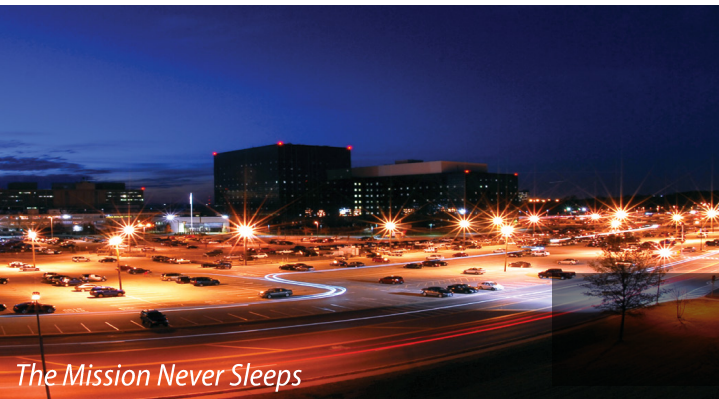




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*The Mission Never Sleeps*

The mission of the National Security Agency (NSA) and its military component, the Central Security Service (CSS), is focused on saving lives, defending vital networks, and exploiting the foreign communications of adversaries. On behalf of the dedicated employees of America's cryptologic organization, I appreciate your taking the time to learn about this unique national asset.

Every day, we provide valuable intelligence on issues of concern to all Americans—such as international terrorism, cyber crime, narcotics trafficking, and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Our customers range from U.S. decisionmakers to service personnel who are in harm's way.

For us, collaboration is built into the very fabric of who we are. A component of both the U.S. Defense Department and the U.S. Intelligence Community, we also partner with other Federal organizations—including the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Cyber Command—to safeguard national security information and systems. Cybersecurity is a team sport. No one organization has the resources to do the job alone.

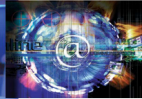
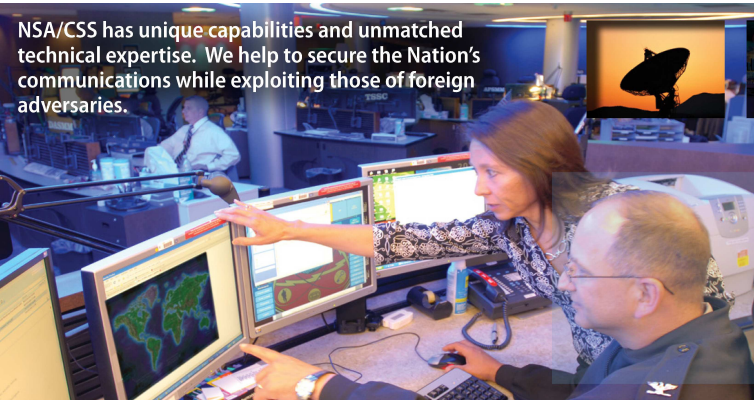
Just as we are committed to protecting the Nation, we are equally committed to protecting the privacy rights of the American people. It is not an either/or proposition. We must do both, and we do every day.

This guide highlights our core values and vision. We always stand ready to serve—for the good of the Nation.

KEITH B. ALEXANDER  
General, U.S. Army  
Director, NSA/Chief, CSS



NSA/CSS has unique capabilities and unmatched technical expertise. We help to secure the Nation's communications while exploiting those of foreign adversaries.



## succeeding in TODAY'S OPERATIONS

By collecting foreign signals, we provide policymakers and warfighters with information that gives them a decisive edge to keep our Nation safe.

We protect both information and information technology that are essential to U.S. interests. We also defend critical U.S. and Allied networks against attack.

We help our customers identify and correct vulnerabilities in technology and operations.

Together, these activities—collecting foreign signals intelligence (SIGINT), providing information assurance (IA), and enabling computer network operations (CNO)—are the crux of NSA's work.



## SAVING lives

NSA/CSS provides indications and warnings of impending terrorist attacks and operational planning abroad.

Fast action is key. Our technology allows us to deliver actionable intelligence to troops in near real-time or better.

We share information with agencies that are responsible for safeguarding our homeland and protecting our citizens around the world.

**Global terrorism puts at risk the lives of our citizens, military forces, and international allies. SIGINT is a vital tool in fighting and capturing terrorists around the world.**



NSA/CSS is unwavering in its respect for U.S. laws and Americans' civil liberties—and in its commitment to accountability.



## operating as a RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN

We carry out missions in ways that are consistent with the Nation's values and laws. Earning the American public's trust is paramount.

Our employees are held to the highest standards of accountability and lawfulness, which are reinforced by recurrent training at all levels.

Our compliance processes are a part of a broader oversight structure in which all three branches of the U.S. Government play key roles.



NSA has been in the trenches of national security—literally and figuratively—for almost 60 years, serving as the Nation's code makers and code breakers.

## building upon our RICH HERITAGE

We confront today's increasingly complex challenges with determination and creativity, just as we've tackled past issues. An understanding of our history enriches our future.

Our legacy of cutting-edge technology has developed communications solutions for generations.



NSA/CSS identifies technology trends as well as emerging targets, helping America meet future challenges and adapt with greater agility.



## preparing for the FUTURE

Our goals are to:

Improve and modernize the security of sensitive information systems and produce timely and actionable intelligence.

Create and integrate research breakthroughs and transfer technologies in support of national security and U.S. Government missions.

Collaborate in developing education programs at the elementary, secondary, and college levels.

## CYBERSECURITY: a team sport

NSA/CSS partners with Federal organizations, private industry, and academia to develop the capabilities to safeguard national security information. Cybersecurity is a team sport.

Providing technical expertise to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Cyber Command, and other Federal Government entities is one of our essential duties.

To stay ahead of adversaries, we constantly adjust and improve our defenses to protect the United States in this digital age. NSA/CSS provides intelligence as well as innovative products and services to confront cyber threats in an ever-changing global environment.

Today's most pressing threats include cyber terrorism, computer hacking, and debilitating computer viruses. Adversaries are constantly trying to steal our digital information and compromise U.S. security.







Remarkable people with remarkable skills form the heart of the National Security Agency.

We are an adaptive, forward-leaning organization. We can and must outthink, outwork, and defeat our adversaries' new ideas. This is possible only with a dedicated, talented workforce that supports the defense of the United States and all that it stands for.

NSA's core values underpin this commitment.

First and foremost is our respect for the law. Everything that we undertake in our missions is grounded in our adherence to the U.S. Constitution and compliance with U.S. laws and regulations that govern our activities.

Honesty and integrity are core values. We recognize that national leaders and the American people at large have placed great trust in us, and we strive at all times to be deserving of that trust.

In addition, we embrace transparency to the fullest extent possible. We never forget that we, too, are Americans and that every activity we engage in is aimed at ensuring the safety, security, and liberty of our fellow citizens.

NSA is a unique national asset because of our employees, many of whom have made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation. NSA's people not only matter, they make all the difference.

  
JOHN C. INGLIS

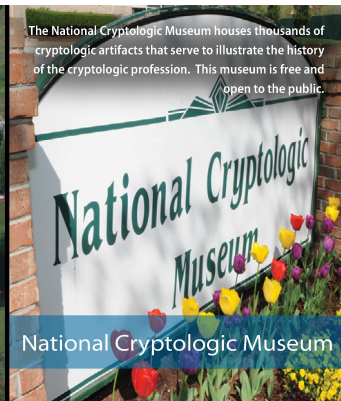
Deputy Director  
National Security Agency





## National Vigilance Park

National Vigilance Park honors the "silent warriors" who performed crucial intelligence-gathering missions during the Cold War. The achievements and sacrifices of these military personnel are a proud part of the NSA/CSS legacy.



The National Cryptologic Museum houses thousands of cryptologic artifacts that serve to illustrate the history of the cryptologic profession. This museum is free and open to the public.

## National Cryptologic Museum



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