



BIOGRAPHY

Geoff Jenista is the Region 7 Chief of Cybersecurity for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Region 7 is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, and serves the states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. CISA is the Nation's risk advisor, working with partners to defend against today's digital and physical threats and collaborating to build more secure and resilient infrastructure for the future.

Mr. Jenista was selected as a Regional Cyber Security Advisor for the Office of Cybersecurity & Communication in the National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD) of DHS in 2017, prior to the creation of CISA through the Cyber Security and Infrastructure Security Act of 2018. He was promoted to his current position in 2021 and is accountable for the execution of cyber programs to defend critical infrastructure against the threats of today, while coordinating and collaborating with partners across all levels of government and in the private sector to secure against evolving threats of tomorrow. His programs coordinate cyber preparedness, risk mitigation and incident response. He provides Cybersecurity resource briefings, Cybersecurity assessments, and Incident Response planning to the nation's sixteen critical infrastructure sectors and state, local, tribal, and territorial government entities.

Before his tenure with CISA, Mr. Jenista spent 12 years working for the U.S. Army as an Army Enterprise Systems Branch Chief and Information Systems Security Manager with responsibility for all aspects of Technical support, Service Delivery, Risk Management, Project Management, Enterprise Architecture, and Information Security.

Prior to joining the U.S. Army, he served 22 years in the U.S. Navy working his way up through the ranks until retiring as a Senior Chief Petty Officer. He has held numerous duties as a Weapons Officer, AEGIS Maintenance Supervisor, Command Senior Enlisted Advisor, and Leading Chief Petty Officer. Mr. Jenista is qualified as an Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist.

Mr. Jenista holds a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Arts in Information Technology Management from Webster University. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems from Park University and he holds the Certified Information System Security Professional (CISSP) certification. Mr. Jenista and his spouse, Heather, reside in Olathe, Kansas with their five children.



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