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Author, Renowned Milbogger, and Former Army Major, Matthew Burden Joins Team Rubicon's Board of Advisors

March 29, 2010 -- Team Rubicon, the rapid deployment disaster first responders who bridge the critical gap of time between a catastrophe and the arrival of conventional aid groups, is pleased to announce that Matt Burden will join its Board of Advisors, effective immediately.

Burden's skills and contacts in the media, technology education, experience as an active duty military officer, and familiarity with policies and politics will ensure that Team Rubicon continues to innovate in the area of disaster response.

"Matt's altruism and experience in Special Operations makes him an excellent partner in positioning Team Rubicon as a leader in rapidly deployable medical rescue teams," said Team Rubicon co-founder, William McNulty, a former Marine.

A Gulf War veteran who enlisted at seventeen and rose through the ranks to become a commissioned officer, Burden has been deployed on four continents, serving in leadership positions from Fire Team Leader to Battalion Commander. Burden also served in the Special Forces and worked as an intelligence officer with the Defense Intelligence Agency [DIA], leaving in 2001 after fifteen years with the rank of Major in the Army Reserve.

Burden holds a Master of Science degree in computer science from the University of Chicago, and an MBA from the University of Illinois. In 2003 he founded "Blackfive," an award-winning military blog. Originally started to honor a fallen comrade, whose combat valor went unreported following an Iraqi firefight, "BlackFive" has become a go-to blog on military and veterans' affairs for soldiers and civilians alike.

As editor of "The Blog of War," Burden was the visionary behind a compilation of firsthand dispatches from the Internet diaries of combat soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is a sought after guest pundit for national cable and network opinion programs, including C-Span, CNN, and Fox News. In addition, both the Bush and Obama administrations have invited him to the White House to discuss military and veterans' issues.

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According to Jake Wood, Team Rubicon president, a former Marine who served two tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, "Matt Burden is a man of character who has proven his willingness to serve those in need time and again, from serving his country during a time of war to his continued service ensuring the legacy of our nation's heroes. We are honored to have Matt add Team Rubicon to his list."

Along with his appointment to the Team Rubicon Board of Advisors, Burden serves on the Board of Trustees for Soldiers' Angels, is Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Warrior Legacy Foundation; and President of SOG Media LLC.

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