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The Teamsters Military Assistance Program and ABF training will open doors for our soldiers as they transition into civilian sector careers. Soldier for Life stands shoulder to shoulder with the Teamsters as they continue to enhance the lives of our soldiers. This is a historic undertaking and we commend the Teamsters and ABF for their commitment. We fully support these life changing efforts to provide credentialing opportunities to our soldiers prior to their separation.

> -Colonel Adam L. Rocke, Director of the Army Soldier for Life program



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New Career





The Teamsters Union is proud to be taking part in this on-base CDL training program.

This will give active soldiers the opportunity to get a job once they leave the military. This program is all about improving lives.

-James P. Hoffa, Teamsters General President

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The Teamsters Military Assistance Program (TMAP) has teamed up with the Teamsters National Freight Division for an on-base credentialing program that allows active soldiers, 180 days prior to their separation, to obtain their Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

The Teamsters Union is partnering with the Department of Defense on the program to train soldiers. The union has already developed a 200-hour training course for veterans, reserve and guard candidates at no cost to the participant.

For the on-base program, ABF Freight is playing an active role. It is the goal that all participants who complete the course will then have at least the initial qualifications to be brought into CDL driving jobs. Helping service members obtain good jobs at Teamster companies is a win-win for everyone, particularly given the shortage of CDL drivers, and is the right thing to do for our veterans.

"We are very excited to be participating in this program," said Gordon Sweeton, Assistant Director of the Teamsters National Freight Division. "Our veterans serve our country with distinction, pride and courage every day, and we have an obligation to help them succeed when they leave the military. This program will help achieve that and we will help veterans land on their feet after they leave military service."

Sweeton said helping service members obtain employment with established Teamster companies is important because they will be brought in as employees. As employees, they will not have to lease their own trucks, buy their own fuel and go into debt just to start a job, like so many drivers have to do at non-union companies.

For information on how to apply, please visit www.teamster.org/tmap.



I've driven trucks in the military, but I've learned a lot from the instructors here at Ft. Sill. They're knowledgeable and helpful. This is an outstanding program and a great opportunity for any soldier to have.

- Army Specialist Nancy Walker who served in the Army for the past nine years, including a deployment to Kuwait. She has started working with ABF in Nashville.



## Veteran Registration Form $\star$ $\star$

As part of our program we ask that veterans fill out a "Teamster Veteran Registration" form. This form will give us basic information about a veteran's service. In addition, the Teamsters Military Assistance Program offers assistance with filing claims for service-related disabilities. Honorably discharged Teamster members and their families are eligible to file for any service related disabilities they may have. The registration form can also be found at www.teamster.org/tmap.

