



# Brian Beals

The Cyber Shield Your Business Needs

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## Summary

Forward-thinking Cybersecurity Manager with a sharp eye for risk, a strong hand in defense, and a business-first mindset. Proven ability to lead security initiatives, harden systems, and align IT security with organizational goals. Trusted to protect critical infrastructure, manage threats, and ensure compliance, without slowing down innovation.

## Experience

**Technical Support International Inc.** **April 2022 - Present**  
Cyber Risk and Compliance Lead Remote  
🌐 <https://tsisupport.com/>

Refined and implemented a company-wide security strategy by aligning business objectives with cybersecurity frameworks (NIST, ISO 27001), improving organizational risk posture and audit readiness not only for TSI but also for its clients.

Led cross-functional security teams both internal and external corporate teams, working closely with IT and engineering to keep security running smoothly and aligned.

Conducted regular enterprise-wide risk and vulnerability assessments, mapping findings to a strategic risk register and building remediation roadmaps in partnership with product and infrastructure teams.

Risk Register, Maintained and updated risk registers across multiple clients by identifying, assessing, and prioritizing risks; implemented tailored security controls and mitigation strategies that reduced exposure to high-impact threats and improved overall risk posture.

Built a culture of security awareness across departments, delivering targeted security training and collaborating with business units to promote security-first mindsets.

Led security assessments for clients in sectors including healthcare, manufacturing, and government contracting, aligning findings with frameworks such as NIST, CMMC, and CIS Controls.

Developed governance policies and standard operating procedures (SOPs) tailored to clients across multiple industries, ensuring alignment with regulatory requirements and cybersecurity best practices.

**Thriving Woman Counseling, LLC** **December 2021 - Present**  
IT Consultant/Cybersecurity Consultant  
🌐 <https://www.thrivingwomancounseling.com/>

Provide ongoing cybersecurity consulting services, including risk assessments, policy development, and incident response planning.

Advised on data protection strategies, compliance with HIPAA, and secure remote access for employees.

Implemented endpoint protection, MFA, and security awareness training for staff.

Implemented a DNS security solution using filtering and monitoring tools to block malicious domains and prevent phishing attacks.

Deployed identity and access management (IAM) measures, including role-based access controls and multi-factor authentication, to enhance user authentication and minimize unauthorized access.

**Network Detective, Inc** **October 2020 - April 2022**  
Senior Cyber Security Auditor (Full-Time) Fort Liberty, NC  
🌐 <https://netdes.com/>

Supported compliance with DISA STIGs and DoD cybersecurity requirements, applying rigorous configuration and hardening standards across enterprise and cloud systems to protect mission-critical environments.

Provided oversight for POA&M development and remediation tracking, validating control implementations and ensuring timely closure of audit findings to maintain a strong compliance posture.

Served as a strategic cybersecurity advisor during internal and external audits, collaborating with stakeholders across technical and business units to ensure organizational readiness for assessments and inspections.

Delivered high-impact risk assessment briefings to Department of Defense stakeholders and senior leadership, translating technical risk into actionable business insights to inform decision-making.

**United States Army** **August 2012 - September 2019**  
Information Technology Specialist (25B)  
(Full-Time)

- Supported enterprise and field IT systems, including servers, workstations, and network infrastructure
- Installed, configured, and maintained Windows-based systems and network equipment
- Managed user accounts, access controls, and system permissions
- Troubleshoot hardware, software, and network issues to ensure system availability
- Assisted with cybersecurity practices, system hardening, and data protection efforts
- Performed routine system maintenance, updates, and backups
- Provided technical support and training to users in high-availability environments

## Education

**Western Governors University** Master of Science  
Cybersecurity and Information Assurance  
Graduated  
🌐 <https://www.wgu.edu/>

## References

References available upon request.

## Skills

### Cybersecurity Leadership & Strategy

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Security Program Development & Execution, Cybersecurity Governance, Risk-Based Security Strategy, Cross-Functional Security Oversight, Security Budget & Resource Management, Board-Level Reporting & Executive Briefings

### Risk Management & Compliance

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Risk Assessments & Mitigation Planning, Threat Modeling & Vulnerability Assessment, Risk Register Management, Third-Party Risk Management (TPRM), Regulatory Compliance (NIST, CMMC, ISO 27001, HIPAA, SOC 2), Security Policy Development & Enforcement, Security Framework Alignment (NIST 800-53/171, CIS, ISO 27001)

### Technical Security Operations

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Incident Response & Crisis Management, Security Architecture & Design Review, Secure SDLC Integration, Vulnerability Monitoring & Remediation, Security Tooling (SIEM, EDR, DLP, SAST/DAST), Product Security & Application Hardening

### CoCollaboration, Training & Awareness

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Security Awareness Training, Executive and Stakeholder Communication, Product & Engineering Team Enablement, Vendor & Partner Collaboration, Security Culture Advocacy, Security Training Development & Delivery

### Analytics & Performance

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Data-Driven Security Metrics, KPIs for Risk and Performance, Audit Readiness & Gap Analysis, Compliance Reporting and Tracking

### Core Competencies

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Strategic Planning, Leadership & Team Management, Hands-On Technical Proficiency, Scalable Operations Development, Vendor Management, Program & Project Delivery

## Certifications

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🌐 <https://www.credly.com/users/brian-beals>

CISSP, CISA, CYSA+, Pentest+, Security+