



# Wi\$eUp e-News...

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## Participant's Corner

**Wi\$eUp Proudly Salutes Military Service Members** - *Participating in the online version of Wi\$eUp is an option for distance education students enrolled in Dr. John Frith's business course at Central Texas College in Killeen, Texas. Many of his students are military service members. Wi\$eUp is proud to feature two service members who wrote about their Wi\$eUp experience:*

"I joined the United States Army in 1994 as an Air Defense Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence Tactical Operations Center Operator/Maintainer.

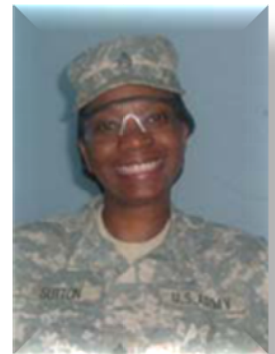


I am currently serving as a Senior Early Warning Operator for the Air Defense and Airspace Management Cell in the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, located out of Fort Hood, Texas.

I have two great children, Leonardo and Destiny, with my wonderful wife, Priscilla, currently at Fort Hood, Texas, waiting for me to get home. My colleagues, my family, and I have all found Wi\$eUp very useful and will continue to use the presentations, with the downloadable documents to assist in our personal finances. Thank you for a great source."  
— **Ricardo Marmolejo**

"I am very happy that I took this class. Until now, I had never saved anything in my 19 years in the military."  
— **Theresa Sutton**

"My name is Theresa Sutton. I am 38 years old and have three wonderful children, ages 17, 12, and 11. My sister is taking care of my kids because I am deployed. I work in the warehouse as an 92A (Supply Specialist) managing millions of dollars worth of parts (engines, transmissions, and circuit cards) and was recently promoted to Staff Sergeant. I have been in the Army for 19 years. I joined the Army because I wanted to be on my own and go to college. I enrolled in Dr. Frith's class because my major is business, and one day I want to own my business. I want to bake cakes and also flip houses (real estate).



Wi\$eUp has opened my eyes to a lot of stuff. The budgeting part of Wi\$eUp has helped me a lot. I now have a savings account and a Thrift Savings Plan where I am saving 10% of my monthly base pay. If I keep this going, within 6 years I will have at least \$30,000 not counting the interest I will be earning. I am very happy that I took this class. Until now, I had never saved anything in my 19 years in the military. When I redeploy, I am going to take some more finance classes.

Thanks, Wi\$eUp!"  
— **Theresa Sutton**