Wil Bennett

Chief Information Security Officer



Wil is the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) at USAA. Prior to his current role, Wil worked alongside a highly effective team of strategy and analytic professionals focused on financial crimes prevention and detection. Wil has been a member of the USAA team since January of 1998, when he joined the Information Security organization.

Prior to this role, he was the Executive Director, Cyber Threat Operations Center where he and his team were responsible for establishing and maintaining a comprehensive enterprise-wide information risk security program. Previous roles include Director of the Cyber Threat Prevention and Security Advisor teams where he was responsible for USAA network perimeter security, software development lifecycle security, third party network penetration assessments of USAA's security posture and risk assessments on USAA projects and third party suppliers. Wil and his team were recognized and featured in CSO Magazine for the 2013 CSO40 Awards that recognize security projects that have delivered outstanding business value, and again in 2015 for CSO50 for his team's work on the Financial Crimes Analytics Lab.

Prior to joining USAA, Wil served as a Senior Network Security Consultant for Trident Data Systems where he was involved with security policy development and implementation, firewall integrations, product development, heterogeneous system security audits, network attack and penetration engagements and project management for Fortune 500 Companies and several government agencies. He also worked for AT&T, SAIC and TRW.

Wil proudly served in the United States Air Force where he was able to have a wide variety of roles and experiences during his short tenure to include service in Operation Just Cause in Panama. Wil holds a baccalaureate degree from UTSA and a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) with a concentration in Electronic Commerce from Colorado Technical University. He is also a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP).

