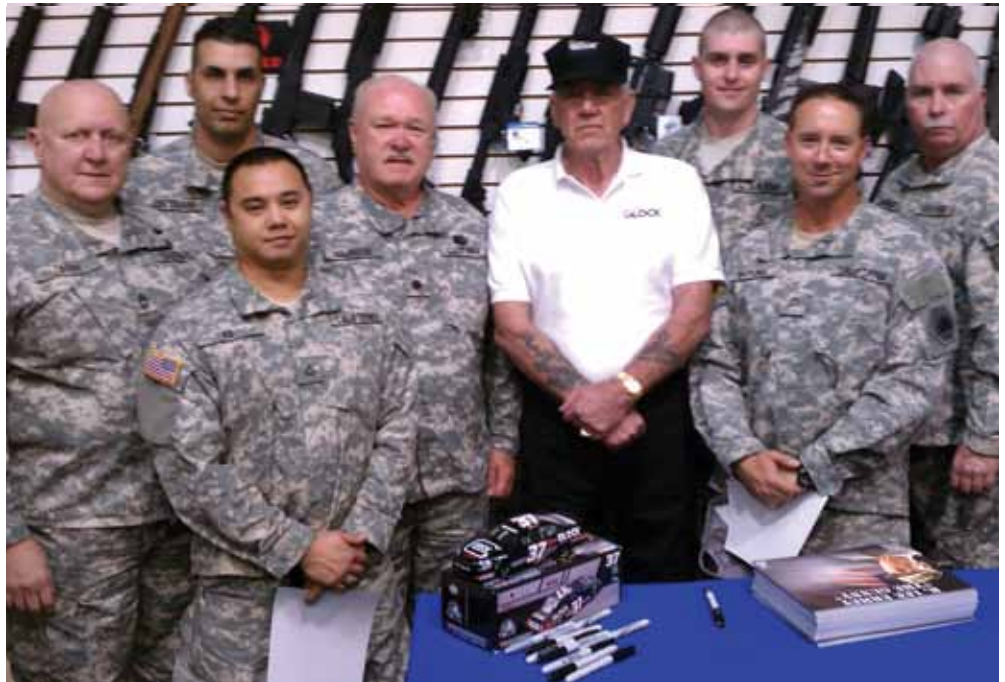
Those interested in participating in the Long Beach center visits are required to fill out an application form and attend one of the mandatory orientation sessions at the site.

The next sessions, which start at 7:45 a.m., will be held April 8 and 22 and May 6 and 20, at Building 50 (Voluntary Services) at the VAMCLB, 5901 E. Seventh St., Long Beach, CA 90822. The phone number is (562) 826-5715.

The first coordinated, monthly visit will be April 17. That visit will set the stage for the Memorial Day visit and simultaneous launch of the statewide O:FF campaign in partnership with the CSMR's VA colleagues.

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## FULL METAL CSMR



**FROM LEFT REAR,** Master Sgt. Fred Tredy, Pvt. Adamo Cultramo, Pfc. Steven Vu, Lt. Col. Franklin Naumann, former USMC Gunnery Sgt. R. Lee Ermey, (U.S. Army Reserve) Pfc. Michael Johnson, Pfc. Charles Barona and Spc. David Johnson.

## 'Gunny' meets with 4th BN Soldiers, respects mission

It's a rare military man or woman who hasn't seen the riveting film performance of R. Lee Ermey as Marine Gunnery Sgt. Hartman in "Full Metal Jacket."

A group of CSMR Soldiers, led by Lt. Col. Frank Naumann, got the chance to meet with Ermey on Feb. 4 at the Proforce Law Enforcement store. Six Soldiers from the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion's military police section talked with Ermey.

Ermey came to "Full Metal Jacket" as a technical advisor, but — being a veteran Marine Corps NCO — quickly talked director Stanley Kubrick into giving him the key role.

He went from there to other show business jobs, including playing a southern mayor in "Mississippi

Burning" (opposite Willem Dafoe and Gene Hackman) and the secretary of state in "The Rough Riders" with Tom Berenger, Sam Elliot and Brian Keith.

Recently he hosted the "Mail Call" series on the History Channel, and appeared in a Geico insurance commercial as an unsympathetic psychologist.

"Gunny was a gracious host, and he knew of the State Military Reserve," said Naumann. "He has a lot of respect for the CSMR. And wants to get to know us a bit better in the future."

Before the Soldiers left Proforce, Naumann and "The Gunny" exchanged coins and a group photo was taken.



# Q&A with Lt. Col. Tribble on DARTEX

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**the CMOC, a MEMS instructor's team collaborated on essential requirements necessary for a practicum, utilized as a "white cell." Could effective communications networking have allowed this unit to be positioned in another sector of JFTB, or even on another base?**

A. With the Incident Commander's Command Control and Communication Unit (IC4U), all things are possible. IC4U has the capability to reach the satellite constellation and gain access to the Internet. This provides us with "Voice over Internet Protocol" or VoIP telephone service, interoperability of radio frequencies, wireless Internet, and a number of other "cool" features. Sgt. Major Sal Santangelo is the resident expert in IC4U and is also a member of the CSMR. The answer to is "yes." We could set up almost anywhere in the world (where the IC4U can go) and be operational from there.

**Q. Why did you trust that the CSMR would do the job assigned, showing the potential to "fill gaps" for the 40th ID?**

A. To understand the answer to this question, it is necessary to understand what the CMOC is. The Civil-Military Operations Center in the Defense Sup-

port for Civilian Authorities environment is a unique application of a U.S. Army organization adapted to the Incident Command System mandated by federal law and California state laws.

It is intended to provide a focal point for emergency management interactions between deployed National Guard forces and the impacted civilian community at large. The organization of the CMOC is mission-dependent, which is meant to be flexible in size and composition. In general terms, the CMOC uses an organizational merger between a civilian Emergency Operations Center and a military Tactical Operations Center.

The essential function of the CMOC is to provide a collaborative environment where information is freely shared between National Guard forces, other government organizations, non-government organizations, and private volunteer organizations.

Specific functions of the CMOC can include: preparation and coordination of joint planning, information sharing and analysis, gathering information to improve situational awareness, and developing a cooperative relationship with civilian agencies. The CSMR is uniquely suited to provide the services intended by the CMOC due to the number of CSMR Soldiers experienced, trained, and edu-

cated in emergency management.

**Q. Did DARTEX demonstrate that the CSMR can provide flexible and adequate support to the National Guard?**

A. The CMOC design is adapted from the ICS EOC. The EOC modular design is inherently scalable and, as such, so is the CMOC. If activated, the initial CMOC response team's (core billets) primary mission is to determine which CMOC modules would be requested to deploy. I am currently developing a "scalability matrix" to be used by the initial response team that will guide them through the decision process based on size, scope, and complexity of the mission.

As far as affordability is concerned, I would have to say that the CMOC team would be no more expensive than a similar NG team would be. The amount of equipment to transport is dependent on the environment to which the team travels. The pay is the same as the NG. Because the CMOC would normally be such a small element, it makes sense that it would be a smaller cost. The CMOC is totally dependent on the NG for life support. The parent NG unit would be necessarily responsible for all issues related to sanitation, billeting, food, water, transportation and so on.

## Training

# S-1 training event set for June 11-12

The CSMR will be holding a special S-1 training event, the first of its kind to be conducted by the Reserve in this area, on June 11-12 at the Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamitos.

The training, slated for Building 6, Room 202, is for those who are currently performing S-1 functions within their sections or units, or those who desire, with commander concurrence, to be assigned to per-

sonnel duty positions. Rank is irrelevant.

According to the Southern Regional Support Command S-1 Staff, the target audience for the class is all administrators, from brigade-level adjutants to the company clerk level.

There are no prerequisites except that applicants should be eager to learn and available on the training weekend, which is not a scheduled

UTA.

There is no requirement for an overnight stay at JFTB, but those wanting to avail themselves of Base Billeting, please contact Billeting Reservations at (562) 795-2124.

For more information and to obtain an application form, contact the SRSC S-1 staff.



## Sniffing out threat of improvised bombs

By Capt. Ronald Alexander  
Warrior Words

The opportunity to gain a deeper insight into the methodology of detecting enemy explosives can be gained through New Mexico Tech's EMRTC course offerings.

The Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings course presents a no-nonsense approach in training first responders on what to expect when activated to an incident that requires knowledge of energetic materials or weapons of mass destruction.

Similar to the AWR 130 class taught at Los Alamos JFTB, under the leadership of MEMS staffers, permanent instructors from New Mexico Tech (formerly known as the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology) deliver an advanced residence course. Since World War II, NMT has involved its facilities to solving problems stemming from energetic attacks.

It extracts the necessary materials and learning objectives within a four-day, train-the-trainer program inaugurated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, within the Department of Homeland Security.

Sustaining the large amount of information and sifting through the learning modules does take time and study during

off campus breaks.

Although most of the informational input originates on campus, students must log in laboratory elements, which consolidate field trips to several ranges located on the sprawling NMT campus.

In fact, participants in the IRTB classroom move out to a designated blast area on their first day of instruction.

Some of the materials used in the laboratories have commonly known names and labels. In reality, anyone can purchase some of these materials. The use of improvised explosive elements finds similar results as the "hard stuff," materials and components designed using high explosives.

To learn the science that details the potential of each type of explosive device means each student must cooperate within a team and know its mission.

## CSMR Soldiers to lend hand for Cadet Corps gathering

CSMR Soldiers will be on hand to help support the Cal Guard in presenting the California Cadet Corps Centennial Celebration April 7- 9 at the Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamitos.

Nearly 2,000 middle school and high school cadets from around the state will be at the event that will feature an assortment of athletic and academic contests, as well as drill competitions and rifle matches.

The base will be rolling out the proverbial red carpet for the gathering, which will feature a variety of activity zones in and

around the bivouac area, including various static displays of Cal Guard assets such as a HH60L Helicopter, M1A1 Abrams Tank and an M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

In addition, the 40<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Band is slated to perform at a gala luncheon and a pass in review/awards ceremony that the Governor has been invited to attend.

In addition to normal post support duties, a small team of CSMR Soldiers will be providing special public affairs assistance and general help with crowd control and logistics support.

## This is your newsletter

*Warrior Words* is the quarterly newsletter of the Southern Regional Support Command of the California State Military Reserve.

That means that the job of the staff of *Warrior Words* — drawn from the public affairs section — is to inform you and help give recognition to you about your work in the CSMR.

We encourage you to contribute material for publication. We publish four times a year, so look for us in January, April, July and October. A limited number of print copies are available; we strive to e-mail copies of *Warrior Words* to as many Soldiers in the SRSC as we can.

If you wish to contribute, or to request a PDF (portable document format) version of the newsletter, to make a suggestion or request a correction, please e-mail us at [warriorwords@mac.com](mailto:warriorwords@mac.com).

Articles submissions should be made in a .doc format in Microsoft Word (not docx). Photos should be accompanied by a cutline (caption) describing what's in the image, and naming the people depicted in the photo (including rank, first and last name).

File sizes of photos should not exceed eight megabytes; anything more tends to choke our e-mail system.

