



Security Department Learns Current Threats at Conference

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The Defense Contract Management Agency security office held its annual workshop in Dallas, Tex, June 15–19. The 98 attendees gathered to learn more about the security threats facing men and women around the world.

Hugh Wiley, DCMA security director, believes the conference is essential to ensuring each member of his extended team is on the same page and prepared for the threats ahead. With that mindset, the theme for this year's conference was "Back to Basics."

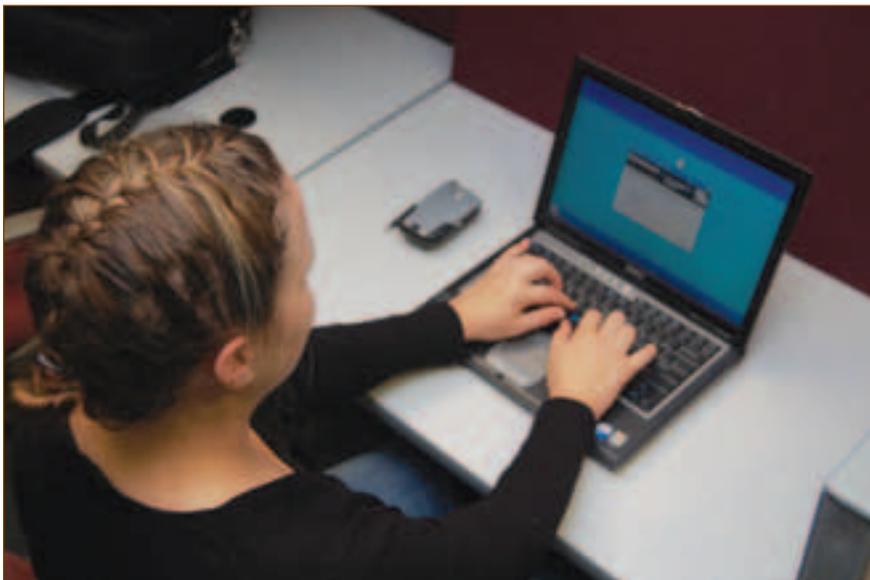
During his tenure as security director, Wiley established three objectives for his team as they prepare and execute each conference:

- Examine the individual's role, responsibility and mission as a point of contact to the DCMA security specialists
- Provide baseline training and understanding additional duty or nonprofessional security personnel at field locations
- Encourage more personalized relationships between specialists at headquarters and security personnel in the field to improve working relations and efficiency.

During the three-day conference, a variety of lectures, seminars, guest speakers and hands-on training sessions covered topics such as personal security, operations security, security essentials, physical security, threat warning, locking devices, counterintelligence and information security. These sessions provided the skills and knowledge necessary to keep members of DCMA and their missions secure through the coming year.

Additionally, guest speakers shared their perspectives with the attendees. A representative of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Protective Design Center, the most respected center for security design, discussed the "whys and hows" of security assessments. Donna Williamson, DCMA privacy officer, discussed requirements for the protection of personally identifiable information. Also, a special agent from Army counterintelligence — who stole the show with his briefing on espionage and other threats specifically facing teammates abroad — enlightened the attendees with his knowledge.

Wiley would like to thank his team and event participants for meeting the challenge and making this year's conference a success. **C**



A DCMA employee takes security into account when logging on a government computer. (Photo by Mark Woodbury, DCMA Public Affairs)