



## **AFCEA's TechNet International Conference And Exposition Focuses On Combating Emerging Threats**

*Event Scheduled Tuesday, May 11 through Thursday, May 13 At Washington Convention Center*

### Media Advisory

FAIRFAX, Va./EWORLDWIRE/May 7, 2004 --- TechNet International 2004, AFCEA International's 58th annual conference and exposition and one of the nation's largest C4I events, returns to Hall B of the Washington Convention Center Tuesday, May 11 through Thursday, May 13, 2004. This year's theme, "Combating Emerging Threats," fits well with AFCEA's mission to bring government, military, and industry together to promote global security.

Over 200 defense and IT exhibitors will display their products and solutions for homeland security/defense at TechNet. They will be focusing on specific technology requirements from senior defense and government personnel, including: wireless solutions, bandwidth, interoperability, command and control, data management, sensors, security, and visualization.

The exposition will include great visual technologies such as homeland security command vehicles, first responders wireless communications system, rugged computers, battlefield communications, security systems, mapping displays, and more.

Large defense contractors, small businesses and government agencies will all be exhibiting at TechNet.

The conference includes an impressive lineup of expert speakers: Gen Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; LTG Edward G. Anderson III, USA, Deputy Commander, U.S. Northern Command and Vice Commander, U.S. Element, North American Aerospace Defense Command; The Honorable Michael Wynne, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; LtGen Robert M. Shea, USMC, Director, Command, Control, Communications and Computer Systems, J-6, The Joint Staff; and GEN Tommy Franks, USA (Ret.), former Commander, U.S. Central Command.

Three panel sessions will provide TechNet attendees the opportunity to dialogue with experts about various "threats." Topics are mobile and wireless security, critical infrastructure protection, and business continuity/emergency management.

TechNet also offers excellent professional development opportunities with free courses. Data Mining Applications to Counter-Terrorism and Middle East Cultural Recognition are samplers of two of AFCEA's most popular Professional Development Center courses.

For those thinking about a career or job change, TechNet offers TECHEXPO - a career fair for the technology, government and civilian contract professional with a security clearance. Attendees may distribute their resumes electronically or in-person to every job fair exhibitor as well as participate in on-site interviews with corporate representatives.

TechNet also features AFCEA's Career Transition Seminar for military and government personnel seeking to enter the private sector.

The Government Gala is a unique event that allows attendees to tour the exhibits and enjoy a buffet dinner, then see Brad Paisley, country music superstar, in concert. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11. Admission is free to all government and military attendees and a guest; industry tickets are available for purchase.

TechNet offers numerous professional development and networking opportunities. This event is open to the public and admission to the exposition, panel sessions, and specified addresses is free. Tickets are required for breakfast, lunches and Government Gala. On-site registration is available beginning Monday, May 10. For details and on-line registration go to <http://www.technet2004.org>.

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