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Hello *{{First Name}}* - Happy New Year and welcome to the latest edition of the *NCF Web Link*. This issue features a variety of news, including **Education Team** updates, as well as event information, including **Convening to Act**. *Thank you for being here!*

Convening to Act Preview Webinar 21 February, 1:30-2:30 PM EST

Join us for a free Zoom webinar to learn more about our **March 2025 Convening to Acts** featuring the topics of **Quantum Resistant Cryptography and Artificial Intelligence**. Our presenters include **Mr. George Barnes**, National Cryptologic Foundation (NCF) Board President; **Mr. Vinh Nguyen**, National Security Agency (NSA) Chief Responsible AI Officer; and **Dr. Adrian Stanger**, NSA Senior Cryptographic Authority and Cryptographic Solutions Technical Director. Registration is free, but required. Bring your questions!

[Register Now to Join Us](#)

March 2025 Convening to Act Programs

- **March 11, 2025 - Accelerating Adoption of Quantum Resistant Cryptography** - College Park, MD. Registration is open - \$99 ticket. Sponsorships are also available. The program theme will focus on QRC adoption and implementation efforts - including inventory progress and how companies are progressing through the transition. **Keynote: Neal Ziring** - Technical Director, Research Directorate, National Security Agency. [GET MORE DETAILS](#).
- **March 27-28, 2025 - Managing High Impact Artificial Intelligence National Security Applications** - Reston, VA. This robust two day program includes the option to attend dinner with a fireside chat on the first day. Registration is open and sponsorships are available. [GET MORE DETAILS](#).

Education Team News



January 2025 Cyber Saturday - Many thanks to all who attended or supported the NCF's 3rd Cyber Saturday. The event, sponsored by Northrop Grumman, was a great success for youth and parents. Keynote speaker **Hallie Zimmerman**, Northrop Grumman's Manager for Global Cyber Policy, shared about her inspiring journey into cybersecurity. Students participated in a variety of challenges, we hosted a live taping of our #CyberChats podcast, and parents enjoyed informative cyber sessions. Visit the [Event Recap Page](#).



#CyberChats Podcast - Check out the most recent episode - *From Government Service to Entrepreneurship: Roselle Safran's Journey to KeyCaliber*. Coming up in February & March, look for special episodes to celebrate Black History Month and Women's History Month.

[Check out #CyberChats Season 3.](#)



Cyber Pulse Podcast - Our most recent episode featured returning guest, author **Tanya Janca**, who talked with host James Walsh about her latest book *Alice and Bob Learn Secure Coding* - part of the *Alice and Bob Learn* Series. [Check out the Cyber Pulse episodes.](#)

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News From the NCF Blog: Maryland & Arizona Schools Join the NCF Ambassador Program

In January 2025, the NCF was thrilled to welcome TWO NEW SCHOOLS to the NCF Ambassador Program. **Sparks Elementary School** in Sparks, MD and **Linda Abril Educational Academy** in Phoenix, AZ have joined our mission to empower students with essential cybersecurity knowledge and skills. We look forward to updating you on their progress!

[Learn about the NCF Ambassador Program.](#)

Education-Related Events

- **1 March 2025** - Scout Day at the National Cryptologic Museum [MORE INFO](#)
- **29 March 2025** - Loyola Blakefield Cyber Challenge Day [MORE INFO](#)
- **3 May 2025** - Cyber Saturday - [Save the Date](#)

The NCF Welcomes New BoD Members



The NCF is honored to welcome **Ms. Cyndi Gula** and **Mr. Jamil Jaffer** to the NCF Board of Directors. We look forward to exploring how their vast experience and cyber expertise will help the Foundation to further our key initiatives and overall mission. See the [NCF Press Release](#).

NCF General Membership Meeting (GMM) & NSA CCH Cryptologic History Symposium

April 29, 2025 - NCF 26th General Membership Meeting & Program - *Save the date & stay tuned for updates.*

April 30 - May 2 - 2025 NSA CCH Cryptologic History Symposium & optional day at the Museum. Theme: Engage the Past, Educate the Future. *Stay tuned for registration on the NCF website.*

Recently Departed Colleagues



The **Commemorate** section of our website features the In Memoriam Registry & Panel, as well as a special page to recognize those from our community who have most recently left us. This January, the NCF was saddened to learn of the passing of long-time member and Benefactor supporter Chuck Zeman, who has been added to the In Memoriam Registry. In addition, we pause to remember long-time NCF supporters Michael Jacobs and Joan Chaput-Gray who also left us in January.

You can honor a departed colleague with a **Tribute Donation**. And if you have memories to share about someone in our tribute section - we also welcome submissions.

[Visit the Commemorate Section](#)

This Month in Cryptologic History



21 February 1846: Sarah G. Bagley became the first female telegrapher. (Lowell, MA). She was also an activist for labor nearly a century before unions were legal, and was committed to improving health care and education for women, men, and children. She wrote and contributed articles to the "Lowell Offering."

In addition to tapping out messages, Sarah helped people write them. Early in 1847, she was contracted to run the magnetic telegraph office in Springfield, MA. She was very unhappy to discover she earned only two-thirds as much as the man she replaced. This further inspired her commitment to human equality and the rights of women. [See More February Historical Events](#)

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