

## **Alan R. Chico**

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Active DOD Secret Clearance | CISSP (In Progress) | CompTIA Security+ CE  
| Certified in Cybersecurity (ISC<sup>2</sup>)

### **Professional Summary**

Cybersecurity and IT governance professional with 21+ years of U.S. Army Senior Leader experience leading enterprise operations, risk management, governance, and compliance programs. Proven expertise in developing security policies, conducting risk assessments, and aligning IT strategy with organizational goals. Skilled at collaborating with executives, cross-functional teams, and stakeholders to deliver scalable and secure technology solutions. Adept in training and mentoring leaders, designing governance frameworks, and managing multimillion-dollar assets. Holds an M.S. in Cybersecurity (2025), a B.S. in IT (2023), and an active Security+ certification.

### **Core Competencies**

- Governance, Risk & Compliance: NIST, RMF, CSF, CMMC, ISO 27001, FedRAMP
- Risk Assessment & Mitigation | Policy Development | Vulnerability Management
- Cloud & Enterprise Systems: AWS, Azure, VMware, VirtualBox, MS Sentinel
- Cybersecurity Tools: Splunk, Q-Radar, Nexxus, Wireshark, Nmap, Kali Linux
- Security Architecture & Engineering | SIEM Integration | Incident Reporting
- Training & Leadership Development | Instructional Systems Design (ISD)
- Program & Project Management | Cross-Functional Team Leadership

### **Professional Experience**

#### **GRC Policy Specialist | Zermount, Inc. (Hiring Our Heroes Fellowship) 2025 - Present**

- Support governance, risk, and compliance initiatives for federal clients, aligning with NIST, RMF, CMMC, and FedRAMP frameworks.
- Draft and implement enterprise cybersecurity policies and controls to strengthen compliance and risk posture.
- Conduct risk assessments, gap analyses, and reporting for senior leadership.
- Collaborate with IT and business units to ensure governance policies align with mission objectives.

### **Senior Operations & Workforce Manager | U.S. Army (2004 - Present)**

- Directed daily operations, training, and compliance for organizations of up to 200 personnel.
- Managed governance, risk, and readiness programs, ensuring compliance with federal standards.
- Oversaw \$20M+ in sensitive IT, communications, and operational equipment with zero losses.
- Developed cybersecurity-aligned training programs and operational policies to improve resilience.
- Served as senior advisor to executives, providing strategic planning, risk analysis, and compliance reporting.

### **Senior Advisor & Operations Leader (SFAB) | U.S. Army 2019 - 2022**

- Partnered with U.S. and allied organizations to design secure communications and compliance frameworks.
- Created SOPs and cybersecurity-aligned policies for multinational teams, ensuring adherence to governance standards.
- Managed \$10M+ in IT and communications assets, ensuring risk-free accountability.
- Conducted mission analysis, risk assessments, and operational planning for complex international projects.

### **Operations Manager / Squad Leader | U.S. Army 2017 - 2019**

- Supervised and developed teams of 9-12 personnel, aligning training and operations with security standards.
- Conducted risk analysis, policy implementation, and compliance reviews.
- Managed \$2.5M+ in assets and ensured accountability with no loss.

### **Training & Curriculum Developer - Officer Candidate School (OCS) | U.S. Army 2013 - 2017**

- Designed and delivered leadership development programs for over 500 candidates annually.
- Applied instructional systems design (ISD) models and adult learning principles to curriculum.
- Implemented innovative training methods, achieving a 98% first-time qualification rate.
- Mentored future leaders in governance, decision-making, and operational risk.

### **Education & Certifications**

M.S. Cybersecurity - American Military University, 2025

B.S. Information Technology, Magna Cum Laude - AMU, 2023

CompTIA Security+ CE (DoD 8570 IAT Level II) | Certified in Cybersecurity (ISC<sup>2</sup>) | CISSP (In Progress - Target November 2025) | Army Basic Instructor Certified | Senior Leader Course

**Clearance**

Active DOD Secret Clearance, TS/SCI Eligible