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01 Summary

Security executive and U.S. Marine Corps veteran who builds and scales enterprise security, governance, and compliance programs from the ground up across Fortune 100 and Department of Defense environments. Built IBM's Federal Compliance Program Office governing 500+ products, and has led first-of-kind authorization campaigns spanning DoD Impact Levels 2 through 6. Currently serves as CISO of a Top Secret-cleared defense firm, owning enterprise security strategy, risk governance, and CMMC posture. Known for translating complex regulatory mandates into board-ready strategy and measurable mission outcomes.

02 Executive Competencies

LEADERSHIP

- Enterprise Security Strategy
- Security Program Build-Out & Scale
- Governance, Risk & Compliance (GRC)
- Board & C-Suite Engagement
- Organizational & Team Leadership

AUTHORIZATION & CLOUD

- FedRAMP & DoD Authorization (IL2-IL6)
- Regulatory Strategy: RMF, NIST 800-53, FISMA
- CMMC & DCSA/FSO Program Ownership
- Cloud Security Strategy (AWS, Azure, GCP)
- Zero Trust & DevSecOps Transformation

PROGRAM & RISK

- M&A / Carve-Out Security (Kyndryl)
- Vendor, Contract & Budget Oversight
- 3PAO, JAB & Authorizing Official Relations
- Cross-Functional Program Leadership
- Risk Acceptance & Executive Decisioning

03 Professional Experience

SHE BASH LLC – *Chief Information Security Officer*

JUN 2024 - PRESENT

Enterprise security leader for a Top Secret-cleared, SBA-certified woman-owned DoD firm; owns security strategy, risk governance, the DCSA/FSO program, and CMMC posture.

- Sets and executes enterprise security strategy as the senior security authority to the executive team
- Owns the RMF authorization lifecycle for multiple DevSecOps platforms: SSP development, control implementation, and continuous monitoring, driving systems to authorization
- Built the company's security policy framework and governance, aligned to NIST 800-53 and CMMC Level 2
- Leads a team of security architects securing AWS and Kubernetes infrastructure to DoD mission standards while preserving platform scalability

Skylight · USAF BESPIN – *Cybersecurity Leader*

JUN 2024 - JUN 2025 *Concurrent*

Security strategy advisor to the BESPIN CISO across the platform ecosystem.

- Set security architecture and compliance strategy across the BESPIN platform ecosystem
- Defined a secure-platform proof of concept and growth roadmap to expand BESPIN offerings across DoD, incorporating FedRAMP and IL5 requirements
- Led RMF and platform authorization efforts for multiple AWS DevSecOps environments

Platform One CNAP – *Cybersecurity SME Lead*

MAY 2023 - JUN 2024 *Concurrent*

Authorization lead for critical DoD systems spanning Impact Levels 2 through 6.

- Directed ATO efforts across IL2-6: gap analyses, POA&M remediation, and authorization for critical DoD systems
- Drove Zero Trust adoption via Next-Generation Firewalls and Software-Defined Perimeter
- Established policy-based access controls in Kubernetes for secure, scalable deployment across AWS and Azure
- Led "Big Bang" integration strategies that delivered rapid, low-downtime security upgrades

IBM – *Cybersecurity Architect, Federal Lead & Advisor*

JUL 2021 - MAY 2023

Federal lead of IBM's enterprise compliance program for the government market.

- Built and led IBM's Federal Program, defining the strategy to align 500+ products with FedRAMP and FISMA for government market access
- Directed gap analyses against NIST 800-53, guiding software teams through remediation and evidence collection
- Embedded compliance into product architecture reviews early in the lifecycle, accelerating ATO timelines
- Shaped multi-cloud compliance strategy across AWS, Azure, GCP, Oracle, and IBM Cloud; influenced roadmaps for IoT, AI/ML, and Kubernetes capabilities

IBM – *Technical Project Manager / Solutions Architect*

JUL 2021 - NOV 2022

CIO-office program lead for global voice infrastructure and the Kyndryl carve-out.

- Led global voice infrastructure strategy within the CIO office for 300,000 employees across 100+ campuses
- Led the Kyndryl spin-off bifurcation, separating network, voice, and billing across global campuses with zero service disruption
- Global Change Manager for Call Control; led CAB reviews and assessed contracts, SOWs, and vendor security posture to drive savings

RiverTech LLC, an Akima company – *Senior VoIP / Security Engineer*

NOV 2020 - JUL 2021

Led a 5-engineer team across monitoring, incident response, architecture, and policy for a classified DoD VoIP environment.

- Designed and deployed a NIST-compliant secure VoIP solution to ATO for a critical DoD program at IL6; authored runbooks and DRP/BCP

Cisco Systems – *Senior Security / Voice Engineer*

NOV 2018 - NOV 2020

Led build, security, and operations of a Hosted Collaboration Solution for multiple DoD entities, including NOC Tier 1-3 training and client onboarding.

- Drove Cisco products through DISA APL and STIG processes; supported 20K+ end users and earned seven peer awards in ten months

MCS · Seymour Johnson AFB, NC – *Network Engineer / Project Manager*

JAN 2016 - NOV 2018

Led a 5-person team modernizing USAF base infrastructure: replacing legacy systems, executing network upgrades, and resolving ~1,000 tickets annually.

04 Education & Credentials

EDUCATION

Doctor of Engineering (D.Eng.), Cybersecurity

George Washington University
Expected 2027

MBA, IT Management

Western Governors University

B.S., Cybersecurity & Information Assurance

Western Governors University

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Marine Corps Veteran

Combat-trained · Electronics Maintenance Technician Course
(29 Palms, CA)

CERTIFICATIONS & CREDENTIALS

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| ▶ CISSP | ▶ CSM | ▶ CompTIA PenTest+ | ▶ CompTIA CSIS |
| ▶ CCSP | ▶ ITIL v4 | ▶ CompTIA CySA+ | ▶ CompTIA CNSP |
| ▶ CRISC | ▶ CCNP Collaboration | ▶ CompTIA Network+ | ▶ CompTIA CNVP |
| ▶ CSSLP | ▶ Cisco Certified Specialist | ▶ CompTIA A+ | ▶ CompTIA CIOS |
| ▶ PMP | ▶ CompTIA Security+ | ▶ CompTIA CSAP | |