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ALOA SECURES GI BILL FUNDING FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF VETERANS

Funding now Provides Opportunity for Members of the Armed Forces to Receive Training in the Locksmith Industry

CARMEL, IND. (April. 4, 2016) – ALOA Security Professionals Association, a group of more than 4,000 professionally trained locksmiths and security professionals, has secured GI Bill funding to support ongoing technical training of veterans.

According to a [recent study](#) conducted in collaboration between Monster and Military.com, 93 percent of veterans are interested in expanding their skills in the civilian world, and nearly one-third of those veterans expect that this training will occur on-the-job. Far too often, Veterans are left without applicable skills outside of the armed forces and lack of on-the-job training can result in a difficult reintegration into the working world.

In order to improve and accelerate the process, veterans now have the ability to participate in development courses to become locksmiths – including fundamentals, electronics, automotive, safe work environments and business basics for the industry.

This program will pay for up to 376 hours of professional development courses through ALOA. By applying this knowledge, ALOA's training provides the skill set necessary to kick-off a career as a locksmith. In conjunction with on-the-job training, veterans will be able to position themselves as a valuable asset within any company.

“ALOA has always viewed veterans as a valuable source of quality talent,” said Mary May, Executive Director at ALOA. “Now that we have earned GI Bill funding, we are excited to offer veterans the technical training necessary to start a career in the locksmithing industry.”

While the industry has experienced rapid advancements in technological solutions, many professionals have lagged behind in training. In order to address this issue, ALOA recently upgraded its Dallas, Texas training facility to create a supportive environment for the advancement of locksmith standards. This facility provides technical training for locksmiths of all levels of experience and is dedicated to effectively increase value generated by the program.

For more information or to apply for the program, email education@aloe.org or call (800) 532-2562.

About The ALOA Security Professionals Association

The ALOA Security Professionals Association is the world's largest organization for locksmiths and other physical security professionals across the globe. Celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, ALOA has been dedicated to being the first line of defense in physical security by increasing the effectiveness and productivity of locksmiths through educational programs and materials that address broad security interests. ALOA leads the way for advanced and improved

security performance by providing members and the security community with access to a full range of educational programs and services.