

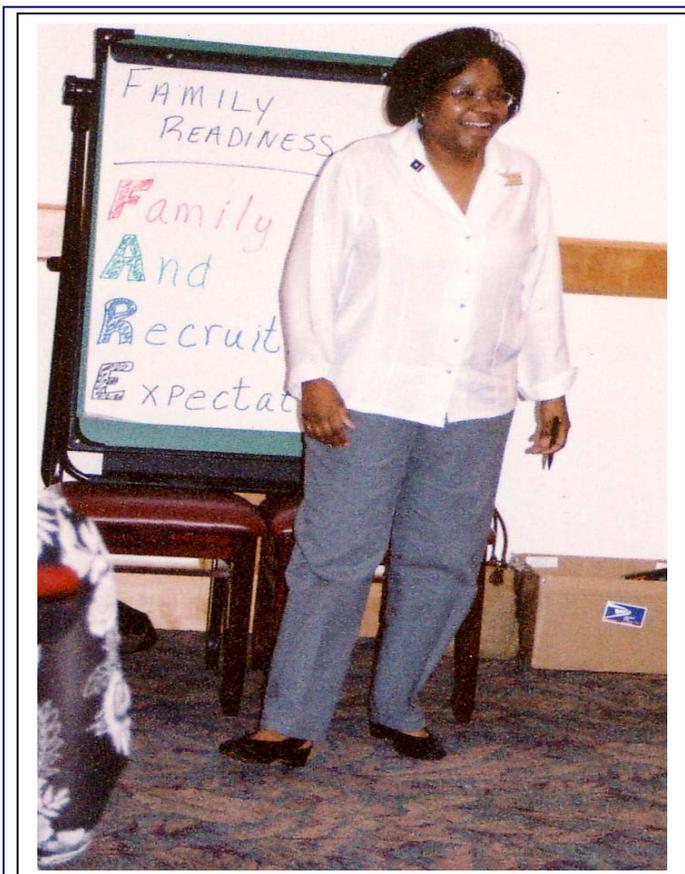
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Have You Visited the AFTB NetTrainer Lately?



Have you visited the AFTB NetTrainer lately? If not, you're missing out on a great opportunity to join ranks with those who have successfully completed all three levels of AFTB training.

As of September 30, more than 5,892 USAREC family members and soldiers have gone on line to take at least one AFTB class through the Army Family Team Building (AFTB) NetTrainer. Three thousand one hundred ninety five individuals have completed all of Level I; 2,194 have completed all of Level II; and another 226 individuals have completed all of Level III.

While the NetTrainer is designed to meet the training needs of remote families, USAREC family members still found a way to get together to attend classes taught by an AFTB volunteer. Through 3d quarter 2004, USAREC AFTB volunteers have taught 95 classes to more than 1,700 students.

AFTB Volunteer Recognized for Work With Family Readiness Group



Who says Family Readiness Groups (FRG) can't work in USAREC? Not Chastity Aguilar, an FRG volunteer with the Denver Army Recruiting Battalion. In conjunction with the Newman's Own Award Program, Mrs. Aguilar's Family Readiness Group received a grant of \$500 from the Fisher House Foundation.

Mr. David A. Coker, Executive Director of the Fisher House Foundation, stated in a letter to Mrs. Aguilar announcing the grant, "We continued to be amazed at everything you've accomplished and the vital role you serve in supporting the military community. The Fisher House Foundation wanted to honor all Family Readiness Groups who do so much for their units with a grant."

Mrs. Aguilar has been an FRG volunteer for 4 years and an Army Family Team Building (AFTB) Instructor for 2 years. She and Kim Franklin, Denver Army Rectg Bn.

Soldier and Family Assistance Program Manager, submitted a packet to the Fisher House Foundation in March. The Denver Army Recruiting Battalion's FRG was the only USAREC unit selected for recognition this year.

Mrs. Aguilar is married to SSG Sean Aguilar, Station Commander of the Scottsbluff Recruiting Station in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Your brigade or battalion Soldier and family assistance program manager can help you organize a FRG if there is not one in your unit. Additional information on FRGs may be found in Army Pamphlet 608-47.

The Fisher House Foundation is "*dedicated to our greatest national treasures.....our military service men and women and their loved ones.*" Additional information about the Fisher House Foundation may be found at www.fisherhouse.org.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Meet Joyce Stratton, an AFTB volunteer with the Houston Army Recruiting Battalion. As the Family Action Council (FAC) Chairperson and an AFTB instructor, Joyce uses her skills and talents to emphasize how best to

incorporate AFTB training materials into DEPs/Future Soldier training. In addition to presenting briefings to the Houston Battalion Leadership and Company Leadership Teams, she recently conducted classes for the Tyler Company Family Readiness Group.

Fiscal Year 2005 Dept of the Army Sponsored Training Announced

MASTER TRAINER CERTIFICATION COURSE 1

DATE: 5-10 DECEMBER 2004

LOCATION: GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

MASTER TRAINER CERTIFICATION COURSE 2

DATE: 3-8 APRIL 2005

LOCATION: TBD

PROGRAM MANAGER'S COURSE 1

DATE: 5-10 DECEMBER 2004

LOCATION: GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

PROGRAM MANAGER'S COURSE 2

DATE: 3-8 APRIL 2005

LOCATION: TBD

ALL USAREC SOLDIER AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE (SFA)

PROGRAM MANAGERS MUST COMPLETE A DA-SPONSORED AFTB PROGRAM MANAGER'S COURSE.

ONLY "ACTIVE" USAREC VOLUNTEERS WILL BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY SPONSORED TRAINING. VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AFTB LEVELS I, II, AND III PRIOR TO ATTENDING DA SPONSORED TRAINING.

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Tampa's newest AFTB Instructors are all smiles after successfully completing the AFTB Instructor Certification Course.

(L-R: Theo Haynes, Liz Rios, Silvia West, James Grein, Chris Gibbons, Sandy Wilmoth)

Tampa Certifies 6 New Instructors

By Alexandria Huertas

The Tampa Recruiting Battalion held an Army Family Team Building (AFTB) Instructor Training Course at the Quorum Hotel in Tampa, Florida, on 18-19 September 2004.

The training started bright and early Saturday morning with the AFTB Overview. Instructors for the certification training were Alex Huertas, Barbara Boles, Sandra Bazemore, Antje Grein and Helen Gonzalez.

Four family members attended the two-day training and received their certification. They are Liz Rios and Chris Gibbons from the Tampa Recruiting Company, and Silvia West and Theo Haynes from the St. Petersburg Recruiting Company. Also in attendance were Sandy Wilmoth, Battalion Secretary and SGT James Grein, a Recruiter from the Inverness Recruiting Station. We are excited to be introducing Sandy Wilmoth and SGT Grein as our first civilian and active duty instructors in the battalion to receive their certification.

LTC Earnest Bazemore was the guest speaker at graduation and presented each new instructor with a Certificate of Achievement.