Welcome to the



Tri-Chapter Seminar

November 5-6, 2026
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Welcome

Thank you for Joining Us!

Welcome to the 11th Annual Tri-Chapter Seminar!

The Leadership teams of the Appalachian, Liberty and Mid-Atlantic NCMS Chapters welcome you to our 11th Annual Tri-Chapter Training Seminar. The Tri-Chapter Seminar Committee has always been motivated to bring a “national conference like” experience to the members of our chapters who cannot attend the NCMS National Training Seminar. Once again, we have packed the next two days with top notch speakers from throughout government and industry, and we’re certain you will find the information shared very useful.

Our first day begins with Keynote Scott Glassic discussing Trusted Workforce 2.0, followed by DCSA updates on Personnel Vetting, Adjudications, and Industrial Security. We’ll hear from Brian Kaveney on FSO legal updates and Mark Whitaker on Insider Threats. DCSA Help Desks will be available, and we’ll wrap up the day with an NCMS Fireside Chat. Don’t forget our Wednesday evening social! It’s a great opportunity to reconnect and network with your peers.

Day two kicks off with keynote speaker Dr. Raymond Sheh of NIST, discussing AI in critical infrastructure, followed by FBI updates on unsolicited contact trends. We’ll also explore CMMC/CUI challenges, personnel security best practices, and hear updates from DCSA and NISPPAC. We’re looking forward to two great days of learning, collaboration, and networking!

Thank you again for attending! We sincerely hope that you enjoy the seminar and find it to be a rewarding experience worth repeating.

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Agenda - Day 1

Speaker	Topic	Time
Breakfast		7:00-7:45
Opening Remarks & Welcome		7:45-8:00
Scott Glassic, Acct Mgr, Customer & Stakeholder Experience, DCSA	Trusted Workforce 2.0	8:00-9:15
Ed Bass, Scott Glassic, DCSA	Personnel Vetting & Adjudications / Industrial Security	9:15-10:15
Break		
Brian Kaveney, Partner, Armstrong Teasdale LLP	FSO Legal Updates	10:25-11;35
Nate Shea, CEO SecureStrux	Social Hour Sponsor Spotlight	11:35-11:45
Lunch		11:45-12:30
Mark Whitteker, NCMS Board of Directors	Insider Threat	12:30-1:30
DCSA Help Desks	Visit Help Desks	1:30-2:00
Adam Fleshman, DCSA Program Manager, Industrial Security Technology & Strategy Division	NI2 Overview and DD254 workflow	2:00-3:00
Break		3:00-3:15
Joyce Price, Corporate FSO, Peerless Technologies Corporation	What Do I Do Now? A New Classified Contract Has Been Awarded.	3:15-4:15
Angela Geisler & Curtis Chappell, NCMS Board of Directors	NCMS Fire Side Chat - State of the Society	4:15-5:00
Tri-Chapter Social	Social Hour and Networking	6:30-9:00

Agenda - Day 2

Speaker	Topic	Time
Breakfast		7:00-7:50
Welcome		7:50-8:00
Dr. Raymond Sheh, AI Risk Management Researcher - NIST	Inference in teh Infrastructure Developing NIST AI RMS resources for Resilient AI in Critical Systems	8:00-9:15
Dan Sherry, FBI Special Agent, Philadephia Division	Current Trends in Unsolicited Contacts	9:15-10:15
Break		10:15-10:30
Dan Ramish, Partner, Haynes Boone	CMMC/CUI - Operational and Supply Chain challenges	10:30-11:30
Lunch		11:30-12:30
Cory Kein / Mike Ray, Personnel Security Professionals	Best Practices for Personnel Security & Security Reviews	12:30-1:30
DCSA Help Desks	Visit Help Desks	1:30-2:00
DCSA Fireside Chat	DCSA Panel: Shelby Kopp, Rich Lawson, Anastasiya Datsenko	2:00-3:00
LaToya Coleman, Executive Director, Enterprise Security, Mantech, NISPPAC Industry spokesperson	NISPPAC Updates	3:00-4:00
Closing Remarks / Raffle		4:00-4:15

Guest Speakers

Keynote Presenters



Scott Glassic
Account Manager
Customer and Stakeholder Experience

Scott Glassic is an Account Manager for Customer and Stakeholder Experience at the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA), the largest provider of vetting services for the Federal Government. In this role, Mr. Glassic performs a variety of assignments supporting nationwide personnel security, suitability, credentialing (SSC) and investigations programs. His primary responsibilities include engaging customers to increase transparency of DCSA operations and improving customer partnerships by sharing continuous policy, process, and system improvements, as well as investigative information with Federal customer agencies, cleared industry, and other stakeholders within the investigations community.

Mr. Glassic enlisted in the United States Air Force in July 1990. Since then, he has completed his Community College of the Air Force degree in Criminal Justice and his bachelor's degree in Homeland Security through American Military University. Mr. Glassic retired from the United States Air Force in 2010 from a 7-year assignment at the National Reconnaissance Office as a Program Security Officer.

In the summer of 2010, Mr. Glassic was hired by the Office of Personnel Management, Federal Investigative Services, as a Team Leader in the Contractor Adjudications Branch where he was responsible for providing guidance and training to adjudicators regarding interpretation of guidelines, techniques, policies, processes and regulations. He also adjudicated sensitive cases after ensuring all pertinent case requirements were met. Mr. Glassic transitioned to his current position as an Agency Lisiaon in April 2019. He currently shares a joint responsibility as a DCSA Account Manager for Industry.

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Dr. Raymond Sheh
AI Risk Management Researcher, Information Technology Labratory (ITL)

Dr. Raymond Sheh is an AI Risk Management Researcher at the Information Technology Laboratory (ITL) and a Guest Researcher at the Engineering Laboratory of the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). He is also an Associate Research Scientist at Johns Hopkins University. He previously held appointments as a Guest Researcher at the Communications Technology Laboratory of NIST, and as a Research Professor at Georgetown University, where he worked closely with researchers, manufacturers, vendors, public safety end users, and international partners to develop measurement science approaches to evaluating the performance of ground, aerial, and underwater robotic systems used in applications such as search and rescue, hazardous materials cleanup, and incident response. He was also a Senior Lecturer at Curtin University in Western Australia, where he developed and taught undergraduate and graduate units in artificial intelligence (AI), cyber security, and computer science.

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Ed Bass
Branch Chief - Industry Division, DCSA

Edward M. Bass is an accomplished security professional and federal leader with 18 years of specialized experience spanning personnel security, adjudication, industrial security, and program management. Currently, he serves as a Branch Chief within the Industry Division of the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA), Trust Decision Adjudications (TD-A). In this capacity, he leads a dedicated branch of adjudicators and serves as a critical liaison, strengthening the vital partnership between DCSA and its industrial stakeholders.

Mr. Bass' extensive federal career began in 2008 with the Army Central Clearance Facility, where he served as an Adjudicator. Following agency consolidation, he took on roles of increasing responsibility as a Team Chief and Technical Lead, contributing to foundational initiatives including the initial Quality Assurance team and the pioneering Army Continuous Evaluation pilot. In 2020, he transitioned to the Vetting Risk Operations Center (VROC) as a Senior Personnel Security Specialist and Team Chief, driving success across both the Personnel Security Investigation (PSI) and Continuous Vetting mission areas.

Demonstrating operational versatility, Mr. Bass was detailed to the National Access Elsewhere Security Oversight Center (NAESOC) in 2023, deepening his expertise in Industrial Security. In 2024, he was selected as a Program Analyst for the Program Executive Office (PEO), where he participated in the development of a critical case tracking system for the DOD Insider Threat Management and Analysis Center (DITMAC).

Mr. Bass holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master of Science in Management with a concentration in Intelligence Management. Committed to continuous leadership development, he is a graduate of both the DCSA Leadership Development Program (LDP) and the Key Executive Leadership Program (KELP) at American University. His certifications include APC, SRP, and SFPC.

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Adam Fleshman
Business Owner Representative

Adam Fleshman is an Information Technology Manager at the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA), having joined the agency in December 2021. As a Business Owner and servant leader, he champions the voice of the customer while leading distributed teams in developing solutions that address real mission needs. With a strong focus on user experience and stakeholder requirments his journey at DCSA, from Program Manager to IT Manager, has been guided by a commitment to understanding and delivering mission-critical solutions.

Adam brings over 14 years of experience supporting the national security community. Prior to joining DCSA, he supported the Office of Military Commissions Prosecutors Office, where he honed his skills in cross-functional team leadership, process optimization, and change management, culminating in project and personnel management roles. At DCSA, he has championed user-centric product development and implemented SAFe methodologies to improve delivery and collaboration within distributed teams. He also played a key role in developing the agency's Industrial Security Grand Strategy.

Adam holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminology from Longwood University and is a certified SAFe 6 Product Manager/Product Owner, SAFe 6 Practitioner, DCSA Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, and Project Management Professional (PMP).

Outside of work, Adam enjoys pursuing a variety of hobbies, including curling (which is harder than it looks!), golf, motorcycling, and the occasional video game.

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Shelby Kopp
Field Office Chief, Philadelphia, PA
Eastern Region

Ms. Shelby Kopp assumed the duties as Philadelphia Field Office Chief, Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) in September 2026. In this role, she serves as the principal advisor to the Department of War (DOW) and senior executives of DCSA concerning all National Industrial Security Program (NISP) activities as it pertains to industrial security and counterintelligence support to defense contractor facilities within the field office's jurisdiction. In addition, Ms. Kopp is responsible for ensuring operational policies, issues, and DCSA initiatives are properly addressed to meet National, DOW, and agency standards.

Prior to her current role, Ms. Kopp served as a Senior Industrial Security Representative with DCSA in Philadelphia, PA, where she was the primary subject matter expert responsible for resolving high-visibility security inquiries, providing decisive guidance, and ensuring 100% compliance with the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM). Her extensive leadership background also includes serving as the Facility Security Officer (FSO) at Lockheed Martin, leading compliance for the RMS division, and as the Corporate Facility Security Officer for Sabre Systems Inc., where she served on the Executive Leadership team.

In addition to her civilian accomplishments, Ms. Kopp has a distinguished military career. She is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and continues her service in the Navy Reserve, currently holding the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer. Her military leadership includes serving as the Senior Enlisted Leader for the Commander 4th Fleet Headquarters and deploying as a Senior Watch Officer for the Joint Interface Control Cell at Shaw AFB, supporting the CENTCOM area of operations.

Ms. Kopp is a graduate of the Senior Enlisted Academy and holds numerous professional credentials, including Certified Facility Security Officer (FSO), Security Fundamentals Professional Certified (SFPC), and Industrial Security Oversight Credential (ISOC). Her military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, two Navy Commendation Medals, and three Navy Achievement Medals. Highly active in her community, she is involved with the American Legion, JBMDL Chief Petty Officer Association, and Victor Six. Ms. Kopp currently resides in Langhorne, PA, with her husband, Daniel, and their two sons, Aiden and William.

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Richard P. Lawson
CI Mission Manager - Supervisory Intelligence Operations Specialist

Mr. Richard P. Lawson serves as a Counterintelligence (CI) Mission Manager and Supervisory Intelligence Operations Specialist for the DCSA Eastern Region. Over a 16-year career with DSS and DCSA, Mr. Lawson has held key operational roles, including CI Agent, Field CI Specialist in the Philadelphia Field Office, and Region CI Operations Officer. In his current role, Mr. Lawson provided strategic guidance, operational direction, and mentorship to 40 CI professionals geographically dispersed across the Easter Region's 22-state area of responsibility. Supporting regional leadership's vision, he focuses on operationalizing a systems-thinking approach to CI and risk management. Rather than viewing security disciplines through isolated organizational columns, Mr. Lawson champions the perspective that risk is a shared causal system—defined by threat, vulnerability, and mission consequence. Within the Eastern Region, he encourages a mindset where intelligence outputs and component activities are not treated as end states, but as essential inputs designed to inform vulnerability assessments, drive operational decisions, and produce measurable mission effect.

To help close the seams adversaries seek to exploit, Mr. Lawson fosters deliberate integration between regional CI personnel and their Industrial Security (IS), Cybersecurity (CS), and Personnel Vetting (PV) counterparts. Under his leadership, the Eastern Region CI workforce focuses on mapping validated adversary capabilities and intent directly to high-consequence programs, critical technologies, and vulnerable cleared facilities. He places particular emphasis on establishing continuous feedback loops across disciplines and with cleared industry partners—ensuring that threat reporting sharpens local vulnerability mitigation, and that field observations in turn refine future collection priorities. Through tailored threat advisories and collaborative "Advise and Assist" engagements, his team works alongside the cleared defense industrial base to translate threat intelligence into practical, resilient countermeasures.

Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Lawson served as the Eastern Region CI Operations Officer, leading and coordinating day-to-day field operations. In that capacity, he directed threat collection against priority technologies and programs aligned with National Defense strategies and DoD issuances, while laying foundational groundwork for cross-mission information sharing across field elements.

Before joining civil service, Mr. Lawson completed more than 15 years of active-duty service in the United States Marine Corps, serving the final nine years as a CI/HUMINT specialist. His military career included multiple overseas deployments and combat operations in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Mr. Lawson concluded his active-duty military service with a diplomatic assignment as an Operations Staff Non-Commissioned Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Zagreb, Croatia, within the Defense Attaché Office.

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Anastasiya Datsenko
Counterintelligence Analyst, Philadelphia, PA

Ms. Datsenko has served as the Counterintelligence (CI) Analyst for the DCSA Eastern Region Field Operations for the last three years.
In this current role, Ms. Datsenko provides analytical support to 24 CI specialists and 1,751 cleared companies dispersed across the Eastern Region's 22-state area of responsibility. Her approach is multifaceted, focusing on adversarial capabilities, intent, facility vulnerabilities, critical technology priorities, and customer needs. This methodology enables defense industry partners by providing tailored threat intelligence that can be translated into practical, resilient countermeasures. Ms. Datsenko is also a member of a cross-agency CI Joint Task Force, which enables her to bring additional resources and analytical capabilities to defense industry partners. This membership allows her to publish joint intelligence products and deliver them directly to relevant industry stakeholders.
In addition, one of Ms. Datsenko's secondary duties is to act as the Assistant Special Security Representative (ASSR) for a DCSA Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF). In this role, she assists in overseeing six occupants, ensuring proper safeguarding protocols, custodial duties, and SOPs are followed.

Prior to her current assignment, Ms. Datsenko served as the Eastern Region CI intern. In this position, she developed a new information report and repository aimed at assisting CI specialists in retaining records of facility program information, critical technologies, and threat information. Today, Ms. Datsenko gives back to the intern program by mentoring incoming DCSA interns.

Before joining civil service, Ms. Datsenko completed a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, with minors in psychology as well as security and risk analysis, from The Pennsylvania State University's Schreyer Honors College. Her honors dissertation focused on Russian propaganda in the war in Ukraine.

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Curtis H. Chappell
Vice President of Security, Thales Defense & Security, Inc. (TDSI)

Mr. Curtis H. Chappell is VP of Security for Thales Defense & Security, Inc. (TDSI) headquartered in the Washington, DC metro area, managing all aspects of corporate security including Industrial Security operations, Personnel and Physical Security, Insider Threat, and Foreign Ownership, Control or Influence (FOCI) compliance programs. TDSI, operating under a DOD Proxy Agreement, is the FOCI-mitigated U.S. subsidiary of Thales S.A., a global aerospace defense and technology solution provider with over 81,000 employees in 80 countries worldwide, servicing the aerospace, defense, transportation, security and digital security markets.

With over 25 years in international business, logistics and security operations, he has a strong record of effective and efficient business practice, managing complex programs with proven success, including multiple James S. Cogswell Awards and DCSA's Award for Excellence in Counterintelligence.

Mr. Chappell is a certified Industrial Security Professional (ISP®), Board of Directors Member for the National Classification Management Society (NCMS), frequent public speaker and industry consultant. He is a veteran and former Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy alum, InfraGard member and graduate of the FBI Citizens Academy.

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LLaToya Coleman
Executive Director, Enterprise Security, NISPPAC Industry Spokesperson

LaToya Coleman is a security and operations executive with more than 20 years of experience leading complex, highly regulated, classified, and Defense Industrial Base organizations. As Executive Director of Enterprise Security at Mantech International Corporation, she leads security operations spanning Industrial Security, Personnel Security, Physical Security, Policy and Governance, and Security Support.

LaToya is known for transforming complex requirements into practical operatingmodels that strengthen accountability, operational consistency, risk management, and organizational performance. She partners with executive leadership and cross-functional organizations to align security, business, and customer priorities.

A recognized leader within the Defense Industrial Base, LaToya serves as an elected industry member and Spokesperson for the National Industrial Security Program Policy Advisory Committee (NISPPAC) and serves on the Board of Directors of the Industrial Security Working Group (ISWG). She regularly engages with government and industry leaders on issues affecting industrial security, operational resilience, regulatory compliance, and the evolving security needs of the defense community.

LaToya brings a practical, collaborative perspective to leadership, with a focus on building partnerships, creating shared accountability, and enabling organizations to achieve mission and business objectives while protecting the people, information, facilities, and capabilities entrusted to them.

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Angela Geisler
Security Director, Strategic Missile & Defense, Lockheed Martin Space
NCMS Board of Directors, Vice President

Angela is a security executive with more than 26 years of experience spanning Department of Defense (DoD), Special Access Programs (SAP/SAR), Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI), and international security operations. She is recognized for leading high-performing, multi-site security programs that enable mission success while meeting complex regulatory requirements.

She currently serves as Security Director for Lockheed Martin Space's Strategic & Missile Defense Line of Business, overseeing DoD, SAP, and Intelligence Community programs across major locations, including Denver, Huntsville, Sunnyvale, Florida's Space Coast, Valley Forge and in the UK. She provides strategic leadership, operational oversight, and talent development for geographically dispersed teams, aligning security practices with enterprise objectives and mission priorities.

Her career encompasses security leadership across government and industry, from managing an armed, uniformed security detail supporting the Department of State to directing security operations at multiple defense contractor sites supporting diverse federal agencies. She spent several years in Lockheed Martin in Physical Security and then focused on SAP/SAR programs until becoming the FSO. She spent ten years serving as Facility Security Officer (FSO) for two CAGE codes simultaneously, supporting Category A and B facilities. Under her leadership, her Category A facility earned the prestigious Cogswell Award in 2014, along with multiple Superior ratings from Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA).

In 2012, she partnered with DSS as one of four founding members of the NCMS Liberty Chapter in the Philadelphia region and went on to serve three terms as chapter chairperson. She continues her NCMS support serving on the NCMS Board of Directors since 2021, and as the NCMS Vice President since 2025.She was the Committee Chair of the NCMS Professional Development Committee for five years, and currently is the Chair of the newly formed NCMS-Next Committee, which focuses on the future of the Society and of the Security Professional.

She combines strategic thinking with practical execution, bringing a strong record of customer engagement, workforce development, and integration of security into business operations. A trusted partner to government stakeholders and business leaders, she delivers security solutions that support operational excellence across diverse and complex environments.

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Brian Kaveney
Partner, Armstrong Teasdale LLP

A former U.S. Marine Corps infantry captain and member of the Secretary of the Navy's staff, Brian Kaveney brings unparalleled dedication and strategic insight to his legal practice and NCMS. He is recognized for his outstanding achievement and substantial contributions and serves clients both domestically and internationally. As the founder and leader of Armstrong Teasdale's Industrial Security practice area, Brian focuses his practice on industrial security, investigations, litigation, outside corporate counsel guidance, and government contract challenges.

Brian's ability to anticipate challenges and align legal solutions with strategic business objectives significantly distinguishes him from his peers. He is a trusted advisor to SMOs, general counsel, boards of directors, and corporate counsel. His foresight and strategic approach make him an invaluable asset when crucial matters are at stake.



Cory Klein
Co-Founder and President of Personnel Security Professionals LLC

Cory Klein, former Marine, co-founder and President of Personnel Security Professionals LLC, brings an exceptional background and unwavering dedication to the field. Holding management and director-level positions in both large corporations and small enterprises, Cory has consistently demonstrated his subject matter expertise and high achiever mindset in government and industry circles. With a proven track record, Cory conducts impactful training sessions and delivers s insightful briefings to numerous organizations nationwide. His passion for excellence drives the ongoing success of Personnel Security Professionals, ensuring clients receive unparalleled expertise and support.

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Joyce Price
Corporate Facility Security Officer, Peerless Technologies Corporation

CJoyce Price is the Corporate Facility Security Officer (FSO) for Peerless Technologies Corporation in Fairborn, Ohio, located just outside one of the gates of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. She has been with Peerless for five years and it is only, herself, in her department. She manages over 45 classified contracts and almost 400 cleared employees. Joyce began her career supporting our nation's warfighters just one month after graduating from high school —several decades ago! Throughout her career, she has been fortunate to gain experience in executive management support, human resources, recruiting, Air Force user manual development, budgeting, training, and, ultimately, industrial security.

Her current role as an FSO is her favorite chapter of her career. Joyce genuinely enjoys working with the employees at Peerless and connecting with her fellow NCMS professionals. Joining NCMS and learning from its members has been a true breath of fresh air and an incredibly rewarding experience.

Joyce has served as Secretary and currently serves as Vice Chair of the Wright Flyer Chapter. She enjoys helping others and is grateful for the opportunities to share her knowledge and experiences through presentations to her chapter, as well as at the January Virtual Event and the NCMS National Conference in Atlanta.

One of Joyce's greatest professional joys—second only to training and helping others—earning the 2025 Cogswell Award. Receiving that recognition was truly a dream come true and a highlight of her career in industrial security.

Joyce is passionate about supporting others, sharing knowledge, and continuing to learn from the incredible security professionals she has met through NCMS.

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Dan Ramish
Haynes Boone's Government Contracts

Dan Ramish is a partner in Haynes Boone's government contracts practice, where he advises contractors on cybersecurity and supply chain compliance, including CMMC, DFARS 252.204-7012, and NIST SP 800-171 requirements, as well as intellectual property, claims, and disputes. He is a vice-chair of the ABA Section of Public Contract Law's Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Emerging Technology Committee and serves on the Section Council. He also co-chairs the Section's Intellectual Property Committee and is a vice-chair of its Subcontracting, Teaming, and Supply Chain Committee. Before going into private practice, Mr. Ramish was in-house government contracts counsel for a defense contractor, and earlier a Contract Specialist at the U.S. General Services Administration, where he administered Federal Supply Schedule contracts for the Office of IT Acquisition (former Schedule 70). He writes and speaks frequently on government contracts issues.



Mike Ray
Vice President of Operations, Personnel Security Professionals

Mike is the Vice President of Operations where he leads and supports the company's operations and execution of business processes. Mike has 19 years of experience in personnel security, with a proven track record of driving operational success, partnering with Industry and Government stakeholders, fostering a culture of innovation.

Prior to joining Personnel Security Professionals, Mike most recently served as a Division Chief for DCSA's Adjudication and Vetting Services (AVS), supporting adjudications and functional security management for the National Industrial Security Program (NISP). Mike served in additional leadership roles within AVS as a Branch Chief, Program Analyst, and Deputy Chief of Operations. He served in multiple roles in the personnel security arena, progressing through roles as an Investigator, Case Reviewer supporting an intelligence agency, Adjudicator for DoD CAF and the Intelligence Community. Mike earned a Master's Degree in Security Management and Bachelor's Degree in Psychology.

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Dan Sherry
FBI Philadelphia

SA Dan Sherry is a senior counterintelligence investigator with FBI Philadelphia. Combined with his five years of military service, he has spent the last 28 years working China matters. SA Sherry's FBI mission emphasis has been working with the Defense Industrial Base to protect against the threat posed by the Chinese intelligence services and non-traditional collectors.



Mark Whitteker
Cisco Systems, Inc

Mark Whitteker, MSIA, CISSP, ISP, leads the Government Security, Compliance and Data Protection Services mission at Cisco Systems, Inc. Mark has over 25 years of experience in security architecture, secure solutions development, systems and network auditing, forensic discovery, vulnerability assessments, and security management. He has an extensive background in the application of US government regulations and requirements (CMMC, CUI, NIST, FedRAMP, NISPOM, ICD), including both physical and logical security, with notable success and accomplishments in directing a broad range of corporate security initiatives through the design, planning and implementation of classified and unclassified solutions supporting key business objectives.

Mark serves on the NCMS board of directors, and was previously the inaugural Cybersecurity Liaison to the board. He co-chairs the Government and Industry committee, and chairs the CUI subcommittee.

Honor Guard

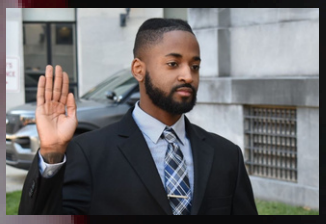
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard



Deputy Caleb Parson is a graduate of Pottstown High School and brings experience in excavation, construction, and home remodeling. Joining the MCSO in May 2025, he is the newest member of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard.



Deputy Ahmed Alazawee immigrated from Iraq to the United States in 2008. After graduating from high school, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 2016 to 2020 before joining the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office in 2022. He currently serves in the Army National Guard and is also a member of the Montgomery County Veteran Response Team.

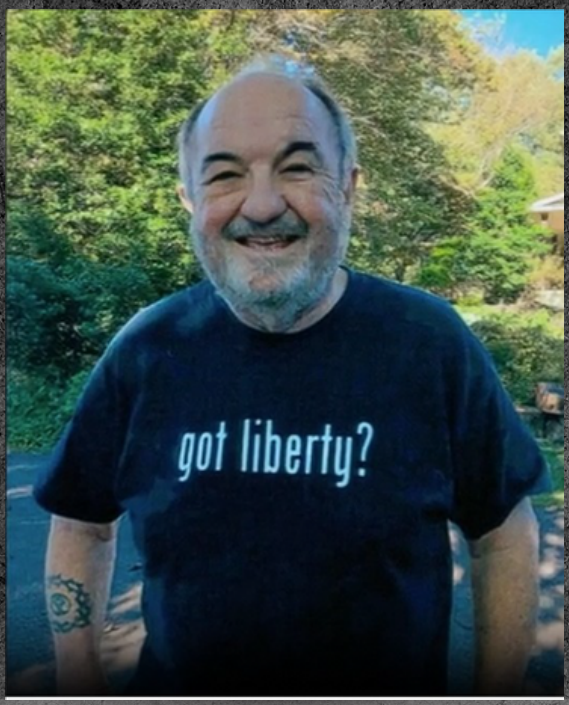


Deputy Xavier Harrison-Oliver is a graduate of The Milton School in Hershey and studied graphic communications at California University of Pennsylvania. He served as a Master-at-Arms and Military Policeman in the U.S. Navy and has professional experience in security and personal training. He also serves on the MCSO recruiting team.



Deputy Ernesto Perez-Escobedo immigrated from Mexico as a teenager and attended Norristown Area High School before studying at the State University of New York and Montgomery County Community College. An experienced CDL and bus driver, he serves on both the MCSO Honor Guard and recruiting team and recently joined the Sheriff's Office Motorcycle Unit.

In Memory Of



Bill Irwin

June 19, 1945—November 17, 2023

Liberty Chapter Founding Chapter Chair

Bill launched the Liberty Chapter as the Chairman in 2012. Bill was a beloved and active member of the Liberty Chapter after moving to Pennsylvania. He was meticulous in setting the Chapter up for success and mentored the new officers and members on what it took to create a community for security professionals and DCSA around the area. His contagious smile and personality is still missed at Tri-Chapter events. We owe our sincere thanks for all his work within NCMS and Industry.





Robert S. Metzger

Tri-Chapter Seminar Speaker

We honor the memory of Robert “Bob” Metzger, who passed away on April 20, 2025, after a long battle with cancer. Bob earned recognition as one of the nation’s foremost authorities in cybersecurity, supply chain risk management, and national security law. With a career spanning nearly five decades, Bob represented Fortune 500 clients and major aerospace and defense companies, advised the Department of Defense, co-authored influential reports such as MITRE’s Deliver Uncompromised, and was widely respected for his thought leadership, prolific writing, and frequent speaking engagements. Colleagues and clients alike admired his intellectual rigor, advocacy, and generosity of spirit. He is deeply missed, and our thoughts are with his family, friends, and all who had the privilege to work with him.

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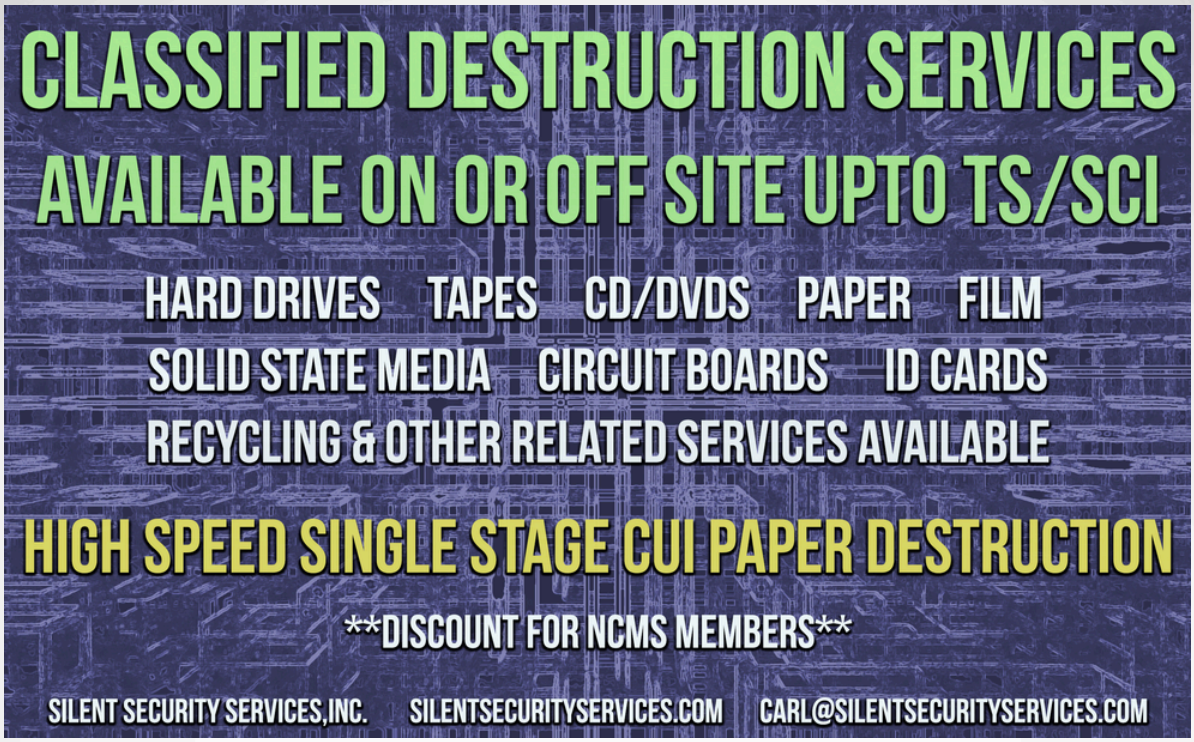
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