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As an experienced cyber-security leader, Laura Harder has worked across multiple commercial and government agencies in both large and small firms. Laura's career has spanned 22 years of military service in both the Army and the Air Force Reserves and over 19 years of private sector experience. With a passion for cyber security, Laura has focused her military and civilian career around protecting critical information systems.

Currently she is serving as the Cloud Solutions Technical Strategist at VMware, and prior to this role she has served as a cybersecurity director at multiple companies. An Air Force reservist, she is serves as the Enterprise Services Flight Commander for the 53rd Network Operations Squadron, supporting the Air Force Information.

She has earned the distinction of ISSA Fellow, serves as an ISSA International board of directors, is the president of the Northern Colorado chapter of ISSA, serves on the ISSA Chapter Leader's Committee and the Women in Security Small Interest group (SIG). She provides insight and experience from multiple roles in information security and cybersecurity projects for government agencies and the private sector.

She holds multiple certifications in Information Technology certifications including the Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) certification, CompTIA Security +, Project +, Scrum Agile Product Owner and Scrum Master Certification, and Microsoft certifications.