Commissioner’s Cache

As we put the finishing touches on another calendar year, we can’t help but reflect on what an OUTSTANDING year it’s been. The competition continues (incredibly) to grow at a rapid pace. AFA CyberCamps are doing likewise. And the age-focused "book-end" programs (ESCEI for elementary students and CyberGenerations for senior citizens) continue to surge.

The fact is, cybersecurity is an urgent national need, and we need to get it right. Feeding the workforce pipeline is a (the?) critical component in addressing the issue. I recently did an internet search on the term "cyber security." It returned 691,000,000 hits. That’s hardly a definitive measure of how important the topic is, but it illustrates that people are discussing the subject. A lot. Thank you for being part of addressing a national imperative; we couldn’t be doing it without you.

Hot topics: Be sure to request a CyberGenerations kit to help protect senior citizens in your community from online exploitation. Also, if you liked Sarah the Cyber Hero, be sure to check out the new activity book that accompanies the story. And finally, we are pleased to welcome the Fort Gordon Cyber District as CyberPatriot’s latest approved Center of Excellence.

I hope to see you all in Baltimore soon!

Bernard K. Skoch  |  National Commissioner

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2019 AFA CYBERCAMPS

Host registration now open!

Click here to learn more about signing up to host a standard or advanced camp.

CP-XI Semifinals Set — National Finals, Tier Awards on the Line

The preparations for the CyberPatriot XI Semifinals are complete. Teams that made the top 25% cut in their All Service and Open Division tiers and the top 50% cut in the Middle School Division during the State Round earned a spot in the Semifinals. The Semifinals will begin at 9 AM Eastern Time, Friday, February 1.

Semifinalist teams are vying for the top spots in their tiers. The Platinum tier teams will compete for 12 Open Division and 13 All Service Division Teams. Gold and Silver Tier teams will compete for the top 12 Awards in their tiers. Middle School teams will compete for three spots in the National Finals Competition. For more information on Semifinals awards and advancement, please see Paragraph 3010 of the CyberPatriot Rules Book at http://www.uscyberpatriot.org/competition/rules-book.

Teams will face the most difficult challenges of the CyberPatriot XI season during the Semifinals. The Platinum tier teams will have four images in the Network Security Challenge while the Silver, Gold, and Middle School Division teams will have the traditional three images.

All tiers and the Middle School Division will also compete in the Cisco Networking Challenge. Platinum and Gold Tiers will have a different quiz and Packet Tracer exercise than the Silver Tier and Middle School Division.

According to Frank Zaborowski, Senior Director for CyberPatriot Operations, “During the Semifinals, there will be a few surprises for seasoned teams and a number of problem sets that are difficult, but not insurmountable, for newer teams.”

Next up for the competition is the in-person, CyberPatriot XI National Finals Competition in Baltimore, Md., April 7-11. All 28 National Finalist teams will have an all-expenses-paid trip to the event. One of the highlights of the competition will be a Red Team of cybersecurity professionals conducting simulated attacks on National Finalist teams’ systems. Additionally, the National Finalists will receive mentoring from CyberPatriot sponsors on career opportunities and education in the cybersecurity field.

All visitors are welcome at the National Finals Competition. There is no fee for the event’s on-site registration.
The Alliance for Fort Gordon was established in 2003 by Congressman Charlie Norwood as a 501c3 non-profit organization as an advocate for Fort Gordon and to protect the community’s interest during the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission. In 2016, after evaluating the ever-changing cybersecurity landscape, the Alliance evolved its mission to promote, coordinate, and serve as an advocate for the Fort Gordon Cyber District, thus stimulating investment in cyber growth to capitalize on opportunities for the benefit of all.

“The Alliance for Fort Gordon is so very proud to serve as the catalyst for the Fort Gordon Cyber District to become a nationally recognized CyberPatriot Center of Excellence. The Alliance for Fort Gordon promotes the Fort Gordon Cyber District brand and inspires the building of the cyber related eco system focused on cyber work force, innovation, STEM education and high tech capabilities throughout our region and states. We are so very proud of our teams, our education committee, and our region for being named a Cyber Patriot Center of Excellence (Dr. Tom Clark, executive director of the Alliance for Fort Gordon).”

As a CyberPatriot Center of Excellence, the Fort Gordon Cyber District Promotes the program across two states (Georgia and South Carolina) and seven counties to inspire K-12 students toward careers in cybersecurity. With the help of the Fort Gordon Adopt-a-School program, the amount of registered CyberPatriot teams in the area has increased from six teams to over 100 teams. Fort Gordon brigades are providing CyberPatriot mentorship to coaches and students through its Adopt-A-School program, and more than 1,000 hours of professional development has been offered for local teachers to help extend cyber education.

For more information on the Fort Gordon Cyber District and CyberPatriot’s Center of Excellence program, visit http://uscyberpatriot.org/about/centers-of-excellence.
2018 WAS A GREAT YEAR!

THANK YOU FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT!

SPOTLIGHT: 2018 A YEAR IN REVIEW

AFA’s National Youth Cyber Education Program

CYBER DEFENSE COMPETITION

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Another competition season, another record number of teams registered.

AFA CYBERCAMPS

190 STANDARD + 70 ADVANCED

AFA CyberCamps continue to grow nationwide, with nearly 100 more camps hosted in 2018 than in 2017.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INITIATIVE

1,450 DOWNLOADS IN 2018

7,800 TOTAL DOWNLOADS SINCE 2015

CYBEREDUCATION LITERATURE SERIES

275 COPIES OF “SARAH THE CYBER HERO” DISTRIBUTED

CYBERGENERATIONS

Through a self-paced guide or instructor-led workshop, this Senior Citizens’ Cyber Safety Initiative allows older generations to learn the principles of cybersecurity and how to protect their information online.

CyberGenerations kits are available free of charge at www.uscyberpatriot.org
**This Month In Cyber History**

**February 18, 1977** — Following the success of IMS Associates, Inc. at selling the IMSAI 8080 by mail-order and through independent dealers, IMSAI founder Bill Millard made the decision to launch a franchise operation of computer retail stores.

Initially called Computer Shack, the first ComputerLand franchise store opened on South Street in Morristown, New Jersey, on February 18, 1977. The chain changed its name to ComputerLand shortly thereafter following a threatened lawsuit over similarities of the name to Radio Shack. ComputerLand became the largest computer retailer by the mid-1980s, peaking at approximately 800 stores in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Japan. Bill Millard sold his stake in ComputerLand following a management struggle in 1986 to retire to the island of Saipan. After a twenty year-long unsuccessful pursuit by tax authorities, Millard was located again in the Cayman Islands in 2011.

For more information, visit: [http://www.computerhistory.org](http://www.computerhistory.org)