

Dewayne Hart

Passive Protection → Active Readiness
 Bridging technical complexity with C-suite strategy



Host — The Chief of Cybersecurity Podcast

ABOUT

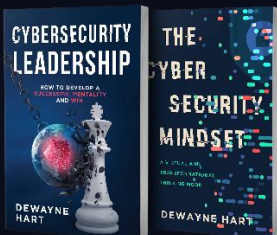
Dewayne Hart is a former U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer, acclaimed author, and cybersecurity speaker who helps organizations transition from passive protection to active readiness. With over two decades of military service and experience advising Fortune 500 companies and federal agencies—including the VA, U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, Duke Energy, PwC, and Kaiser Permanente—he brings a mission-driven, practical approach to today's evolving threat landscape.

As founder of Secure Managed Instructional Systems (SEMAIS) and a former Forbes Technology Council contributor, Dewayne equips business leaders, government professionals, and teams with the clarity and confidence to understand cybersecurity's true impact—and act decisively.

CREDENTIALS

- 20+ years U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer
- Founder, SEMAIS — Cyber Readiness & GRC Advisory
- Forbes Technology Council — former featured contributor
- Author of two defining works on cyber leadership

PUBLICATIONS



SIGNATURE TOPICS

AI Under Attack: How Executives Can Govern, Defend, and Win the AI Arms Race

How to mitigate adversarial AI risk, govern secure adoption strategies, and build governance frameworks that protect the enterprise without stifling innovation.

From Risk to Command: Turning Cyber Risk into Competitive Advantage

Reframes security from a compliance requirement into a measurable value driver that aligns with revenue protection, brand trust, and strategic business growth goals.

Mission Ready: How to Build, Retain, and Lead Elite Cybersecurity Teams

Introduces a Mission-First Retention Framework that helps organizations attract, retain, and lead elite cyber professionals without overstressing teams.

The Insider Threat Within: Building a Human Firewall That Stops Attacks Before They Start

Shows how to shift workforces from passive policy compliance to active defense behavior by embedding a genuine defender mindset.

Ransomware Reckoning: An Operator's Playbook for Surviving and Defeating the #1 Cyber Threat

Equips leaders with an operator-tested playbook that closes attacker gaps and commands the critical first 72-hour breach response.

Privacy Is Personal: Protecting Data, Identity, and Trust in a Hyper-Connected World

Explores how to translate GDPR, CCPA, and HIPAA into practical steps that make every employee an active data defender.

SELECTED ENGAGEMENTS

National Cybersecurity Summit	Incyber Forum Canada
AFCEA DHS Conference	GDS Group Security Summit
Techno Security & Forensics	GovTechCon
Capitol Technology University	AFCEA Mid Atlantic
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	U.S. Army & Navy

CORE PHILOSOPHY

Cybersecurity is not just a technical issue—it is a leadership responsibility. Dewayne bridges technical complexity with C-suite strategy, transforming security from a “cost of doing business” into a competitive advantage that drives growth, protects people, and builds lasting organizational resilience.

His mission-driven delivery gives executives exactly what they need: clarity on what is at risk, confidence to make decisions under pressure, and a framework to turn cybersecurity into measurable business advantage.

“The organizations that define the next decade will not be those with the best tools. They will be those with leaders prepared to win.” – Dewayne Hart

FORBES TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

Three Reasons Why Small Businesses Fall Victim to Cyberattacks *May 2025*

Three Valuable Reasons Why Cybersecurity Leadership Is Failing *Apr 2025*

Unveiling the Secret to Improving Cybersecurity Capabilities *Jan 2025*

Combatting AI Bias Through Equitable Algorithms *Dec 2024*

Securing the Modern Enterprise: Eliminating Security Blind Spots *Oct 2024*

How To Safely Implement AI For Combat Readiness *Oct 2024*

Developing a Cyber-Focused Company Culture Through Leadership *Aug 2024*

WHAT AUDIENCES WALK AWAY WITH

Clarity on risk

A clear understanding of what is truly at stake in the digital battlespace—in language executives can act on

Decision confidence

Practical frameworks to make decisive moves under pressure, uncertainty, and evolving threat conditions

Strategic advantage

Actionable tools to turn cybersecurity from a cost center into a measurable driver of business value

Cultural shift

A defender mindset that spreads from the C-suite to frontline teams—people become the first line of defense

TESTIMONIALS

“Dewayne can integrate security into various discussions, creating a comprehensive roadmap for security initiatives. His insights are particularly valuable in today's evolving threat landscape.”

— UNOS

“Dewayne is a highly knowledgeable expert in AI and cybersecurity. He conveys complex concepts in a way that resonates with a diverse audience and leadership levels.”

— Nomad Cyber Concepts

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