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The President's Corner

REFLECTIONS on 2015

As we look back at 2015, we find ourselves thinking about a tumultuous year. IoT has finally hit center stage, with the potential to revolutionize our society, while at the same time setting the clock back in advancements in Information Security. Security companies continue to be absorbed into IT companies, a trend that started 5 years ago and just keeps on rolling. Mass shootings on the domestic front have increased the cry for more gun control, while ISIS has gained even more prominence, and is utilizing social media more than any terrorist organization before.

Many of us find ourselves troubled and in deep thought as we still have two recent horrific events fresh in our minds, one in Paris, and one in our own backyard in San Bernardino. These physical attacks come in the midst of years of ongoing successful cyber-attacks, creating a world where both our personal and online safety are being assaulted. We must stand strong and united, and networking organizations such as ISSA-LA have a large role to play.

ISSA-LA has hundreds of fellow professionals as a part of our community, and the more we share, the more we meet and talk together, the better we will all be prepared for the next attack. Sadly, for cyber-attacks, it is now not a matter of if, but a matter of when.

For the more dramatic and scarier physical attacks, we must not think of compromising what and who we are, by allowing any reductions in our freedoms. We cannot lose our identity as a great country founded on the principles of FREEDOM. After 9-11, the Patriot Act was such a



compromise. It led to the NSA surveillance activities, where all of us were spied upon by our own government.

Obviously we find ourselves in a very difficult situation. If our loved ones were lost in one of these physical attacks, we would most likely be filled with rage and unbelievable sadness, and probably be willing to sacrifice individual freedoms to stay safer. In some areas of life, many Americans appear willing to accept additional hassles, with airline travel coming to mind.

We must be careful not to become who we are protecting ourselves from.

We have some important announcements about ISSA-LA. We have had some recent changes to our [Board of Directors](#). Michel Coward and Jerilyn Lisoski have had to step down due to personal reasons. I would like to thank them for their great service to ISSA. They will both be volunteering and still be a part of our community. I have appointed, and the Board has approved two very good replacements. **Yevgeny Zharovsky** is rejoining the Board as the Education Director, having previously served as Technology Director for several years. It is great to have him back. **Sean Martin** is now the Marketing Director. Sean has been a longtime supporter of ISSA-LA, and brings excellent marketing and journalistic experience to the Board. This will prove very valuable as we step up planning and outreach efforts for Summit 8.

Speaking of **Summit 8**, our website is now live and taking discounted rate registration. We will be returning to the **Universal City Hilton on May 19-20**. We are very pleased to announce **Jack Daniel**, Strategist for Tenable Network Security, Infosecurity Europe Hall of Fame inductee, and co-founder of Security BSides as a **Keynote Speaker**. We are fortunate to have **Mark Weatherford**, SVP, Chief Cybersecurity Strategist at vArmour, former DHS First Deputy Under Secretary for Cybersecurity, and the former first CISO of California. Also joining us will be **Bob Bigman**, former CISO of the CIA, **Jeremiah Grossman**, Founder of Whitehat Security, **Malcolm Harkins**, Global Chief Information Security Officer, Cylance, **Jim Manico**, Founder, Secure Coding Instructor, Manicode Security, **Brian Engle**, Executive Director, R-CISC, and **Rafal Los**, Director, Solutions R&D, Optiv.

[Click and Register](#)

We have four confirmed training classes on Summit Day 1: Secure Coding Boot Camp, Enterprise Threat Intelligence Workshop, Information Security Management Boot Camp for IT Professionals, and Real World Red Team Attacks. You will not find these excellent classes with prices this low, so [sign up for training](#) today.



I hope to see all of you at the **February 17 Monthly dinner** meeting at Luminarias in Monterey Park. It should be a great evening, so make sure to [sign up today](#).

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