## Ret. Command Sergeant Major Bart E. Womack Keynote Speaker at the Grand Opening of the Fresno Veteran's Home

CSM(R) Womack will remember the sacrifices given during his keynote titled "We Remember."

**Dallas, TX** – The California Department of Veterans Affairs will celebrate the grand opening of the new Veteran's Home at 2811 West California Avenue in Fresno on Friday, October 18, 2013 at 10:00 AM. As part of the grand opening ceremonies, CSM(R) Bart Womack will speak on the theme "We Remember," and join several other veterans, local dignitaries and guest speakers in celebrating the opening of the new home.

"As the subject of Veterans is very dear to me, I am honored to be the keynote speaker at the Grand Opening of the Veterans Home of California - Fresno. As a Veteran myself, I can't imagine ever being in a situation needing shelter, but if I too, fell on hard times, it's comforting to know that someone remembers my sacrifices to this nation and is there to answer my call for assistance," said CSM(R) Womack.

The new 300-bed facility will provide multiple levels of care for veterans that are disabled, aged or in need of their assistance in their daily lives.

CSM(R) Womack has first-hand knowledge of the sacrifices these veterans made and is uniquely qualified to be the keynote speaker. He has authored a new book titled *Embedded Enemy*, which tells the first-hand account of the attack in March of 2003 on the First Brigade, 101st Airborne Division by one of their own – Army Sergeant Hasan Akbar. The attack killed two officers and wounded 12 others.

"It seems fitting that I officially launch this book during the grand opening of the Fresno Veteran's Home. I want everyone to remember the sacrifices made by the men and women who fight for our country, which is why I chose the theme "We Remember" for my keynote," said CSM(R) Womack.

(Ret.) Command Sergeant Major Bart E. Womack is the recipient of two Bronze Stars, one for Valor. Serving in positions of great responsibility throughout the period of 18 February 1977 through 30 June 2006, his career is distinguished by exceptional meritorious service. Attaining one of the highest honors in the Army, he served at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as a Sentinel and Relief Commander. Later he served as the Sergeant of the Guard, interfacing with the President of the United States, the Honorable George Bush, and the Honorable Bill Clinton, as well as former Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev and other leaders on the world stage at numerous nationally televised wreath ceremonies.

Embedded Enemy can be found at <u>Barnes and Noble</u> as well as <u>Amazon</u>. For more information on the author and the book, visit the website at <u>www.embeddedenemy.com</u>.

For more information on the Grand Opening of the Veterans Homes in Fresno and Redding, visit the <u>California Department of Veterans Affairs</u>.

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