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Fortinet Extends Network Security Education and Certification for Veterans Through G.I. Bill

New Program Enhances Employment Placement Opportunities Within MSSPs and Service Providers

SUNNYVALE, CA -- (Marketwired) -- 02/10/14 -- [Fortinet®](#) (NASDAQ: FTNT) -- a global leader in [high-performance network security](#) -- today announced that the company is extending its network security education and certification program for U.S. Veterans through the G.I. Bill. The new educational framework is expected to help provide employment placement opportunities to Veterans within Managed Security Service Providers (MSSPs) and service providers.

Trained Network Security Personnel are in High Demand

In 2011, Analyst firm, Frost and Sullivan, published "[The 2011 \(ISC\)2 Global Information Security Workforce Study](#)," which provided detailed insight into the important trends and opportunities emerging in the information security profession worldwide. The study indicated that in 2011, there were 2.28 million information security professionals worldwide; that number is expected to hit 4.2 million by 2015.

Burning Glass, a company that develops technologies that are used for matching people with jobs, issued a [report](#) that found in the past five years, demand for cyber security jobs has grown 3.5x faster than computer jobs and 12x faster than the overall labor market. Furthermore, the report noted that cyber security jobs now make up approximately three percent of all information technology positions and continues to grow.

"There's a real dearth of network security experts out there right now. Fortinet's new Veteran training program is just one way we are helping to generate talent and help men and women in uniform find careers with MSSPs and service provider partners," said Stephan Tallent, director MSSP Americas for Fortinet.

"Finding good, qualified security engineers has been exceedingly difficult," said Peter Bybee, CEO of Security on Demand, a San Diego-based MSSP. "Fortinet's Veteran program has given us access to qualified engineers that help us answer the demand from our customers to defend their networks."

"Fortinet's Veterans program helped me launch my cyber security career. Now I work at a top managed service provider that is tackling daily security issues for many customers. This experience is going to be valuable as my career progresses," said Jose Humberto, USMC Disabled Vet. "I strongly encourage Veterans who are interested in making a career in the information security arena to take advantage of this program and start on their way to a successful and rewarding career. Even if they have not had an extensive technical background, this program offers the first step on the path to Information Assurance and Security and has been a proven mechanism to help me succeed in my career."

Covered by the G.I. Bill

Fortinet Certified Network Security Administrator (FCNSA) and Fortinet Certified Network Security Professional (FCNSP) technical certifications are now covered by the G.I. Bill.

The FCNSA designation certifies that individuals have the expertise necessary to manage the day-to-day operations of FortiGate devices in support of specific corporate policies. Certification not only enriches an individual's professional development, but it also offers many benefits to an organization by providing a reliable benchmark to evaluate skills and knowledge.

Individuals with the FCNSA designation need to have a solid understanding of the day-to-day configuration and monitoring of FortiGate devices as well as a general understanding of the entire Fortinet product family of services and hardware.

The FCNSP designation certifies that individuals have the expertise necessary for the installation, configuration and troubleshooting of all FortiGate features and functionality. FCNSPs are able to configure multiple FortiGate devices taking advantage of features for large-scale environments such as HA and redundant VPNs. In addition to FortiGate devices Fortinet Certified Network Security Professionals have a good working knowledge of the FortiAnalyzer appliance.

Click [here](#) for more information on FCNSA and FCNSP certification, or please visit:
<https://campus.training.fortinet.com/course/category.php?id=39>.

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