Sharing Expertise and Improving Cybersecurity Effectiveness

The Informed Defenders Executive Council, composed of cybersecurity and technology leaders from eight different industries, was created to share transformational technologies, organizational skills, and defense best practices. The council will meet three times a year with the goals of:

- Increasing knowledge on how strategic cybersecurity technologies, practices, and partnerships can improve overall program effectiveness and efficiency
- Defining productivity-enhancing best practices to improve team performance
- Influencing innovation that will deliver the insights needed by cybersecurity and risk leaders to maximize investments and report to boards and audit committees

“Giving back to the cyber community at large is one of the core tenets of our culture at AttackIQ,” said Brett Galloway, CEO of AttackIQ. “The Informed Defenders Council was created to enable a platform for sharing expertise and experience across industries. We’ll learn from each other, and these learnings will directly influence our innovation in security optimization and how we help teams improve their security posture.”

Members of the Informed Defenders Council include recognized leaders across banking, technology, insurance, business and government services, food and beverage, airline, and manufacturing industries:

Allan Alford  
CTO & CISO at TrustMAPP

Aimee Barricelli  
CISO at Webster Bank

Bob Bruce  
VP, Sr. Technology Strategist, ISS at U.S. Bank

Clayton Chandler  
Chief Security, Privacy, and Data Officer at Advisor Group

John Cramb  
Head of Offensive Security at Dropbox

Christopher Frenz  
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Dan Hay  
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Brad Schaufenbuel  
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James Trainor  
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Brett Galloway  
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Carl Wright  
CCO at AttackIQ

Julie O’Brien  
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Allan Alford  
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With 20+ years in information security, Allan Alford has served as CISO four times in three industries. Alford parlayed an IT career into a product security career and then ultimately fused the two disciplines. Allan has worked in companies from 5 employees to 50,000 and executes a risk-based approach to security, as well as compliance with NIST CSF, CIS CSC 20, GDPR, ISO 27001, DFARS and others. Alford gives back to the security community via The Cyber Ranch Podcast and by authoring articles and speaking at conferences. Alford holds a Master of Information Systems & Security, a Bachelor of Liberal Arts (with a focus on leadership) and a CISM certification.

Aimee Barricelli  
CISO at Webster Bank

Aimee Barricelli is a strategic and operational leader with extensive experience in financial services. As an experienced head of insider threat with a demonstrated history of working in the investment management industry, she joined Webster in 2018 as vice president of information security. She was responsible for leading the execution of the company’s information security strategic plan and has been instrumental in executing its customer-focused security strategies. In 2019, Aimee was promoted to senior vice president and chief information security officer and heads the information security group. She is responsible for leading information security strategy and planning and security assessments, architecture, engineering, and operations. In 2019, her team’s work won a CSO50 Award, a yearly recognition of the top 50 organizations (and the people within them) for their security projects or initiatives that demonstrate outstanding business value and thought leadership. In 2020, American Cyber Awards selected Barricelli as its 2020 Chief Information Security Officer of the Year, honoring her as an exceptional leader who has a record for delivering results and a drive for creating a security culture throughout the company. In addition to being CISO, Barricelli is a member of the Leadership Board of the Webster Women’s Initiative Network (WeWIN), acknowledging and supporting talented women and fostering diversity in the workplace. She is a member of the inaugural Cybersecurity Advisory Board at the University of New Haven’s Tagliatela College of Engineering.

Bob Bruce  
VP, Sr. Technology Strategist, Information Security Services at U.S. Bank

Bob Bruce is vice president and senior technology strategist as a member of the Threat Informed Defense team at U.S. Bank. In this role, Bob is responsible for implementing a Threat Informed Defense approach to measure security control efficacy. Bob’s current focus is shifting ISS cyber defense from compliance driven security to a threat focused posture enabling the organization to proactively react to current and emerging threats. In addition, Bob is leading the security optimization effort to continuously test security controls. He has been with U.S. Bank since 2007, holding several positions within the Information Security Services organization.
Clayton Chandler
Chief Security, Privacy, and Data Officer at Advisor Group

Clayton Chandler is the Chief Security, Privacy and Data Officer at Advisor Group, based in New York. Prior to this role he was a director at Credit Suisse, where he was the bank’s global head of cybersecurity, managing a portfolio of cyber security services, technologies and personnel that provided 24/7 protection of Credit Suisse’s systems, applications and staff from cyber attacks. Clayton is a longstanding cyber security and data science professional with experience in both the private and public sector. Clayton has a Ph.D. in computational analysis and modeling from Louisiana Tech University and lives in New York City.

John Cramb
Head of Offensive Security at Dropbox

John Cramb is a specialist in offensive security engineering, notably development of malware frameworks designed to meet the needs of operators requiring rapid configuration/creation of stealth malware implants and associated command and control infrastructure. These implants allow remote access to compromised systems in mixed environments containing modern security controls and detection capabilities.

Christopher Frenz
AVP, IT Security at Mount Sinai South Nassau

Prior to his time at South Nassau he served as the AVP of Information Security at Interfaith Medical Center where he worked to develop the hospital’s information security program and infrastructure. Under his leadership the hospital had been one of the first in the country to embrace a zero trust model for network security. Christopher has also played a role in pushing for the adoption of improved security standards within hospitals and is the author of the OWASP Secure Medical Device Deployment Standard as well as the OWASP Anti-Ransomware Guide. He also currently chairs the AEHIS Incident Response Committee which has released deliverables designed to help hospitals test and improve their incident response capabilities as well as guidance on the dealing with the information security challenges brought on by COVID. Christopher has been recognized as a Rising Star amongst healthcare executives and also a Top Healthcare IT leader by Becker’s Hospital Review. He has also been recognized as a Top Healthcare IT leader by Health Data Management. In 2020 CHIME honored Christopher with their Healthcare Hero award for his work on advising healthcare organizations on how to mitigate the information security risks of COVID. Christopher’s security expertise has been highlighted in The Financial Times, HealthTech Magazine, CSO Magazine, SC Magazine and many other publications. Christopher shares his expertise at conferences around the world including presentations at VMworld, ASIS GSX, Defcon, HIMSS, and many others. He is also the author of the computer programming books “Pro Perl Parsing” and “Visual Basic and Visual Basic .NET for Scientists and Engineers”. Frenz holds the CISSP, CISA, CISM, HCISPP, CIPP/US, CIPT, CIPM, and CCSK security credentials and was inducted as a Fellow of Information Privacy by the International Association of Privacy Professionals.
Virginia Gambale
Board Advisor and Former CIO
Gambale is an experienced board member, technology advisor and, investor with deep experience in financial services and business services. She is currently managing partner of Azimuth Partners LLC, a strategic advisory firm focused on the use of disruptive technologies to assist mid-market and large corporations in their growth. She serves and has served on over 20 public and private boards, including currently serving on the JetBlue, First Derivatives, Nutanix, Regis Corporation, and Virtu Financial boards, and previously serving on the Motive, Piper Jaffray, Workbrain, Synchronoss Technologies, and IQ Financial boards.

Dan Hay
VP, Deputy CISO and Interim Global CISO at Activision Blizzard
Dan Hay is a dynamic, high-performing information security leader with over 18 years of experience in building highly effective security monitoring, operations, and vulnerability management teams in a wide variety of industries including retail, finance, education, and mass media. Dan excels in developing and implementing innovative, game-changing enterprise-wide strategies that reduce risk and control costs while protecting both corporate and customer assets and information.

Paul Haywood
Group CISO at Bupa
Paul Haywood is the group chief information security officer for Bupa. Paul is responsible for the global approach to information security across the Bupa Group, including identifying, evaluating, and reporting on risks and meeting compliance and regulatory requirements. Paul has a honours degree in mathematics and a master’s in strategic information systems.

Tim Held
EVP, CISO of Information Security Services at U.S. Bank
Tim Held serves as executive vice president and chief information security officer of information security services for U.S. Bank. He is responsible for leading a multidisciplinary information security team operating across the United States, Europe, and Asia, focusing on prevention, detection, and response. Tim has more than 20 years of information technology experience and earned a Master of Science in information security management from Colorado Tech University, an NSA School of Excellence. His diverse background blends rich leadership experience with deep technical acumen.
Rob Hornbuckle
CISO at Allegiant Air

Rob is a results-oriented technology leader currently serving as the CISO for Allegiant Airlines. He is responsible for all aspects of information security, risk, compliance, and privacy for the leading ultra-low cost airline in the United States. Prior to Allegiant Airlines, Rob served as the interim CISO for United Technologies Aerospace Systems, a leading airplane parts manufacturer for both the private and government sectors, as well as CISO for Arby’s Restaurant Group, a leading international fast food chain. With over 15 years of experience, Rob also has experience in telecommunications, business to business, and healthcare sectors. Multi-industry experience allows Rob to develop innovative solutions to complex business challenges, positioning him as a trusted adviser among senior leadership. Rob also holds both an MBA in innovation management and business model disruption as well as a M.S. of information security, which is unique among information technology experts. He is passionate about aligning information security to business needs and leveraging technology for strategic advantage. Rob is a sought-after consultant for startups, private equity, investment firms, and research institutions and has also served on the board of advisors for startup organizations.

Juliette Kayyem
CEO & Co-Founder at Grip Mobility

Professor Juliette Kayyem is currently the faculty chair of the Homeland Security and Security and Global Health Projects at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government. She also serves as a national security analyst for CNN where she has been described as CNN’s “go to” for disasters. A frequent contributor to The Atlantic, she has a weekly security segment on NPR’s Boston station WGBH. Her most recent book, The Devil Never Sleeps: Learning to Live in an Age of Disasters, was described in a New Yorker profile of her as an “engagingly urgent blueprint for rethinking our approach to disaster preparedness and response.”

In government, she most recently served as President Obama’s Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs at the Department of Homeland Security. Previously, she was Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick’s Homeland Security Advisor. She is the recipient of many government honors, including the Distinguished Public Service Award, the Coast Guard’s highest medal awarded to a civilian.

Chris Kennedy
CISO at Citadel

Chris Kennedy is the CISO at Citadel. He has a proven track record in building and delivering enterprise security programs for some of the most important critical infrastructure organizations in the world. As a military officer, Chris led the initial development of the US Marine Corps’ global incident response organization, held various roles in defense contracting including delivering the US Department of Treasury’s Cybersecurity Operations program, driving cyber security, and products and services. He is the former CISO & VP of Customer Success at AttackIQ and helped Bridgewater Associates, the largest hedge fund in the world, secure their enterprise.
Gabe Lawrence
General Manager of Cybersecurity Protection at Toyota

Gabriel Lawrence has been working in different disciplines across the computer industry for a little more than 25 years. In that time, he’s been a system administrator, software developer, entrepreneur, and cybersecurity professional. He has worked for startups, large corporations, and a major university. He founded a company that worked to pioneer web application security and worked with Chris Frohoff on explaining and popularizing an entire class of vulnerabilities related to deserialization — which is now recognized as A8 in the OWASP Top 10. Currently, He is the general manager of cybersecurity at Toyota Motors North America where he runs a team focusing on the technical aspects of cybersecurity. He is supported by two daughters and a wife, but is undermined by two cats.

Brian Neely
CIO/CISO at American Systems

As CIO and CISO for AMERICAN SYSTEMS, Brian Neely leads the overall vision, planning, and management of all technology, information, and cybersecurity-related resources throughout the enterprise. Mr. Neely began his career at AMERICAN SYSTEMS in 1996 and spent his first 10 years directly supporting the army, navy, and intelligence communities. Mr. Neely was selected as an InformationWeek 500 winner for Digital Business, a top 250 leader for the Innovative Use of Technology, recognized as one of ExecutiveBiz’s Top 10 Federal sector CTOs, and was selected for WashingtonExec’s top award for Private Company CISO.

Drew Perry
CISO at Valvoline

Drew leads information security for Valvoline’s global operations, with direct responsibility for architecture, incident response, information privacy, identity and access management, and governance, risk, and compliance. Valvoline is a leading provider of automotive services and premium branded lubricants worldwide with headquarters in Lexington, KY. With 20 years of experience in information technology, Drew has led operations in retail, manufacturing, supply chain, and higher education. Prior to joining Valvoline Drew taught Information Security at Murray State University and served as Senior Information Security Auditor for Ashland Chemical Company. Drew is an advocate of consumer privacy and data protection who believes in telling the whole story of information security through the lens of the business layman. He has been recognized as a Top 100 Security Professional by OnCon. Drew has a B.S. and M.S. in Information Systems with emphasis on Information Security as well as numerous industry certifications. He serves on the national advisory board for the Masters of Information Security program at Murray State University in Murray, KY.
Adrian Peters  
CISO at Vista Equity Partners  
Adrian Peters serves as the managing director, chief information security officer at Vista Equity Partners. Adrian has over 15 years of information security experience, and his areas of expertise include information risk management, business risk analysis, security strategy development, policy and governance development, and information security audits. He has complimented many organizations’ information security practices with strategic guidance.

Martin Petersen  
Head Of Information Security (CISO) at ISS A/S  
Martin joined ISS in December 2018 as Global Information Security Manager. In June 2020, he was appointed as Head of Information Security. From October 2021, Martin is our Chief Information Security Officer, working with strategic information and cyber security. The main purpose of Martin’s function is to protect the ISS brand and operation, instill trust in our services and gain a competitive advantage by being the most secure facility management provider in the industry. Martin is excited about technology, strategy and people working around and with it, and enjoys the challenges that are thrown at him in environments requiring his flexibility, hands‐on engagement and hard-to‐bend positive attitude. Before joining ISS, Martin worked in PwC for 4 years as a Manager and Assistant Consultant across various industries with a focus on information security services. Martin graduated from Copenhagen Business School in Denmark.

Uma Mahesh Reddy  
CISO at Prime Healthcare Services  
Entrepreneur and Intrapreneur at heart, Uma Mahesh Reddy is an experienced CISO and IT leader with a demonstrated history of working in the software and healthcare industry. His goal is to lead the enterprises’ cyber security program to a greater maturity with improved results and enhance organization risk management program that is focused and aligned to organizations success in a cost-effective way. He has saved hundreds of millions of dollars in contract negotiations and operational efficiencies. He is skilled in Healthcare Information Technology (HIT), Security, Management, Business Strategy, Vendor Management, Software development. Mr. Reddy is a strong information technology professional with Master’s in Information Technology (Security) degree from Central Queensland University, Melbourne Campus. He also built and sold two products (Tele-Medicine platform and Secure texting).
Loretta (Lori) Reynolds
Lieutenant General, USMC (Ret.)

Lori Reynolds retired as a Lieutenant General after a 35-year career in the United States Marine Corps. Her service culminated as the Deputy Commandant for Information, a newly established Deputy Commandant that recognized the growing importance of Information, cyberspace and digital technologies and the new warfighting domains of space and cyberspace. During her career, she commanded Marines at every rank, including command of formations in Iraq and Afghanistan. In her last 6 years in the Marine Corps, she was a member of the Marine Corps Corporate Board responsible for collaboratively planning $50B annually to support USMC missions and capability development globally. Her executive responsibilities included Deputy Department of the Navy Chief Information Officer for the Marine Corps, Director of Cyber Security, and Director of Intelligence. Lori earned a BS in political science from the United States Naval Academy, a MS from the Navy War College and an MS from Army War College. She has voluntarily served as the Chairperson of the Board for the Sea Services Leadership Association and is a member of the Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association. She was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in 2020 and was the inaugural recipient of the Admiral Grace Hopper award at the National Defense University’s College of Information and Cyberspace.

Marlys Rodgers
CISO at Circle

Marlys is the Chief Information Security Officer at Circle. Most recently, she held the same position at CSAA Insurance Group and was also responsible for Technology Oversight. Her path to leading security organizations came via stints leading technology development, compliance, enterprise operational risk and IT/security risk oversight teams at global fintech and financial services firms including PayPal and American Express. In 2021, she was awarded Security Executive of the year by the Cyber Security Excellence Awards. She was recently presented the 2022 Gold for Women in Cyber and Info Security by the Globee Cyber Security Global Excellence Awards. She is currently an advisory member for the Informed Defenders Council for AttackIQ. Marlys is a passionate champion for diversity in the technology and security fields and is vice president for the Alliance of Women and Technology, Southwest.

Tim Rohrbaugh
CISO at Jetblue

Tim Rohrbaugh is a senior security and data governance professional. The range of his prior work is extremely technical through product and program strategy. He is the current CISO of Jetblue Airways. Prior to this role, he was the CISO for a public financial services firm for 12 years. His cybersecurity experience includes military, DoD and federal, and commercial consulting. He is a CISSP and holds two joint patents on Identity Verification.
Brad Schaufenbuel
CISO at Paychex
Bradley Schaufenbuel joined Paychex as vice president and chief information security officer in September 2019. In this role, his primary objective is to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the information assets that Paychex manages. Bradley is driven by the belief that a well-managed information security program can serve as both a business enabler and a driver of competitive differentiation in the marketplace. Bradley has over two decades of experience in information security. Prior to joining Paychex, he served as vice president and chief information security officer at Paylocity Corporation. Before that, Bradley held security leadership positions at several banks, insurance companies, and professional services firms.

James Trainor
SVP of Aon Cyber Solutions
James Trainor works within Aon’s high-powered team of experts in the Cyber Solutions Group after leading the cyber division at FBI headquarters for 20 years. During his career with the FBI, he played a critical role in devising strategies to combat ransomware and emerging forms of cybercrime, spearheading major high-profile investigations, and managed numerous incidents at the nexus of cybercrime and national security. In his role at Aon, Trainor assists clients as they evaluate and address their cyber exposure. He advises on Aon’s overall cyberstrategy on behalf of clients, working closely with colleagues across technology, system integration, risk transfer, and advisory roles to ensure a holistic and integrated approach.

Brett Galloway
CEO at AttackIQ
Brett Galloway has more than 30 years of executive and entrepreneurial experience in the technology industry. He has brought together technology, product, and business expertise to innovate and deliver a stream of successful product businesses. Most recently he co-founded Mist Systems and served as its chairman before its sale to Juniper. He is the former president and CEO of Airespace, which he sold to Cisco. He served at Cisco as the senior vice president of the network services group and enterprise strategy. Prior to Airespace, he was the co-founder, chief operating officer, and later CEO of Packeteer, which launched an initial public offering (IPO) in 1999. Brett holds Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in electrical engineering from Stanford University.
Carl Wright
CCO at AttackIQ

Carl Wright is a seasoned entrepreneur and executive with experience in the security, storage, virtualization, and software sectors. Prior to joining AttackIQ he held executive operational roles at Securify, Decru, and Kidaro, where he contributed to rapid growth and subsequent acquisition by Microsoft, Network Appliance, and Secure Computing. He has extensive experience in all aspects of enterprise information technology deployments and has held key IT operational roles, including chief information security officer for the U.S. Marine Corps. In 1999, he was awarded the National Security Agency’s Frank B. Rowlett Trophy.

Julie O'Brien
CMO at AttackIQ

Julie O'Brien, Chief Marketing Officer, AttackIQ, has been driving marketing strategy and growth for industry-defining technology companies for more than 25 years. An accomplished builder and leader, she is energized by delighting customers and inspiring teams to deliver differentiated results. Before joining AttackIQ, she was SVP of Corporate Marketing at Nutanix (IPO), where she led the marketing engine that fueled the company’s double-digit growth. Prior to that, she held leadership roles at start-up, mid-sized and enterprise companies including SightPath (acquired by Cisco), Cisco, Box, and Good Technology. Julie serves on the board of advisors for Workforce Opportunity Services, and is an active speaker at women's leadership and technology events.