# RODDRECUS CHAMES

Military Veteran | Secret Security Clearance

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Motivated military veteran transitioning into civilian IT. Holds CompTIA Security+ certification and current Secret Security Clearance. Eager to apply strong discipline, problem-solving, and technical skills to a role in cybersecurity or IT support. Ready to learn and grow.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Media Specialist**                                                      Jan 2024 - Feb 2025

*Old Dominion University | Norfolk, VA.*

- Managed team of four photographers and videographers in delivering multimedia solutions for 33 units, supporting a student body of 24,000 students, yielding an increase in social media engagement by 19%.
- Directed multimedia production for college communications, boosting digital engagement by 125% and video viewership by 200% within one year.
- Spearheaded strategic content initiatives that increased social media impressions by 45% and campus event attendance by 60% through innovative video and photography campaigns.

**SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR (ASM)**                              Sep 2018 - Feb 2024

*United States Navy | Norfolk, VA.*

- Deployed and configured remote ASM servers during transitions from airfield to ship deployments, achieving full operational capability within 4 hours of arrival and supporting mission-critical applications with 99% uptime.
- Managed 382 user accounts in Active Directory and ASM, maintaining a 100% audit compliance rate and provisioning or deprovisioning accounts within 30 minutes on average.
- Liaised with CSFWL ASM Systems Administrators to resolve 60+ cross-domain issues per year, cutting escalation resolution time by 40% and preventing mission delays.
- Maintained personnel records for 235 members in SQL databases, ensuring 100% accuracy in qualifications tracking and enabling rapid verification during readiness inspections.

- Generated 50 readiness and compliance reports monthly, automating data pulls and reducing reporting errors by 15% through standardized SQL queries and PowerShell scripts.
- Coordinated 40 annual training schedules, collaborating with stakeholders to achieve a 98% on-time certification completion rate and improving overall personnel readiness.
- Troubleshot and resolved 25 ASM server incidents annually, ranging from OS failures to network misconfigurations, reducing server downtime by 30% and maintaining 99% service availability.

**IT Help Desk Support**                                               Mar 2014 - Sep 2018

*United States Navy | Norfolk, VA.*

- Trained 13 personnel to deploy and maintain 72 computer systems, ensuring compliance with DoD standards.
- Ensured 100% compliance for a department of 150+ users by conducting monthly audits of computer usage policies and remediating 25+ non-compliant configurations per quarter.
- Created and provisioned 200+ user accounts (Active Directory, email, VPN) annually, maintaining a 99% accuracy rate and reducing onboarding time by 30%.
- Logged and tracked 1,200+ help-desk tickets per year in ServiceNow, achieving an average first-response time of 20 minutes and resolution time of 4 hours.
- Troubleshot and resolved 500+ hardware and network issues, including printer, VPN, and Wi-Fi outages, maintaining 98% uptime for critical systems.
- Staffed daily policy-compliance watches, reviewing 300+ user sessions weekly to identify and escalate 15+ policy violations, leading to targeted user training that reduced repeat offenses by 40%.
- Managed and updated the department's SharePoint site with 50+ new documents and workflows annually, improving information accessibility and reducing internal email inquiries by 25%.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to implement computer-usage standard updates, coordinating 4 major policy rollouts per year and delivering 3 training sessions to 150+ staff with 95% positive feedback.

## PROJECTS

**BamBOOTech Labs**                                                    Mar 2025 - Present

*Home Lab | Virginia Beach, VA.*

Created in March 2025, BamBOOTech Labs showcases beginner-friendly IT labs, coding, networking, and cybersecurity projects to help others like me get noticed by recruiters while learning and growing my IT skillset.  YouTube: https://youtu.be/c_h5_ZG6J0Y

**TryHackme.com Member**                                          Nov 2024 - Present

*Home Lab | Virginia Beach, VA.*

I use TryHackMe to gain hands-on cybersecurity experience with real-world tools like Nmap, Wireshark, Splunk, and Metasploit in safe, simulated labs.

- Scanned and mapped 500+ network targets using Nmap, Gobuster, and TCPdump, uncovering hidden services and reducing reconnaissance time by 40%.
- Brute-forced 128+ credentials across SSH and HTTP(S) with Hydra and John the Ripper, achieving a 15% credential recovery rate to test defensive posture.
- Parsed and normalized Windows Event Logs, Linux syslogs, and Virtualization hypervisor logs into a SIEM (Splunk/ELK), ingesting over 20 million events per week with an average MTTD of 10 minutes.
- Developed 20+ Sigma rules and Splunk correlation searches for IDS/IPS and Threat Hunting, cutting false positives by 35% and surfacing 50+ high-severity alerts monthly.
- Analyzed 1200+ packet captures with Wireshark, TCPdump, and Zeek (via REMnux), detecting lateral movement and data exfiltration techniques in under 30 minutes per capture.
- Encrypted and decrypted simulated data streams using Cryptography libraries in Python and CyberChef, ensuring proper handling of TLS, SSH, and VPN traffic during incident investigations.
- Automated enrichment workflows with Python scripts and PowerShell, integrating MISP, OpenCTI, and CAPA to ingest 1,500+ IOCs, improving analyst efficiency by 50%.
- Conducted full-stack penetration testing using Metasploit, Burp Suite, SQLmap, and OWASP Top 10 techniques against Linux and Windows AD targets, documenting 25+ exploitable findings and driving remediation.
- Simulated advanced adversary tactics across the Kill Chain, leveraging TOR Browser, FlareVM, and Exploitation Research labs to validate SOC playbooks and raise incident response readiness from 70% to 92%.
- Built interactive dashboards in Kibana and Splunk, visualizing CSS/HTML/JavaScript–based web application attack patterns, SOC metrics, and Threat Hunting insights, improving reporting cadence by 30%.
- Delivered virtual and in-person customer service–style incident briefings to stakeholders, explaining complex findings from CAPA, REMnux, and Linode–hosted labs in clear, actionable terms.

## CORE SKILLS

**Hard Skills & Tools Used:**

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| Offensive Security | Nmap | Hydra |
| Defensive Security | Cryptography | Gobuster |
| Linux Fundamentals | Metasploit | SOC Fundamentals |
| Windows & Active Directory | Exploitation Research | IDS/IPS Fundamentals |
| Command Line | Penetration Testing | CyberChef |
| Windows Powershell | Burp Suite | CAPA |
| Linux Shells | OWASP Top 10 | FlareVM |
| Networking | HTML | Virtualization |
| TLS, SSH, VPN | CSS | Azure |
| Wireshark | Javascript | Linode |
| Tcpdump | Python | TOR Browser |
| John the Ripper | SQL Map | Customer Service |
| Cryptography | REMnux | Windows Operating System |
| SIEM | Kill Chain Analysis | Threat Hunting |
| Network Troubleshooting | Hardware Troubleshooting | Microsoft Office |

**Soft Skills:**

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| Leadership | Adaptability | Discipline |
| Teamwork | Effective Communication | Problem-Solving |
| Time Management | Attention to Detail | Proactive |

## EDUCATION

**Old Dominion University**                                                    Jan 2024 - Dec 2026

**Bachelor of Science** Information Systems and Technology

**O2O Syracuse University D'Aniello Institute for Vets**            Apr 2025 - Aug 2025

**Career Skills Program** CompTIA CySA+ Certification

**University of Phoenix**                                                     Mar 2012 - May 2014

**Associate of Arts** General Studies

## CERTIFICATIONS

**CompTIA Security +**                                                              Mar 2025

CompTIA

**CompTIA A+ Certification**                                            Jan 2025
CompTIA

**Network and Network Security : Connect and Protect**                  Dec 2024
Coursera

**Assets Threats and Vulnerabilities**                                  Dec 2024
Coursera

**Pre Security**                                                        Dec 2024
Tryhackme.com

**CompTIA CySA+**                                            **Expected** Aug 2025
CompTIA