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## **Wounded Warriors Gain Free Computer & Internet Literacy Training with the CompTIA Educational Foundation & The Training Associates**

**Westborough, MA. - July 14, 2009** – The Training Associates, The American Legion, Certiport, C-Trec, and the National Cristina Foundation banded together with the CompTIA Education Foundation to enable free computer and Internet literacy training for wounded warriors and other U.S. military veterans in Houston.

As part of the Foundation's Creating Futures program, veterans received free training toward Certiport's Internet and Computing Core Certification (IC<sup>3</sup><sup>®</sup>) for the last two months in order to help launch their IT careers. The Foundation hopes to repeat the program around the country to help as many service men and women transition smoothly into the private sector after they retire from the military.

"I was very impressed when I heard about the IC<sup>3</sup> certification program that CompTIA and Certiport were offering to our veterans, and I welcomed the opportunity to be a part of it," said Frederina "Freddi" Jensen of Jensen Enterprises, who donated her time through The Training Associates and became the class trainer in Houston. "Having been a part of the training industry for a number of years, it was a pleasure to be able to dedicate my skills to help these brave individuals move their lives forward in the next chapter of their lives following their service careers. I consider it a privilege to have played an important part in this life-changing program."

Andrea Turner, Vice President of Operations at The Training Associates said, "When the opportunity to become involved with CompTIA's Creating Futures program came to fruition, we were excited to offer our resources for this great cause. In addition to our vast pool of expert trainer talent across the country, we were able to match up additional partners for provision of testing vouchers, materials, training, and testing facilities in order to make this event a success for servicemen and servicewomen, giving them much needed skill sets to apply for employment. The Training Associates has a long history of giving back to people in need, whether it is time or monetary support, and we are pleased to have helped a very deserving group of veterans in Houston."

IC<sup>3</sup> training provides the core skills and knowledge necessary to use some computer applications and the Internet, gives a resume-building standard certification, and supplies the foundation necessary to further enhance productivity and marketability with other desktop application-specific certifications. The training is an online program, accessible anywhere 24/7 with an Internet connection. Training, mentoring, courseware, practice exams, and certification vouchers are provided at no cost to Creating Futures participants.

U.S. Army veteran Emmanuel Vasquez participated in the training in Houston and became IC3 certified. "I really liked the benchmarking part of the program as the quizzes helped to prepare me for the materials that I would be learning," commented Vasquez. "The IC3 training is a good starting point in the IT field and provides a brief overview of many IT-related aspects. I am looking forward to moving onto the CompTIA A+<sup>®</sup> training."

### **About the CompTIA Educational Foundation**

The CompTIA Educational Foundation provides career opportunities for individuals who historically have been under-represented in the IT workforce. With the support of individuals, industry leaders, companies and the government, the Foundation creates programs aimed at helping U.S. veterans, at-risk youth, women, minorities, dislocated workers, and individuals with disabilities to obtain the technical and business skills employers require. Since its creation in 1998, the Foundation has helped more than 1,000

individuals enter the IT workforce, helping the industry alleviate its shortage of skilled workers. For more information or to make a donation to the CompTIA Educational Foundation, visit <http://www.CompTIA-EF.org>.

**About The Training Associates**

As the largest trainer provider and only company specializing in trainer staffing and consulting, TTA has been trusted since 1994 by all types and sizes of companies worldwide for expert IT and professional business skills instructors. By relying on TTA, clients receive 100% guaranteed, high-quality training delivery, at the lowest prices, on-demand, where and when they wish. They do so with less risk, cost, and overhead than using staff or independent contract instructors and thereby significantly increase their training events, sales, and profits.

TTA has over 2,000 trainer consultants on agreement, taught over 500,000 class-days, and, in addition to the many proprietary courses we teach, offer over 11,000 standard and custom IT and professional business skills courses. When required, we partner with many training development, technology, and classroom providers to ensure clients receive the best learning experience at the greatest possible value. Leading partners include Microsoft, IBM, HP, Novell, Oracle, Cisco, SUN, Adobe, and many more.

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