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Cover Letter

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Hiring Team
Meridian Defense Technologies
Fayetteville, NC

Dear Hiring Team at Meridian Defense Technologies,

I am applying for the **Purple Team Lead**/Senior Vulnerability Assessment Analyst position with Meridian Defense Technologies. I am drawn to this role because it supports Army customers whose systems must remain secure and available. My 10 years of DoD and federal cyber experience include leading authorized penetration testing, adversary emulation, and defensive validation.

In my current role as Purple Team Lead, I plan and lead CDAP missions covering **Network Assistance Visits**, **Network Damage Assessments**, and **Persistent Penetration Testing**. I coordinate test activity across network, endpoint, cloud, and Active Directory environments, using approved Rules of Engagement and customer decision points. This work lets me test real attack paths without losing sight of service safety and mission needs.

I work closely with Blue Team, **Cyber Threat Intelligence**, and **incident response** teams to map activity to **MITRE ATT&CK**, review detections, and test response procedures. I turn evidence from network, web application, and infrastructure assessments into risk-ranked findings and practical remediation plans. I have used Cobalt Strike, Impacket, BloodHound, Metasploit, Burp Suite, Nmap, and Kali Linux in authorized assessments.

I hold an **active DoD Secret clearance**, CISSP and CASP+ credentials, and a bachelor's degree in cybersecurity. I have mentored six junior analysts and built repeatable reporting and assessment practices. Meridian's focus on defense customers and continuous improvement fits the work I do best.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss how my Purple Team leadership and federal assessment experience can support Meridian Defense Technologies and its Army customer.

Sincerely,

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