16th Annual Peak Cyber Symposium

"Driving Operational Advantage Through AI, Cyber, & Space"

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 - The Antlers Hotel

7:30 am - 9:00 am	Registration Opens & Coffee Served
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Exhibits Open

9:00 am - 9:10 am	**Call to Order, Opening Announcements, & Opening Keynote Introduction** Halie Anthony, Technology Executive | Founder & CEO, RISE Executive Coaching
9:10 am - 10:00 am	**Layer 8 and 9 Security: AI and Human** Dr. Erik J. Huffman, Cyberpsychologist, Speaker, and Researcher

10:00 am - 10:30 am	Break - Visit Exhibits - ***Breakfast Pastries Served in the Exhibit Room***

	TRACK 1 Heritage C & D	TRACK 2 Heritage E & F	TRACK 3 Learning Center
10:30 am - 11:00 am	**Powering Golden Dome IT Modernization, Digital Engineering, and Sustainment** Kevin Cahn, Chief Engineer | Systems Architect | Modernization & Defense Engineering, Amentum	**Securing the Software Chain with Open Source** Andrew Greene, Co-founder, Defense Unicorns	**Zero Standing Privilege for Machines: A Runtime Framework for Agentic AI** Brance Spradlin, Identity Specialist, Delinea

11:00 am - 11:15 am	Break – Visit Exhibits

11:15 am - 11:45 am	**Preparing for the Post Quantum Revolution** Joseph J. Wingo, Col, USAF (Ret), Director of DoD Strategy, Armis Federal	**Beyond the Next Big Thing: Security Architectures that Last** Zac Mott, Manager, Systems Engineering and Consulting Architects, Fortinet Federal	**Social Engineering Meets AI Jailbreaking: How Language Becomes the Attack** Jared Lobato, Network Intrusion Forensic Analyst, Denver Field Office, United States Secret Service

11:45 am - 12:00 pm	Break - Visit Exhibits

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12:00 pm - 12:30 pm	**Securing the DoW In the Quantum Era** Jeremy Corey, Customer Engineer, Cloudflare	**An AI Application's Journey to Production: Navigating the Modern Supply Chain Threat Landscape** Connor Wynveen, Senior Solutions Architect - Federal, Chainguard	**Breached but Not Broken: *Tales from the Incident Response Trenches*** Merlin Namuth, Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), City & County of Denver

12:30 pm - 1:45 pm	Break - Lunch on Your Own - Visit Exhibits		**CTF 12:30 PM - 2:45 PM - Carson Room** **Epoch Concepts/Elastic Capture the Flag (CTF)** **** LUNCH PROVIDED!*** ** Limited to 60 attendees* ** Laptops are required in order to participate.* **** Pre-registration is required!*** **** Learn more & pre-register here:*** https://epochconcepts.com/event/ctf-2026/ CTF Lead Instructor: David Diem, Senior Solutions Architect, Elastic
	TRACK 1 **Heritage C & D**	**TRACK 2** **Heritage E & F**	
1:45 pm - 2:15 pm	**Vulnpalooza: One Exploit Away** Jason "Cueball" Simmons, Board of Directors/Cyber Committee, AFCEA International; Executive Vice President, Rocky Mtn Chapter AFCEA	**Software Supply Chain Security: From SBOM to Software Assurance in the Age of Reciprocity** Stuart Phillips, Malware Analysis and Threat Hunting (MATH) Cybersecurity Solutions Architect, ReversingLabs	
2:15 pm - 2:45 pm	Break - Visit Exhibits - Cookies & Brownies Served in Exhibit Room - Exhibits close for the day @ 2:45 PM		

2:45 pm - 3:15 pm	**Operational Advantage in the Contested Continuum: Securing AI, Cyber, and Space When Conflict Has No Perimeter** Hector Falcon, Director, Watch Center, Space ISAC
3:15 pm - 3:20 pm	Short Break for Speaker Transition
3:20 pm - 3:50 pm	**Boring Was the Deliverable: A Week of Letting AI Answer My Email** Matt Webster, Chief Technology Officer (CTO), Epoch Concepts
3:50 pm - 4:00 pm	Short Break for Transition to Closing Panel

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	**Driving Operational Advantage Through AI Panel: Perspectives from Government, Academia, & Industry** • Laura Harder, Vice President, ISSA International & President, ISSA Northern Colorado Chapter • COL Brad Rhodes, G6/CIO, 63rd Readiness Division, U.S. Army Reserve | Deputy for Ops, Energy Threat Analysis Center, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) • Travis Steele, Chief Architect, Air Force and Space Force, Red Hat • Greg Williams, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Chief Information Officer (CISO), University of Colorado Colorado Springs • Cathie Wilson, AI Adoption & Enablement Leader, Bast.ai

5:00 pm	Ice Cream Provided by Epoch Concepts & Rubrik in Panel Room - Day One Closes

Thursday, September 10, 2026 - The Antlers Hotel

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration & Exhibits Open – Breakfast Pastries, Coffee, & Tea Served in the Exhibit Room

9:00 am - 9:15 am	**Call to Order, Opening Announcements, & Opening Keynote Introduction** Halie Anthony, Technology Executive | Founder & CEO, RISE Executive Coaching
9:15 am - 10:00 am	**Who Owns the Data Owns the Mission:** **Data Sovereignty in the Age of AI, Cloud, and Contested Space** Nathan "Nate" Apodaca, Space Sector Vice President, CGI Federal

10:00 am - 10:15 am	Break - Visit Exhibits

10:15 am - 11:00 am	**Strategic Competition In The AI Era** Dr. Gregory Carpenter, Principal Partner, CW-PENSEC

11:00 am - 11:15 am	Break - Visit Exhibits

11:15 am - 12:00 pm	**The Unwritten Rules of Cybersecurity Career Growth** Gina Yacone, Vice President, ISSA Denver Chapter

12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Break - Lunch On Your Own - Visit Exhibits

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12:00 pm - 1:45 pm	**Rubrik Data Resilience Launch & Learn - Carson Room** • Limited to 60 attendees • ***LUNCH PROVIDED!*** • You need to bring your laptop • Pre-registration is required! • Learn more and pre-register here: https://engage.rubrik.com/peakcyber-launchandlearn/ Instructors: • Brad McKay, USSF & MDA Account Executive, Rubrik • Alex Poore, Federal Sales Engineer Manager DoW/IC, Rubrik

	TRACK 1 – Heritage C & D	TRACK 2 – Heritage E & F
1:15 pm - 1:45 pm	**Government Cybersecurity: Everyone Better Be Doing This - Building Cyber Civil Defense** Benjamin Edelen, Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Boulder County	**Zero Trust Starts with People: Building a Culture of Verification, Accountability, and Psychological Safety** Lauren LeMunyan, Founder & Executive Coach, Spitfire Coach

1:45 pm - 2:00 pm	Break - Visit Exhibits

	TRACK 1 – Heritage C & D	TRACK 2 – Heritage E & F
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	**Zero Trust Starts at the Data Layer** Greg Bycoff, Principal Field Solution Architect, Everpure	**Scoping CUI the Right Way: The Foundation of an Efficient CMMC Strategy** • Michael "Mike" Crandall, Founder & CEO, Digital Beachhead • Johnathan Dean, Compliance Success Partner, RainTech

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm	Break - Visit Exhibits - Exhibits Close at 2:45 pm

	TRACK 1 – Heritage C & D	TRACK 2 – Heritage E & F
2:45 pm - 3:15 pm	**AI Agents for Space Cybersecurity: Failure to Implement Today Could Mean Mission Failure Tomorrow** Dr. Tomás Peña, Lt Col, USAF (Ret.), Founder & President, Parallax Cyber	**Building Mission-Ready Cyber Teams in the Age of AI** Paul Herbka, AI & Cybersecurity Strategist | Speaker, Author | ISSA Denver Board Member | VP, AI Transformation & Cyber Strategy, 6e Technologies

3:15 pm - 3:20 pm	Short Break for Transition to Fireside Chat

3:20 pm - 4:10 pm	**AI Unfiltered: Advantages, Risks, & the Road Ahead – Fireside Chat** • Dale W. Meyerrose, Major General, USAF (Ret.) | President, MeyerRose Group • Dr. Shawn Murray, President & CAO, Murray Security Services

4:10 pm - 4:15 pm	**Peak Cyber Closing Remarks**