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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

to our Members, Donors, Partners, & Friends



THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL YEAR

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Hello Friend - Welcome to the final issue of the *NCF Web Link* for 2023. As this year draws to a close, everyone at the NCF would like to thank you for your support and wish you a very bright and happy holiday season.

This letter includes news about our Board of Directors, our first Convening to Act, our fall programs/events, and an invitation to support our End of Year giving campaign. Once again, we wish you a peaceful & joyful holiday season!



A Message from Chairman of the Board Dick Schaeffer...

If you read our recent e-note, you are aware that **Dick Schaeffer** is leaving the Board and will conclude his service as BoD Chairman effective January 1, 2024. Everyone at the NCF is deeply grateful for his many years of support. Several of you have expressed your heartfelt wishes for Dick and shared in our sincere appreciation of his service.

[Read Dick's Message](#)



Welcoming a New NCF Chairman - George Barnes

The NCF recently welcomed former NSA Deputy Director **George Barnes** to the NCF Board of Directors. George was unanimously approved by the Board as the new Chairman, to begin January 1, 2024. We are looking forward to George's perspective and ideas as we join together to further the Foundation's mission and vision.

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We are very pleased to welcome **Chris Inglis** back to the NCF Board of Directors. Mr. Inglis served as the first National Cyber Director from July 2021 through February 2023, where he played an instrumental role in establishing the Office of the National Cyber Director and its critical mission. We look forward, once again, to his contributions to our mission.



END OF YEAR GIVING

There's still time to donate.

Throughout this past year, your support has played a pivotal role in advancing our mission to inspire and educate the next generation of cryptologic and cyber minds. As we look ahead, we recognize that the challenges facing our digital landscape continue to evolve, requiring us to redouble our efforts in preparing and empowering those who will shape the future.

Your support has enabled us to make the significant strides in the areas of Educational Outreach, Progress Through Partnership, and Community Building. *Learn more about how in Laura's full message.*

Should you choose to support our End of Year Appeal, your donation will contribute to the following:

Expanding Educational Programs

Reaching young minds and inspiring them to explore careers in science and security.

Enhancing Outreach Initiatives

Broadening the impact of our podcast and distributing educational resources.

Advancing Convening to Act

Tackling emerging challenges in cryptography and cybersecurity through collaborative efforts with industry leaders, academia, and government agencies.

Your contribution, no matter the size, is an investment in a future where our nation's security is fortified by a generation of informed, inspired, and dedicated individuals.

[READ THE FULL END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM LAURA NELSON](#)



Quantum Resistant Cryptography (QRC) December 2023 Convening to Act

In partnership with the National Security Agency, the NCF hosted the first Convening to Act on 4 December 2023. The program focused on Quantum Resistant Cryptography with a focus on firmware for the Defense Industrial Base (DIB) and other critical industry participants, including small and medium-sized businesses. The program was well-received, and we are looking forward to hosting the next Convening on Quantum Resistant Cryptography - Software on March 11, 2024 at the Maryland Live! event center.

[Learn More](#)



NCF Ambassador Program Begins

In late October 2023, the NCF honored the first NCF Ambassadors at St. Mary of the Mills Catholic School. Utilizing the NCF's *Outsmart Cyberthreats* booklet and a trained educator, the program is carefully designed to teach students practical things they need to keep their personal and important information safe online. Upon completion - they become "cyber smart" Ambassadors at their schools and in their communities.

[Learn More](#)



#CyberChats Podcast - Season 2

The holidays are a great time to catch up on any Season 2 episodes of the #CyberChats podcast that you may have missed. This Season we have partnered with MetaCTF for the episode challenges - which have been especially engaging and very popular. STAY TUNED for two very special NEW episodes to drop in January 2024! Want to be reminded? [Sign up for podcast emails.](#)

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Fall 2023 NCF Event Recaps

If you were unable to join us this Fall for our events, we invite you to get caught up via recaps & photos on our website:

2nd Annual Cocktails & Codebreakers
11 October 2023 - [Learn More](#)

22nd Annual Eagle Alliance Hosted Crypto Cup
19 October 2023 [Learn More](#)

2023 Cyber Security Hall of Fame Awards
16 November 2023 - [Learn More](#)

For the Community...

HISTOCRYPT 2024 - Open for Paper Submissions

The International Conference on Historical Cryptology (HistoCrypt 2024) invites submissions of papers to its annual conference on historical cryptology. The conference will be held at Kellogg College Oxford and Bletchley Park (UK) on **June 25-27, 2024**.

HistoCrypt addresses all aspects of historical cryptology, including work in closely related disciplines (such as history, history of ideas, computer science, AI, computational linguistics, or image processing), and 'history' is understood in the broadest sense. Submissions will be accepted through January 28, 2024.

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