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CSM Fortner is an Infantry NCO with over 36 years of service in the Mississippi National Guard, over 28 of those years have been with the 155th ABCT. He has served as a Mortar Section Leader, Infantry Platoon Sergeant, Infantry First Sergeant, Headquarters Company First Sergeant, Operations Sergeant Major, Battalion CSM, and Garrison CSM.

CSM Fortner has conducted two combat deployments in support of the Global War on Terrorism. From 2005 to 2006 he served as the Mortar Section Leader, Troop A, 98th Cavalry, FOB Lima and FOB Hit, Iraq and again in 2009 to 2010 as an Infantry Platoon Sergeant, Company A, 2-198th CAB, Q West, Iraq. In 2018 to 2019 he deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Spartan Shield as Battalion CSM for 2-198th CAB.

CSM Fortner's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (three oak leaf clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (two oak leaf clusters), and the Iraqi Campaign Medal (two Campaign Stars). CSM Fortner was also awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge (CIB).

CSM Fortner's formal military education includes the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Course, Maneuver Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course, and the Primary Leadership Development Course.