

FORT BENNING, GA

CAREER SKILLBRIDGE PROGRAM

Airstreams Renewables, Inc. is proud to have opened its southeastern branch location expanding our successful Career Skills Programs (CSP) to Fort Benning, GA. Review our current class schedule for a list of our on going classes. For more information about attending the Renewable Energy and Communications Tower Technician Program at Fort Benning, contact any of our team members below or review our school catalog. We look forward to welcoming you into the ARI family as we assist you on your civilian career path.



Faculty

Our training instructors come from all over the world with unsurpassed years of combined expertise, experience, a profound respect for safety in the workplace, and a real passion to make your training experience a "career enhancing" one. Meet our Fort Benning CSP team:

RICK WALLS, TRAINING SUPERVISOR



Rick Walls joined Airstreams Renewables, Inc. as an instructor after attending the company's training program at Fort Riley, Kansas. Rick Walls joined the United States Army after completing High School in 1992. Rick was trained as an Infantryman and served in locations both stateside and overseas, including Texas, Washington, Germany, Fort Benning and two related combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. After 26 years of service to the nation, Rick retired from the Army and remained in the Fort Benning area with his wife Shannon, together they have two sons, Trey who is a Crew Chief for F-16's in the US Air Force and Alex who is a Data Systems Administrator in the US Marine Corps. Rick wanted to continue to help and mentor service members transitioning out of the service and Airstreams Renewables' Career Skills Program at Fort Benning provided the perfect medium to assist service members in developing the skills needed to work as Industrial, Telecom Tower and Wind Turbine Tower Technicians.

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ZACHARY BLANCIER, TRAINING SPECIALIST



Zack was born in New Orleans, LA and raised in Connecticut. He spent the last 21 years serving in the U.S. Army before honorably retiring in 2019. He started his Military career with the First Armored Division in Germany in 1998 as a 19K Armor Crewman. During his 21-year military career he has held every leadership position in the Armor Career Field from Tank Loader to Company First Sergeant. He has served at numerous duty locations in the United States and abroad. He has over 4 years of experience serving as an Instructor and Instructor Supervisor. Zack joined Airstreams in April of 2019. He looks forward to training transitioning Soldiers for their next civilian career opportunity and helping them prepare for civilian life. During his free time, he enjoys fishing, hunting, and working out.

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GILBERTO DE LA CRUZ, TRAINING SPECIALIST



Gilbert is from Los Angeles, CA and joined the U.S. Army in October of 1993. He honorably retired in 2018 with 24 years of service. He proudly served in 3rd ID, 1st ID, 1st CAV, 25th ID, and 101st with a total of five deployments. His 7-year instructor background include Basic Leader Course, Army ROTC at the University of Puerto Rico, and as a contractor for Army ROTC at Auburn University. Gilbert is excited to join Airstreams Renewables, Inc. in which he will dedicate his time to help transitioning service members succeed in their future endeavors.

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BRIAN FISBECK, TRAINING SPECIALIST



Brian "Fizzy" Fisbeck is from Riverside, CA. In 2006, he joined the U.S Army as an Infantryman, serving a total of 12 years. He retired honorably in 2018. His duty stations included Korea, Fort Bliss, where he deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and Fort Carson. His final duty station was Fort Benning, GA where he was assigned as a Drill Sergeant. After his military career, he attended Airstreams and was hired by Telecommunications Technical Services (TTS) as a Tower Climber. He enjoyed his work with TTS but would often think about the satisfaction of training young men as a Drill Sergeant. Brian has the knowledge of transitioning out of the military and training soldiers and is confident as an Instructor for Airstreams, he can offer his experience to transitioning soldiers beginning their career. Brian is married to his wife, Gayle, and has three children; his son Shawn, 12, and two stepdaughters, Jennifer, 16, and Scarlett, 12. His hobbies are fishing and sightseeing, especially when he is a few hundred feet off the ground.

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CYNTHIA ORTEGA, OFFICE MANAGER



Cynthia has been working in the customer service field for the last 20 years, with over half of those years serving soldiers, transitioning soldiers and their families. She was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico and chose, with her Army veteran husband, to stay in the Fort Benning area after their many travels. They have 3 grown children and many furry children. She looks forward to assisting transitioning military members become successful civilians and serving them as they attend the Airstreams Renewables, Inc. CSP at Fort Benning.

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THOMAS (TJ) OLSEN, ADMISSIONS AND PLACEMENT SPECIALIST



TJ Olsen is originally from Goldendale WA. He joined Airstreams Renewables, Inc. in May 2018 as the Admissions and Placement Specialist for Fort Benning, GA. He retired after completing 29 years in the U.S. Army as a Career Counselor and served in both overseas and stateside locations including, Germany, Bosnia, Fort Lewis, Fort Benning, Fort Gordon, Fort Bragg and Schofield Barracks with combat operation Desert Shield-Storm, OIF and OEF. He completed his bachelor's degree from Post University in Business Administration and Management. He is married to his wife Sonya and they have two children, daughter Nilia and son Mason. They enjoy the outdoors to include hunting, fishing and NASCAR.

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REBECCA DODD, CAREER SERVICES SPECIALIST



Rebecca Dodd is originally from Grand Rapids, MI. She joined Airstreams Renewables, Inc. in August 2021 as the Career Services Specialist for Fort Benning, GA. She retired after completing 20 years in the U.S. Army as a Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear (CBRN) Specialist and served in both overseas and stateside locations including Germany, Fort Riley, Fort Hood, Fort Lewis, Fort Sill, Fort Wainwright, and Fort Benning with combat operations in OIF and OEF. She completed her bachelor's degree from Columbia College in Business Administration with a minor in Human Resources Management. She looks forward to helping transitioning Service Members find a meaningful career that will support them and their families.

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