

Command Sergeant Major Ricky A. Matticks is now assigned as the CSM for the 235th Regiment located in Salina, Kansas.

CSM Matticks entered military service on March 11th, 1986, with the 295th Ammo Ordinance Company, United States Army Reserves, as a Unit Armorer in Hastings, Nebraska. He transferred to the 1st Battalion, 161st Field Artillery in 1989 as a Fire Direction Specialist. With the 1st BN, 161st FA, he served in multiple positions to include; Howitzer Gun Chief and Chief of Smoke for Bravo Battery, First Sergeant for Alpha and Bravo Batteries, Operations Sergeant Major, and most recently as the Battalion Command Sergeant Major.

CSM Matticks was born in Hastings, Nebraska. He attended Sandy Creek High School in neighboring Fairfield, Nebraska, graduating in 1983. CSM Matticks attended Hastings College, earning a Bachelor's degree in Music Education in 1987 and a Master Degree in Educational Administration from Emporia State University in 2006.

CSM Matticks has taught Band for 21 years in several communities to include; Minneola, Minneapolis, Dodge City, and El Dorado, Kansas, as well as Sandy Creek High School and the Hastings Regional Center in Nebraska. He currently teaches Middle School and High School Band in his hometown of Hastings. He also served as Director of the El Dorado Chamber of Commerce from 2001-2003.

In 2002, CSM Matticks mobilized to Ft. Leavenworth in support of Operation Noble Eagle. In 2007-2008, he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to Baghdad and recently returned from Operation Enduring Freedom and the Horn of Africa. He received the Bronze Star for his service in Iraq and the Meritorious Service Medal for service in Africa, has earned the Army Physical Fitness Badge multiple times, and named Honor Graduate in AIT, PLDC, BNCOC, ANCO, and USASMA.

CSM Matticks earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1980 with Troop 94 in Fairfield, Nebraska. Upon graduation from High School, he was awarded the John Philip Sousa and the National Choral Award. He was named the Golden Apple Teacher of the Year by the El Dorado Chamber Of Commerce in 2000. CSM Matticks currently volunteers with the Hastings First Presbyterian Church Praise Band, American Legion Post 256 in Fairfield, Nebraska, and as an Assistant Scout Master with Troop 94 in Fairfield, Nebraska.

CSM Matticks has been married to Rebecca Marie (Kimminau) Matticks for 25 years. They have two sons, Joseph and Samuel. Rebecca is the director of the Hastings Museum of Natural and Cultural History in Hastings. Joseph Matticks graduated from Hastings High School this year and will attend Central Community College in Hastings. Samuel Matticks is a junior at Hastings Public Schools.