

America Faces Cyberattacks Every Day as SENTRICUS Appoints Harlan A. Bizzell CEO

Retired U.S. Army intelligence officer brings 38 years of mission-tested leadership to make cybersecurity education an everyday line of national defense.

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[SENTRICUS](#) today announced the appointment of Harlan A. Bizzell as chief executive officer and vice chairman of the board, effective Aug. 12, 2026, positioning the company to make cybersecurity education a practical foundation for stronger cyber risk, compliance, AI governance, and national resilience. America is living through an everyday cyberwar. It reaches beyond government systems and corporate networks into homes, hospitals, schools, businesses, and critical services through stolen credentials, phishing, ransomware, supply-chain compromise, and AI-enabled fraud.



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The urgency is measurable. The FBI's 2025 Internet Crime Report recorded 1,008,597 complaints and nearly \$21

billion in reported losses, a 26 percent increase from 2024. Those figures reflect reported activity and reinforce a national reality: cybersecurity cannot depend on technology alone. It also depends on informed leaders, prepared workforces, secure everyday habits, and clear accountability.

Mitchell Sacks, founder and chairman of the board, will preserve strategic continuity while Bizzell assumes responsibility for daily operations, customer delivery, strategic partnerships, organizational execution, and market growth.

“Harlan is the right leader for SENTRICUS at a moment when cyber threats reach every institution, business, and family,” said Mitchell Sacks. “Technology alone cannot protect a nation whose people are unprepared. His intelligence experience, enterprise discipline, and commitment to national security will help SENTRICUS turn education into accountable action, defensible decisions, and measurable readiness.”



Bizzell brings more than 38 years of combined military, intelligence, consulting, business, and leadership experience to SENTRICUS. He retired from the United States Army as a Chief Warrant Officer Three after a 21-year career that included service as a Morse Code Operator, Senior Intelligence Analyst, Digital Network Exploitation Analyst, and assignments with Special Operations Team-Alpha supporting U.S. Special Operations Command missions. He is a veteran of Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“Cybersecurity Education is National Security,” Bizzell said. “America cannot buy its way out of cyber risk with technology alone. Cybersecurity education must become an everyday practice, from the boardroom to the family living room. Strong, unique passwords, password managers, multifactor authentication, timely software updates, and the ability to recognize and report phishing are daily acts of national resilience. SENTRICUS will help leaders, workforces, and communities turn knowledge into safer behavior, stronger governance, and measurable readiness.”

Following his military retirement, Bizzell spent 14 years at Booz Allen Hamilton as a Digital Network Exploitation Analyst, supporting complex national-security missions and holding workforce leadership responsibilities. He later served for three years at Bizzell, a consulting, strategy, and technology firm, as a Senior Business and Artificial Intelligence Consultant. His advisory work has included business strategy, artificial intelligence, government contracting, and organizational growth. Bizzell earned a Bachelor of Science in Management from the University of Phoenix.

Under Bizzell's leadership, SENTRICUS will align its education, advisory services, assessments, risk-aligned solutions, and partner-enabled capabilities around four priorities:

- Cybersecurity Education: Prepare executives, boards, workforces, students, families, and communities to recognize threats, understand responsibility, and act before preventable incidents escalate.
- Cyber Risk: Identify exposure, strengthen readiness, connect technical threats to operational and financial consequences, and give leaders a defensible basis for action.
- Compliance: Support readiness assessments, evidence preparation, continuous compliance, and preparation for assessment by an authorized CMMC Third-Party Assessment Organization.
- AI Governance: Help organizations establish responsible-use policies, data protection, human oversight, accountability, and security controls before AI adoption outpaces governance.

SENTRICUS will reinforce practical cybersecurity behaviors that make people and organizations harder to exploit:

recognizing and reporting phishing, using strong and unique passwords with a password manager, enabling multifactor authentication, and installing software updates promptly. These everyday practices are not minor technical tasks. They are part of America's first line of cyber defense.

Immediate leadership priorities include strengthening accountability, clarifying organizational roles, improving customer-focused execution, formalizing partner integration, scaling cybersecurity education programs, strengthening cyber-risk and compliance evidence, and establishing measurable objectives across growth, service delivery, readiness, and customer outcomes.

The transition will preserve continuity under Sacks's chairmanship while empowering Bizzell to lead strategy, daily operations, and market growth. SENTRICUS will continue expanding its leadership, partner network, educational offerings, and cyber-resilience capabilities for public- and private-sector organizations facing an increasingly complex threat environment.

“Cybersecurity Education is National Security - powered by SENTRICUS” will serve as the company's strategic North Star as it works to convert knowledge into cyber-risk reduction, compliance readiness, responsible AI governance, and stronger everyday security practices.

About SENTRICUS

SENTRICUS helps organizations reduce cyber risk, strengthen compliance, govern AI responsibly, and translate complex security issues into defensible decisions. Headquartered in Litchfield, Connecticut, the company delivers cybersecurity education, assessments, advisory services, risk-aligned solutions, and governance support to public- and private-sector organizations where accountability matters.

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