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NERO PROGRAM MANAGER'S CORNER

A warm welcome to all NERO AFTB Program Managers (PMs) and members, particularly those who I have not met. This year, though a time of transition, promises to strengthen our AFTB program through networking, information sharing and interaction. Accreditation preparation will play a big role for those whose programs are pending accreditation. If you use the standards as a template, you will do well. Please feel free to call me if you need clarification or additional information. Charlotte, NERO PM

FORT EUSTIS WELCOMES NEW PROGRAM MANAGER (PM)

No one was more pleased than Regina Nelson, former Acting PM, to see Janice Ozolek, the newly contracted PM, walk through the door. Janice came on board during the cold snowy days of winter, but there's little that is cold about her. She was a government employee earlier in her career and brings to the program a wealth of knowledge gained through her previous professional experiences and AFTB Core Trainer experiences. *Welcome Aboard!*

CSM NEWEST DETRICK AFTB MASTER TRAINER

When CSM Ronnie Blanton arrived at Fort Detrick in September 2002, he was in-processing at ACS and being briefed on the AFTB program. Much to the program manager's pleasant surprise, the CSM informed her that he was a Master Trainer. He later showed up at her office with his certificate in hand. The CSM said, "I have been involved in AFTB for

four years. Being an AFTB volunteer is my way of giving back to the community. Based on my experience with the military, I was capable of converting the lesson plans into plain language and also answering questions on other general military subjects. I am a Master Trainer. I have a graduate degree in human relations and 27 years of military service. I believe I bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the program. When family members are well informed and taken care of, it enables the soldier to concentrate on his/her duties. The AFTB program provides a vehicle for keeping the family member advised as to how the Army works. I wish more young soldiers and family members would take advantage of the program. It provides a basic foundation for them to learn how the Army works."



On a recent visit to Fort Detrick (March 2003), Charlotte Hazelwood meets AFTB Master Trainers CSM Ron Blanton and Judi McKnight. Photo taken by Outreach Coordinator, Eva Garrett.

OUR AFTB NEIGHBOR DOES TRAINING

During the time when US Army Cadet Command (USACC) was apart of our old TRADOC family, the PM wanted to conduct training for her cadet regions. Funding constraints always prevent her from actualizing her goals. The good news is that USACC will conduct its first AFTB/Volunteer Training and combined Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Symposium on the 21-23 of Apr at the Peppermill Hotel in Reno, Nevada. This will be an exciting time with presenters from CFSC, USAREC and your very on NERO AFTB PM.



AFTB SEEKS AMVET VOLUNTEERS

Judith McKnight, a well-experienced Ft. Detrick Army spouse and AFTB Master Trainer attended the Frederick Amvets Women Auxiliary meeting to recruit for AFTB volunteers on Ft. Detrick. She was well received. Ms. McKnight briefed the Amvets on ACS services and the need for volunteers to work with the different outreach programs, including AFTB. Ft. Detrick is in need of instructors to help train new spouses.

MYER AFTB EXCELS IN ACCREDITATION

Since the transition from MACOM to Region, not all NERO installations have had pre-site/ accreditations visits. Fort Myer has set the stage. After the pre-site, the PM acted on guidance provided, proving there are great things to come. When the accreditation team returned for the actual accreditation, the AFTB PM maxed out on the standards, with two exceptional ratings. It was evident that the PM was well prepared and the out-come reflected her early preparation. Hooah!

CERTIFICATION IN VOLUNTEER ADMIN

Congrats to Marie Balocki, IVC, (Ft. Belvoir and Pam Eller, Ft. Myer on obtaining their CVA (Certification in Volunteer Administration) from the Association for Volunteer Administration (AVA). More information on the certification is at <http://www.avaintl.org/credential/index.html>. All PMs are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity for advanced training.

ARMY'S FIRST LADY IS GUEST SPEAKER

Mrs. Eric Shinseki, First Lady of the Army, will speak to AFTB and other volunteers, 2 May at the Ft. Belvoir Installation Volunteer Ceremony.

SPOUSE LEADERSHIP CLASS AT BELVOIR SPOUSES INCLUDES AFTB TRAINING

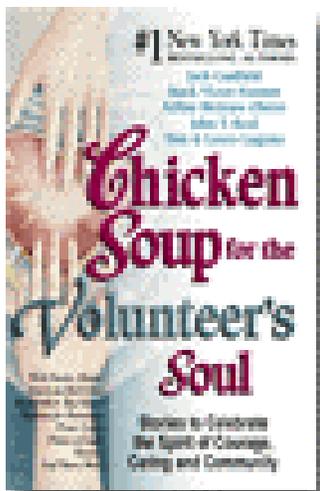
Spouses of military personnel who are already or soon to be in leadership positions can sign up for a three-day workshop offered annually which covers topics such as formal protocol, public speaking and family action plans. During this class, AFTB modules will be presented. The Spouse Leadership Workshop, April 8, 9 and 10, coincide with the dates when most leadership assignments are made.

"It's informative with situations having to do with going into command," said the program manager. "Because of the present times, we're also covering what is available during deployment."

The class also hosts a formal tea to teach traditions, customs and courtesies such as how to entertain, write invitations and greet in reception lines.

The workshop is open to active-duty service members, retirees, Department of the Army civilians, reservists, National Guard and all family members.

QUARTERLY REFERENCE SUGGESTION



"Chicken Soup for the Volunteer's Soul" is an excellent book for AFTB PMs to add to their resource libraries. It is available at Barnes and Noble or on the web. During Volunteer Recognition Week, 27 Apr - 3 May, PMs may consider this book as an excellent item to give that special AFTBer.