



Darren J. King
Director, Defense Industrial Base Cybersecurity Assessment Center
Defense Contract Management Agency

Darren J. King is the Director of the Defense Contract Management Agency's (DCMA) Defense Industrial Base Cybersecurity Assessment Center (DIBCAC). As the Director, he is responsible for leading civilian personnel conducting cybersecurity assessments of the Defense Industrial Base.

In August 2019, Mr. King was selected as the DIBCAC's first Director and for a period prior to this was detailed as its Acting Director to stand up this mission capability for the Agency. In his time leading the DIBCAC, the organization has gone from an unsourced idea to a full-fledged Agency staffed mission. This newest DCMA mission is capable of executing professional, repeatable, and measurable assessments on the Defense Industrial Base by deploying highly trained and certified cybersecurity experts using DoD approved methodology as the model for Controlled Unclassified Information assessments for the entire Department of Defense. In a few short months, the DIBCAC was able to hire an entire workforce, develop a specialized and tailored weeklong Bootcamp, institute a new assessment methodology and conducted actual assessments on the largest and most complex Defense Industry partners.

Mr. King joined DCMA as the Director of Cybersecurity in July 2013. He led, managed, and directed the daily and strategic operations for a workforce of over 100, which included both civilians and contractors. For six years, Mr. King was the Agency Senior Information Security Officer, reporting directly to DCMA's Chief Information Officer and Senior Leadership Team on Cybersecurity related matters.

Prior to accepting the position at DCMA, Mr. King served as the Director of Enterprise Information and Mission Assurance for the U.S. Army Information Technology Agency for five years and was responsible for providing cybersecurity services for the Pentagon and 80 locations within five states surrounding the National Capitol Region. As the cybersecurity manager for the Pentagon's Computer Incident Response Team, he directed all cyber security operations to protect the Pentagon and was recognized by the National Security Agency, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and other entities as having one of the most technologically advanced and synchronized active network defense and sensor grids. This sensor grid is now the model for the entire DoD's movement to the Joint Regional Security Stacks.

While on active duty, Mr. King held several positions of increasing complexity and responsibility. These positions included Scout and Reconnaissance Helicopter Pilot with the 2nd Infantry Division, Attack Helicopter Pilot with the 82nd Airborne Division, and Instructor Pilot teaching Advanced and Basic Combat skills to new Army Aviators at Fort Rucker Alabama. In the Army Reserves, he was the Team Lead for a Network Intrusion Detection Team monitoring the cybersecurity of the Defense Research and Engineering Network.

Mr. King has a Master of Science degree from Purdue University, Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in Aeronautical Engineering and Applied Mathematics, and an Associate degree in Aerospace Technology. He holds the following certifications: Certified Information Systems Security Professional, Certified Information Systems Auditor, and a Certified Information Security Manager.

His awards and recognition include the DCMA Supervisor of the Year in 2015 and finalist for National Security Agency Frank B. Rowlett Trophy for Individual Achievement in 2017.

Current as of September 2019