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JOINT FORCES TRAINING BASE, Los Alamitos — James L. Wagner, an [REDACTED] resident and an internationally acclaimed self-defense expert, has enlisted as a sergeant in the California State Military Reserve.

Wagner, 45, has been assigned to the Provost Martial's Office under the CSMR's Southern Regional Support Command, which is headquartered at the Joint Forces Training Base Los Alamitos. His duties include serving as a member of the PMO's instructor cadre that provides specialized and supplemental training for the California National Guard.

Wagner, a native of Nebraska, is a graduate of Newport Harbor High School and attended Orange Coast College. He previously served in the U.S. Army and worked for a number of local and federal law enforcement agencies.

Wagner is widely recognized as a top certified expert in the field of self-defense, teaching training courses around the nation for U.S. military personnel and public safety organizations. He also teaches in many foreign countries, including Argentina, Brazil, Finland, Germany and Israel.

He also teaches self-defense "street" tactics and safety for everyday consumer use.

Earlier this year, Wagner appeared on the cover of *Black Belt* magazine and was the publication's Hall of Fame Self Defense Instructor of the Year for 2006. He has appeared in many other martial arts-oriented publications and has won numerous official commendations and citations for his work.

The CSMR is an operations, support and training element of the California Military Department. CSMR soldiers assist and support the California National Guard in its homeland defense mission. CSMR soldiers are subject to call to temporary state active duty by the Governor.

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