

# NDIA-DVC CMMC Webinar - What You Need to Know

**Tuesday, March 30, 2021  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

The National Defense Industrial Association Delaware Valley Chapter (NDIA-DVC) is hosting a Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) webinar focused on providing a brief introduction of CMMC, the accreditation process, self-assessments, preparing for CMMC, and implementation guidance. We also will gain insight into the Government's execution and contractual challenges in implementing and following CMMC controls.



CMMC will be a new requirement for all Department of Defense (DoD) contractors, replacing the self-attestation model and moving towards third party certification and compliance.

## **Who Should Attend?**

Contractors that provide Department of Defense services or operate in the DoD supply chain must become certified to showcase that they're able to protect controlled unclassified information (CUI).

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## **Agenda:**

- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Mr. Paul Trenholm, NDIA-DVC President
- 9:10 a.m. **CMMC Introduction and Accreditation Process Overview**  
Mr. Jim Goepel, CEO and General Counsel of Fathom Cyber LLC
- 9:40 a.m. **Panel Session - Questions and Answers**  
Moderator: Mr. Brian Gocial, Partner, Blank Rome LLP  
**Panelists:**  
Mr. Tom Brady, Dept. 50 Cyber Security Lead, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Philadelphia Division  
Mr. Tom Hill, Former Chief of Contracting, NAVAIR Lakehurst  
Mr. Bob Hanley, VP Cyber Solutions Architect, Sabre Systems, Inc.  
Mr. Sassan Hejazi, Director, Technology Solutions Group, Kreisler Miller  
Mr. Jim Goepel, CEO and General Counsel of Fathom Cyber LLC
- 10:55 a.m. **Closing Remarks**  
Paul Trenholm, NDIA-DVC President

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**Brian Gocial**, Partner, [Blank Rome](#)

**Speakers:**

## **Thomas Brady**

**Dept. 50 Cyber Security Lead, [Naval Surface Warfare Center](#), Philadelphia Division**

Tom Brady began his career in Cyber Security back in 2001. He worked in the private sector for nearly 12 years. Tom started working as a desktop support tech working his way up to network administrator. Mr. Brady began his Federal Service career with Naval Surface Warfare Center, Philadelphia Division (NSWCPD) in 2009. Mr. Brady has over 20 years of Cyber Security Experience. He has held multiple positions within NAVSEA Philadelphia, PA (Lead Information Assurance Technician IAT2, Cyber Security Lead for Navigation Systems, Integrated Bridge Controls, Dept. 50 Cyber Security Operations Leads and is currently supporting Navigation Critical Distribution System (NCDS)). In addition to his above experiences, Mr. Brady has mentored multiple Science and Engineering Apprenticeship (SEAP) students through the NAVSEA Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) professionals program. In 2017, Mr. Brady was Awarded a Gold Medal by the Federal Executive Board for Economy in Government Operations. He possesses strong leadership, accountability, integrity and communication skills. Tom has been married for 19 years to his wife Cheryl and has four children Jordan, Taylor, Thomas and Christian. Mr. Brady likes to spend time with his family and his four German Shepherds. He also likes to keep busy and is always fixing or adding something to his home.

## **Thomas F. Hill**

**Former Chief of the Contracting Office, [NAVAIR](#) Lakehurst Contract Division**

Mr. Hill recently retired from the position of the Chief of the Contracting Office for the NAVAIR Lakehurst Contract Division. Over his 41 years of experience in contracting Mr. Hill has been employed in several capacities as a contract negotiator / administrator or Contracting Officer within both the public and private sectors. (i.e. Naval Inventory Control Point, Philadelphia PA, Naval Regional Contracting Center, Philadelphia PA, General Services Administration, Region 3, Philadelphia PA, RCA Satellite Division, Hightstown NJ and with NAVAIR Lakehurst since 1987). Mr. Hill received his undergraduate degree from Duquesne University (B.S. 1973). His postgraduate work was also completed at Duquesne University (J.D. 1977). He was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar in 1977. In addition to his above experiences, Mr. Hill has taught acquisition and business law courses as an adjunct professor for the Florida Institute of Technology's MBA program. He has received the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award (2002), the Navy Superior Performance Award (2017) and the SBA 2020 Tibbetts Award.

## **Robert Hanley**

**Vice President, Cyber Solutions Architect, [Sabre Systems, Inc.](#)**

Mr. Robert Hanley serves as Vice President, Cyber Solutions Architect at Sabre Systems, Inc. He is responsible for developing and implementing in-depth cyber defense capabilities for the Department of Defense (DoD), federal civilian, and commercial applications. Mr. Hanley has over 38 years' experience focused on cybersecurity safety, systems, and aerospace engineering. Prior to joining Sabre, Mr. Hanley served as the Director of Airworthiness and Cyber Safety for the Department of the Navy. He has received over 75 awards over his distinguished career from the DoD, industry and academia including the DoD Distinguished Civilian Service Award and most recently was named one of the top 35 aerospace engineering graduates ever to graduate from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech). Mr. Hanley is active in the cyber community; he leads the Joint Academia, Industry, and Government (JAIG) consortium dedicated to developing cyber talent, cyber-solutions and to provide training across DoD and Industry. He currently serves as a member of the College of Southern Maryland Cyber Forum, on the Cyber Advisory Board at Temple University, as the Chairman of the Virginia Tech Aerospace and Ocean Engineering Advisory Board, and is the cyber lead for Strengthening the Mid-Atlantic Region for Tomorrow (SMART). In addition, Mr. Hanley serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Association of Airworthiness Professionals and acts as Secretary for the Southern Maryland Chapter of Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA). Mr. Hanley is a graduate of Virginia Tech, the US Naval

Test Pilot School, the Defense Management College, and received his cyber security training from the Georgia Tech Research Institute.

### **James Goepel**

**CEO and General Counsel of [Fathom Cyber LLC](#)**

James (“Jim”) Goepel is CEO and General Counsel of Fathom Cyber LLC, an Adjunct Professor of Cybersecurity at Drexel University, and a former board member of the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification Accreditation Body (CMMC-AB). Jim earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Drexel University and Juris Doctorate (JD) and Legum Magister (LLM) degrees from the George Mason University.

Jim has extensive, practical experience in a wide range of technology, business, and legal fields. As a systems administrator, Jim helped keep organizations, including the United States Congress, safe from cyber threats. As a lawyer, Jim spent nearly two decades advising cutting-edge technology companies and institutions, including Unisys and the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, on a variety of legal and business matters. This diverse background gives Jim a unique perspective into the technical, business, and legal issues and risks associated with cybersecurity and data privacy. His research on improved enterprise risk management techniques will be published in the inaugural edition of the National University of Singapore’s law and technology journal.

### **Sassan Hejazi, Ph.D.**

**Director, Technology Solutions, [Kreischer Miller](#)**

Sassan is the Director-in-Charge of the Technology Solutions Group at Kreischer Miller and has worked with numerous organizations in the areas of planning for strategic IT initiatives, designing financial/ERP and business risk management solutions, and providing IT management, cyber, and information security advisory services. Sassan’s consulting focus ensures clients select, design, deploy, and manage IT-enabled business technology solutions that not only satisfy their strategic objectives but also manage risks in an effective manner. Sassan holds graduate degrees in engineering and management, has served on the faculty of operations and information systems at La Salle and Arcadia universities, and publishes and lectures extensively on IT management topics with emphasis on latest digital transformation and protection practices for middle market organizations.

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