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Stan “Stanimal” Richister has over 30 years of military and corporate experience in leadership and management as a United States Air Force Cyber Warfare Officer, Network Operations Officer, and Air Operations Staff Officer, working in or with the National Security Agency (NSA), National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), Air Combat Command (ACC), Air Force Space Command (AFSPC), United States Forces Korea (USFK), North American Aerospace Defense Command - Northern Command (NORAD - NORTHCOM), Special Operations Command (SOCOM), and Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) in Offensive and Defensive Cyberspace Operations, Network Operations, Information Operations, Cyber Intelligence, Tactical Air Operations, Space Operations, Missile Defense and Missile Warning Operations, Mobility / Logistics, and Joint Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations (JEMSO). He has commanded three Cyber Flights, and served as a Cyber Warfare Squadron Assistant Director of Operations (ADO), a Network Operations Squadron Director of Operations (DO), squadron and combat operations group executive officer, Air Staff and Combatant Command Action Officer and Cyber Branch Chief, a Numbered Air Force Cyber Division Chief, and Air Force Space Command Cyber Division Chief. In JSOC, he was an Operations Officer and Flight Commander, ensuring the execution of Cyber enabled Special Operations on High Value Targets (HVTs).

He is a Certified Air Force Instructor (“K-Prefix”), and was also qualified in an Air Force Cyber Weapon System.

Stanimal retired from Special Operations Command, as the Chief, J-3 Cyber Operations, Space Operations, and Joint Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations; where he was the first and only person in DoD coordinating and integrating Cyber, Space, and Electromagnetic Warfare Operations and capabilities in Special Operations and across Special Operations Forces for Homeland Defense.

He received his undergraduate degree in Geography from the University of South Carolina and Master’s Degree in Telecommunications Management from the University of Maryland University College, now the University of Maryland Global Campus (NSA / DHS National Center of Academic Excellence), as well as had education and training at the NSA National Cryptologic University. He is a graduate of the Air War College; the Joint Forces

Staff College Information Operations Division; Army Information Operations Capabilities, Applications, and Planning Course, Military Deception Planners Course, and trained up through Operations Security (OPSEC) Program Manager. He is a Certified | Chief Information Security Officer (C|CISO) and holds a Federal Aviation Administration Private Pilot Certificate.

He is a member of the:

- Information Systems Security Association - Colorado Springs (ISSA - COS)
- International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium (ISC2) - Pikes Peak Region
- Military Cyber Professionals Association (MCPA) - Colorado Springs Chapter
- Association of Old Crows (AOC) - Pikes Peak Roost (Colorado Springs)
- Open Worldwide Application Security Project (OWASP) - Colorado Springs Chapter
- Operations Security (OPSEC) Professionals Society (OPS)
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Post 101

Stanimal is a sought out dynamic public speaker, advisor, consultant, and mentor on full spectrum Cyberspace and Information Operations, as well as Air, Space, Special, and Missile Defense and Warning Operations. He is a tactical aviation junkie and a musician, playing five instruments, and enjoys writing and recording his own songs in his home recording studio.