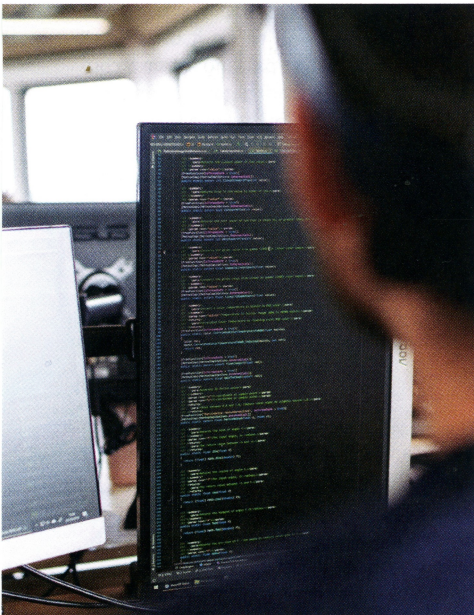


ON THE CUTTING EDGE

Levan Center of Innovation, Maveric Technologies collaborate to launch cybersecurity training programs designed exclusively for veterans

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One of the fastest-growing fields in technology is cybersecurity, and a new training program designed exclusively for veterans has been developed at the Alan B. Levan | NSU Broward Center of Innovation in affiliation with Maveric Technologies. This cutting-edge program aims to enhance the cybersecurity skills for veterans, equipping them with in-demand expertise required in today's rapidly evolving digital landscape.

"Cybersecurity is one of the most critical industries of the future, and the demand for skilled professionals is skyrocketing," points out Mili Peluso, deputy executive director of the Levan Center of Innovation. "We are proud to offer veterans a pathway to rewarding careers through these world-class programs, which will not only build their technical abilities but also provide mentorship and job-readiness training."

According to leading business magazine *Forbes*, the cybersecurity workforce gap reached 4 million in 2023. The U.S. employed approximately 1.24 million cybersecurity professionals between May 2023 and April 2024, an increase of 55% since 2010. In the U.S. alone, around 469,930 jobs opened up in the cybersecurity industry between May 2023 and April 2024, up 69% from 2010.

Additionally, *Forbes* predicts that information security jobs are projected to grow by 32% between 2022 and 2032, fueled by a sharp increase in cybercrime: According to *Forbes*, there were 2,365 cyberattacks in 2023, with 343,338,964 victims. The year 2023 saw a 72% increase in data breaches since 2021, which held the previous all-time record, and around the world, a data breach will cost \$4.88 million on average in 2024. "These alarming figures emphasize the danger of cyber vulnerabilities and highlight the need for skilled cybersecurity professionals," *Forbes* reports.



The new cybersecurity training at the Levan Center of Innovation is being provided at no cost to veterans, offering a life-changing opportunity for those interested in entering or advancing within the cyber field. The Cybersecurity Training Program includes two distinct training tracks: Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) and Security Operations Center (SOC) 101.

Participants learn from industry experts, gaining both technical skills and real-world experience in one of the Southeast's premier cyber ranges – the Levan Center's military-grade Cyber Range – the only one of its kind in the southeast United States. Veterans will also receive mentorship, career guidance, and job placement support to help them transition into cybersecurity roles.

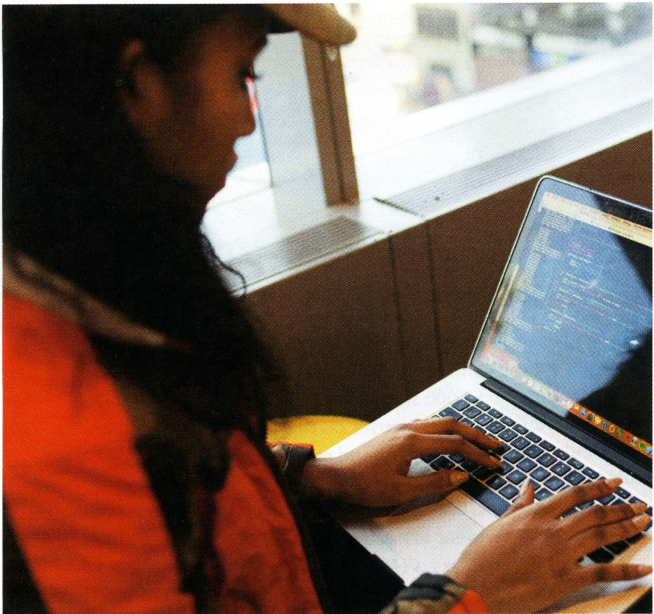
Levan Center of Innovation is a public-private partnership between Nova Southeastern University (NSU) and Broward County.

Billed as “The World’s First Theme Park for Entrepreneurs™,” The Levan Center is in a 54,000 square foot facility in Fort Lauderdale, FL and focuses on the themes of innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship.


Nova Southeastern University boasts enrollment of nearly 1,000 student veterans, and it offers veterans a comprehensive support system beyond just academics. Dedicated student services provide academic advisers and tutors to help veterans excel in the classroom and reach their full academic potential; tailored veteran-specific programs to support a smooth transition and academic success; and a supportive veteran community, allowing veterans to connect with fellow veterans, share experiences, and build a strong network. This holistic approach ensures veterans have the tools and support they need to navigate university life, graduate, and prepare for a fulfilling career.

Key features of the new Levan Center of Innovation's cybersecurity training program include:

- Hands-on simulations and live exercises in a military-grade Cyber Range.
- An industry-aligned curriculum, based on standards like NIST NICE and MITRE ATT&CK.



The cybersecurity training program was developed in affiliation with MaverC Technologies, a boutique cyber and information technology firm specializing in the design, innovation, implementation, and delivery of tailored cybersecurity, systems engineering, and program management solutions.

"Veterans are uniquely suited to excel in cybersecurity roles due to their disciplined training, critical thinking skills, and mission-driven mindset," said Senior Managing Partner, Ross Seay of MaverC Technologies. "This program gives them the tools they need to secure high-paying jobs in a growing industry that is integral to national security and the broader economy." 

- Career-readiness workshops covering resume building, interview techniques, and networking strategies.
- Mentorship from seasoned cybersecurity professionals to support long-term career development.

The program offers both virtual and hybrid training options to accommodate veterans from across the country. Training sessions

Veterans interested in applying can submit their applications through the program's website: <https://wfk.ms/3Ng88uh>

For more information about the Levan Center for Innovation, visit: nova.edu/innovation.

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