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ABOUT CHARLES DENYER

I'm a recognized global expert in cybersecurity, data privacy, risk management, compliance, and artificial intelligence. With over two decades of experience advising top-tier organizations, government agencies, and fast-growing sectors like startups, SaaS, fintech, healthcare, and defense, I help leaders navigate a rapidly evolving landscape shaped by emerging threats, shifting regulations, and the unprecedented rise of AI.

In a world where data breaches, AI misuse, and regulatory crackdowns escalate daily, I deliver more than compliance—I build true operational resilience. My field-tested approach empowers organizations to protect critical assets, ensure ethical and legal AI adoption, and stay ahead of audits, adversaries, and disruption.

I bring strategic oversight and deep operational expertise across national defense, financial services, healthcare, critical infrastructure & high-risk commercial environments. My skill set covers vital security and compliance frameworks including SOC 1 and SOC 2 audits, PCI DSS, ISO 27001, NIST RMF, FISMA, FedRAMP, StateRAMP, CMMC, and NIST 800-171 for defense contractors. I also navigate healthcare regulations like HIPAA and privacy laws including GDPR and CPRA. Additionally, I'm versed in specialized government requirements such as eMASS, DCSA ATO, and ITAR. This broad expertise enables me to help organizations—from startups to fintech, healthcare, and defense—meet their toughest security and compliance challenges.

This is What I do for Businesses...

Secure Your Systems,
Get Audit Ready & Compliant
...and *GROW Your Business*

As a thought leader at the intersection of AI, compliance, and cybersecurity, I guide organizations in harnessing AI responsibly while managing risks like algorithmic bias, privacy violations, IP misuse, and regulatory exposure. I advise on AI governance frameworks, ethics policies, and enterprise AI readiness. I'm also an established author with multiple publications in print, sharing insights on cybersecurity, privacy, and emerging technologies. As a noted speaker, I regularly address audiences on Security, Privacy, Risk, Compliance, AI, and Emerging Tech topics—bringing clarity, actionable strategies, and real-world experience. My expertise makes me a go-to source for many media outlets seeking clear, insightful analysis of today's most pressing security and compliance issues. **Whether in boardrooms, classified briefings, on stage, or in media interviews, I'm known for turning complexity into clarity—and strategy into action.**

COMPLIANCE SECURITY ACADEMY

Training. Tools. Success.

I'm the founder of **Compliance Security Academy**, a global training and documentation platform used by thousands of companies in over 40 countries to pass audits and build security programs aligned with today's toughest standards.

Additionally, I host three influential podcasts:

THE BRIEF
// Security // Privacy // Risk // Compliance

CHARLES DENYER

Timely insights on cybersecurity, privacy, compliance, AI, and emerging tech.

THREAT LEVEL RED
CHARLES DENYER
PODCAST

In-depth explorations of covert operations, global conspiracies & national security risks.

CHASING POWER
THE PATH TO PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE
PODCAST

A deep dive into the strategies & drama behind America's presidential races.

"Compliance is your baseline. Security and resilience, that's your benchmark. I help organizations build both." — *Charles Denyer*

EXPERTISE

I'm a trusted advisor in cybersecurity, compliance, and risk management, with a career dedicated to helping organizations build resilient, audit-ready, and regulation-aligned programs. My background spans national security policy, enterprise audit readiness, cloud transformation, and implementation of complex security frameworks across heavily regulated industries, including defense, healthcare, financial services, and critical infrastructure.

> **"Frameworks don't protect systems — people and process do. But without a framework, you're flying blind."** — *Charles Denyer*

Core Regulatory & Security Framework Expertise

Over the years, I've worked extensively with a wide range of U.S. and international cybersecurity, privacy, and compliance frameworks, including:

- **AICPA SOC Framework** (SOC 1 SSAE 18, SOC 2, SOC 3)
- **Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard** (PCI DSS)
- **ISO 27000 Series** (ISO 27001, ISO 27002, and related standards)
- **NIST Frameworks** — including NIST 800 Series (800-53, 800-171) & NIST 1800
- **FISMA** (Federal Information Security Modernization Act)
- **DFARS, NIST 800-171, ITAR & CMMC** (Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification)
- **HIPAA** (Security & Privacy Rule), **HITRUST CSF**, and **CMSR/CMS**
- **10 CFR Part 810** (nuclear export control compliance)

- **Critical Infrastructure Protection standards**
- **FedRAMP** and **StateRAMP** for cloud security authorizations
- **GLBA** (Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act)
- **23 NYCRR Part 500** (NY DFS cybersecurity regulation)
- **FFIEC, FINRA & FBI CJIS** for financial and criminal justice data handling
- **GDPR, CCPA, CPRA, and EU-U.S. Privacy Shield**
- **API STD 1164** (Pipeline cybersecurity)

Information Security & Cybersecurity Expertise

My day-to-day work requires in-depth technical and strategic knowledge across the cybersecurity stack. I help organizations identify and reduce risk through robust technical controls, governance programs, and security engineering. My areas of hands-on expertise include:

- **Vendor Due Diligence & Third-Party Risk Management**
- **Penetration Testing & Vulnerability Management**
- **Incident Response Planning & Execution**
- **Enterprise Risk Assessments & Gap Analyses**
- **Security Awareness Training Programs**
- **Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery Planning (BCDRP)**
- **SIEM (Security Information and Event Management) implementation**
- **Web Application Firewalls (WAF)**
- **Network and Host-Based Intrusion Detection Systems (NIDS/HIDS)**
- **Configuration Management & Infrastructure Hardening**
- **Change Control & Ticketing Systems**
- **Secure development with Dockers, Containers, and APIs**

Information Security & Cybersecurity Expertise

I also serve as a subject matter expert on cloud computing security across **AWS, Microsoft Azure,** and **Google Cloud Platform** (GCP). My cloud expertise spans:

- **Cloud computing trends, architectures, and security frameworks (IaaS, PaaS, SaaS)**
- **Regulatory compliance within cloud ecosystems, including FedRAMP, ISO 27001, and SOC 2 alignment**
- **Cloud architecture design, deployment, and secure operation**
- **Secure migration strategies from on-premise to cloud**
- **Implementation of scalable cloud security controls for regulated industries**

What I Deliver

Whether guiding a defense contractor through CMMC or preparing a healthcare SaaS company for HITRUST or SOC 2, I help organizations navigate complex regulatory landscapes with confidence. I've led successful audit prep and security programs for firms ranging from startups to large enterprises — always with a focus on practicality, precision, and long-term resilience.

CREDENTIALS

Certifications & Professional Expertise

I hold multiple certifications that reflect my deep expertise in risk management, cybersecurity, compliance, and audit readiness. These credentials demonstrate my ability to lead complex engagements, align with global standards, and provide real-world guidance across regulated industries:

CRISC – Certified in Risk & Information Systems Control

Issued by ISACA, CRISC is a globally respected certification for IT risk management. As a CRISC-certified professional, I specialize in identifying, assessing, and managing enterprise IT risk — and in designing and implementing effective information systems controls.

CISA – Certified Information Systems Auditor

The CISA certification, also from ISACA, confirms my extensive knowledge in auditing, control, and assurance. As a CISA-certified professional, I've led and participated in numerous complex audits, including SOC 2, HIPAA, and PCI DSS engagements.

NIST RMF Expert – Risk Management Framework (800-37)

My expertise in the **NIST Risk Management Framework (RMF)** includes deep, practical knowledge of security categorization, control selection and implementation (NIST 800-53), assessment, authorization (ATO), and continuous monitoring processes — particularly for federal agencies, contractors, and organizations working with the DoD or civilian agencies.

ISO 27001 Lead Auditor

As a certified **ISO/IEC 27001 Lead Auditor**, I conduct formal audits and readiness assessments for information security management systems (ISMS) across industries. This certification demonstrates my capability to evaluate and certify organizational adherence to global best practices for data confidentiality, integrity, and availability.

PCIP – Payment Card Industry Professional

The **PCIP** credential, issued by the PCI Security Standards Council, signifies strong foundational knowledge of PCI DSS requirements and payment card industry security protocols. As a PCIP, I advise clients on secure handling of cardholder data and prepare them for compliance with evolving PCI DSS versions.

PCI-QSA – Qualified Security Assessor

As a **PCI-QSA**, I am authorized to assess and validate merchant and service provider compliance with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS). I have conducted formal PCI DSS assessments across various merchant levels and complex environments, including e-commerce, SaaS, and retail.

University of Texas at Austin – Bachelor of Arts

Completed a comprehensive undergraduate program at one of the leading public universities in the United States.

The Johns Hopkins University – Master's of Information and Telecommunications Systems

Specialized degree in information technology and telecommunications systems. Gained expertise in areas such as network design, cybersecurity, data communications, and system optimization, preparing for leadership roles in technology-driven industries.

University of Tennessee at Knoxville – Master's of Science in Nuclear Engineering

Specialized degree in nuclear engineering, with coursework and research focused on reactor design, nuclear safety, radiation protection, ICBM's, etc. Developed advanced technical skills in both theoretical and applied aspects of nuclear systems.

> **"You don't need a thousand controls. You need the right ones — implemented with precision, tested regularly, and aligned to your risk."** *— Charles Denyer*

INDUSTRIES

With deep experience across industries like defense, finance, healthcare, and tech, I turn risk into resilience and compliance into competitive advantage.

Top Industries I've Worked In

✓ Defense & Aerospace

Supporting DoD contractors and aerospace firms with CMMC, DFARS, and national security compliance.

✓ Financial Services

Helping banks, fintechs, and investment firms meet GLBA, PCI DSS, FFIEC, and NYDFS requirements.

✓ Healthcare

Advising healthcare providers, insurers, and health tech companies on HIPAA, HITRUST, and privacy compliance.

✓ Energy & Utilities

Securing critical infrastructure with NERC CIP, 10 CFR Part 810, and industry-specific cybersecurity frameworks.

✓ Technology & SaaS

Guiding fast-growth tech firms through SOC 2, ISO 27001, GDPR, and FedRAMP readiness.

✓ Government & Public Sector

Working with federal, state, and local agencies on NIST RMF, FISMA, and secure system authorization.

✓ Legal & Professional Services

Protecting client data and strengthening compliance for law firms, consultants, and accounting practices.

✓ Real Estate & Title

Supporting ALTA-regulated firms with cybersecurity, vendor risk, and regulatory alignment.

✓ Retail & eCommerce

Driving PCI DSS compliance and secure digital transactions for major retailers and online platforms.

✓ Media & Communications

Helping media and telecom companies manage privacy, infrastructure security, and regulatory exposure.

"I work with a wide range of industries to secure their operations, ensure audit readiness, and maintain compliance—all while driving sustainable growth."

— Charles Denyer

FOUNDER
Compliance Security Academy

Charles Denyer is the founder of **Compliance Security Academy (CSA)** — a powerful, expert-built training and documentation platform designed to help organizations of all sizes strengthen security, simplify compliance, and pass audits with confidence.

Built by seasoned cybersecurity professionals, auditors, and risk experts, CSA provides everything your business needs to get compliant fast — without relying on expensive consultants or wasting time reinventing the wheel.

COMPLIANCE SECURITY ACADEMY

Training. Tools. Success.

"We built CSA for companies that don't have time to figure it all out from scratch. You get the exact tools, templates, and training we use in the field — **all in one place.**"— *Charles Denyer*

Get Instant Access to:

- ⊘ **4,500+ pages** of editable documents (Word, Excel, PDF)
- ⊘ **Audit-ready** policies, templates, checklists, and plans
- ⊘ **Step-by-step training** for all major security & compliance frameworks
- ⊘ **Cloud-ready documentation** for AWS, Azure, and GCP

- ⊘ **Risk assessments, SoAs, internal audit plans, incident response docs**
- ⊘ **Role-based awareness training & executive guidance**
- ⊘ **Specialty documentation packs** for NIST, ISO 27001, CMMC & more
- ⊘ **Ongoing updates and new content — always included**

Built for:

- ⊘ SOC 2
- ⊘ ISO 27001
- ⊘ PCI DSS 4.0
- ⊘ CMMC
- ⊘ FedRAMP

- ⊘ HIPAA
- ⊘ GDPR
- ⊘ FISMA
- ⊘ NIST 800-53
- ⊘ and More.

GET STARTED TODAY
www.ComplianceSecurityAcademy.com

Every Business Faces Big Security & Compliance Demands

Whether you're a fast-scaling startup or an enterprise managing global compliance, the pressure to meet modern cybersecurity standards is constant — and falling short isn't an option.

Common Challenges We Solve:

Teams overwhelmed with competing priorities	**No clear starting point or roadmap**	**Budget constraints — consultants are too expensive**	**Confusing frameworks and documentation requirements**

It's not just frustrating. It's a risk to your business. That's why Charles created Compliance Security Academy — to deliver real tools, practical training, and step-by-step resources that get you audit-ready fast.

Trusted by Startups, Contractors & Global Enterprises

From first-time SOC 2 audits to full-scale CMMC and FedRAMP authorizations, CSA is used by:

SaaS startups | Healthcare providers | Government contractors | Financial institutions | Compliance consultants & MSPs

Join 40+ countries and thousands of users who trust CSA to take the guesswork out of security and compliance.

AUTHOR

I'm an established author with a focus on cybersecurity, national security, geopolitical issues, data privacy, artificial intelligence, and risk. My work spans a wide range of critical topics that shape today's global landscape, offering deep insight into the complex challenges facing governments, industries, and institutions. I explore the intersection of technology, policy, and global security—helping readers make sense of emerging threats and the opportunities they present.

In addition to my technical writing, I'm also the official biographer of three U.S. Vice Presidents, a role that reflects my passion for historical research and storytelling. My published works range from in-depth analyses of national security and digital risk to political biography, earning the trust of business leaders, policymakers, and security professionals alike.

I have forthcoming publications on data privacy and artificial intelligence—two of the most urgent and transformative issues redefining the future of global security and business. Whether through my books, articles, or speaking engagements, I aim to provide clear, actionable insight and thought leadership across a wide spectrum of industries.

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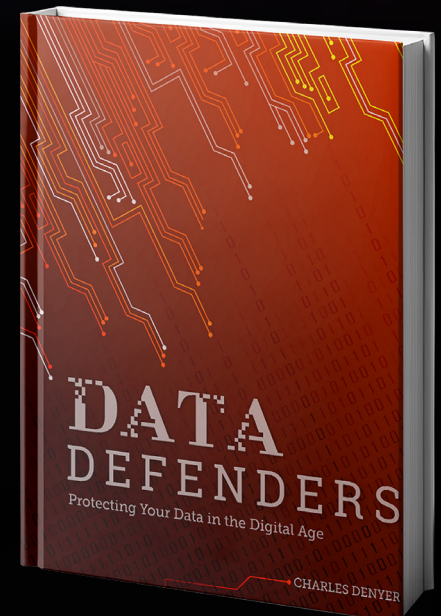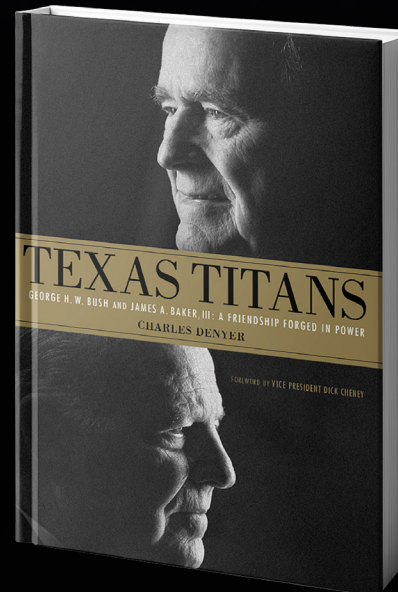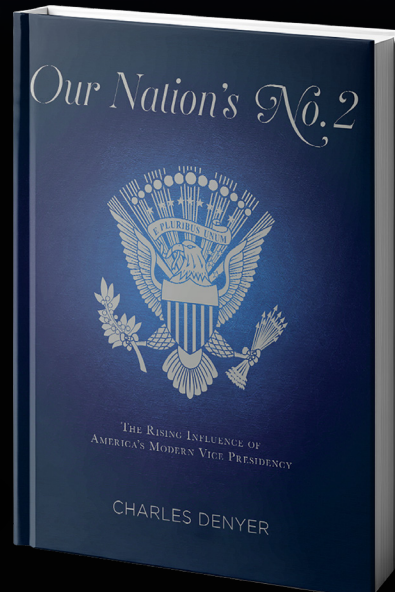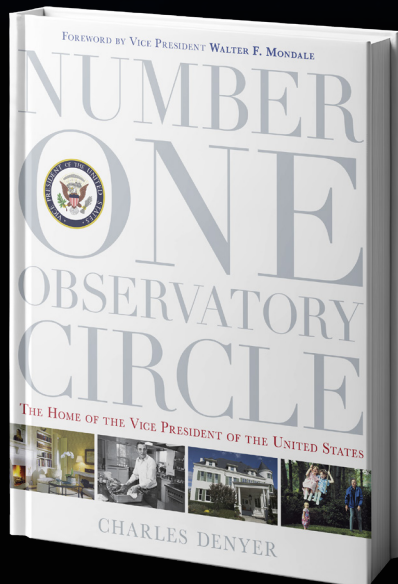
SPEAKER

What Charles Speaks About:

I specialize in delivering actionable, real-world strategies for today's most pressing challenges:

- **Navigating Emerging Technologies & Compliance Challenges**
- **Practical Strategies for Managing Cybersecurity Risk**
- **Data Privacy in a Digital World**
- **The Intersection of AI, Compliance, and Risk**

- **Building Resilient Security and Compliance Programs**
- **Understanding Global Regulations and Standards**
- **Cost-Effective Solutions for Security and Compliance**

Why Choose Charles as a Speaker?

I bring more than theory — I offer battle-tested experience and practical insights:

- **Decades of hands-on advisory work with multinational corporations, defense contractors, SaaS companies, and federal agencies**
- **Expertise in SOC 2, FedRAMP, CMMC, GDPR, NIST, and more**
- **Speaker who transforms complex security topics into engaging, actionable content**
- **Known for his clarity, energy, and "cut through the noise" delivery style**

> **"The difference between compliance and real security? One keeps you out of trouble. The other keeps you in business."** — *Charles Denyer*

What Audiences Can Expect:

✓ Actionable Insights:
Real-world strategies that improve security and streamline compliance

✓ Engaging Content:
Delivered through case studies, field experience, and plain-language storytelling

✓ Practical Solutions:
Approaches that save time, reduce costs, and lower risk

✓ Dynamic Presentations:
Designed to spark conversation and drive real change

Recent Keynote Topics:

- "Cybersecurity in a Changing World: How to Stay Ahead of Evolving Threats"
- "Navigating Compliance Challenges in a Digital-First Era"
- "AI and Risk: What You Need to Know to Stay Compliant"
- The Evolution of AI: From Science-Fiction to Reality"
- "Streamlining Compliance: Making Audits Less Time-Consuming & More Effective"

- "Building Resilience: Protecting Your Organization from Emerging Risks"
- "Security Leadership in the Boardroom: Cyber Governance for Executives"
- "Demystifying SOC 2, FedRAMP, and Modern Compliance Frameworks"
- "Business Continuity & Crisis Response in a Connected World"

✓ **Available for keynotes, panel discussions, corporate training, webinars, and private briefings**

✓ **Custom topics available to meet your audience's specific needs**

Speaking Experience:

I have spoken at international conferences, board meetings, private equity leadership retreats, federal briefings, and high-stakes corporate summits. Whether addressing a packed auditorium or a CISO roundtable, I deliver insights that resonate with real-world challenges and inspire action.

PODCASTER

In addition to my work as a cybersecurity expert, speaker, and advisor, I've launched three highly successful podcasts, each of them bringing clarity, insight, and bold storytelling to listeners across the globe. My shows span hard-hitting risk analysis, national security deep-dives, and political power plays — all told through a signature lens of unfiltered intelligence and real-world expertise.

The Brief with Charles Denyer

Topical. Tactical. Timely. **Security | Privacy | Risk | Compliance | AI | Emerging Tech**

Hosted by Charles Denyer, The Brief delivers sharp, no-fluff insights on the critical issues shaping the future of cybersecurity, privacy, AI, and regulatory compliance. With decades of experience advising government and enterprise leaders, Charles translates complexity into clarity, helping listeners stay informed — and prepared. *For business leaders, CISOs, tech founders, and anyone who needs to understand the shifting security landscape.*

Threat Level RED

Covert. Dangerous. Real. **Deadly Threats | Secret Missions | Shadow Conspiracies**

In *Threat Level RED,* Charles peels back the curtain on the world's most dangerous operations — from covert military missions and global conspiracies to unsolved mysteries and explosive intelligence leaks. Told with unflinching clarity, each episode explores the high-stakes world of national security, espionage, and geopolitical risk. *For fans of spycraft, real-world thrillers, and hidden history.*

Chasing Power: The Path to Pennsylvania Avenue

Ambition. Politics. The White House. **Presidential Campaigns | Political Power | American Influence**

Chasing Power explores the human drama and strategic calculation behind every modern race for the White House. From campaign trail chaos to backroom deals and policy warfare, Charles breaks down how the most powerful office in the world is won — and what it costs to get there. *For political die-hards, students of power, and anyone fascinated by the presidency.*

MEDIA

I'm a recognized thought leader in cybersecurity, compliance, AI, and national security, and my insights have been featured by major media outlets around the world. Whether I'm breaking down the impact of global cyber threats or offering practical guidance on data privacy and regulatory frameworks, I'm often called upon as a trusted source for journalists, producers, and editorial teams the following media companies looking for clarity on today's most complex risk issues.

- The New York Times
- The Washington Post
- The Wall Street Journal
- CNN
- Fox News
- Bloomberg
- Reuters
- USA Today
- Los Angeles Times
- Forbes
- Business Insider
- TechCrunch
- The Verge
- Vox
- MarketWatch

- ABC News
- NBC News
- CBS News
- MSNBC
- NPR
- Associated Press (AP)
- Politico
- Axios
- Time Magazine
- Newsweek
- The Atlantic
- The Hill
- CNET
- Yahoo News
- Slate

- CNBC
- PBS NewsHour
- Rolling Stone
- Wired
- ProPublica
- Fast Company
- HuffPost
- Mother Jones
- FiveThirtyEight
- BuzzFeed News
- Cheddar
- Gizmodo
- The Intercept
- The Information
- Mashable

TESTIMONIALS

"We're fortunate to have Charles in our organization where his information technology and cybersecurity experience can directly benefit our partners". ~*Conrad Busch, Business Executives for National Security.*

"I have worked with Charles several times in the past- he's one of those talented people you keep on your short list of consultants and subject matter experts. The first time he assisted me was in a different organization and an entirely different capacity (as an independent contractor). Guess what? He mastered new skills since then and has founded a first-class company; you can be sure of excellent audit and advisory services. I recommend his services to my clients without reserve". ~*Blaine Dooley, Managing Director, PatrickPCS.*

"Charles' knowledge on cybersecurity is impressive indeed. I don't know of another person who truly understands the security and regulatory practices landscape like Charles. He's a tremendous asset to any business who not only wants to secure their data, but grow their business and as Charles likes to say, "Outflank your competition". If you are looking for a lively-engaging keynote speaker that can keep your audience on the edge of their seats while talking about a complex issue Charles is your guy!" ~*Steve Beecham, President of Home Town Mortgage*

"Charles, you have tremendous knowledge and understanding of today's complex cybersecurity and data privacy issues. You're an asset to any company". ~*Ingvar Kamprad, Founder IKEA.*

"Your expertise in cybersecurity is no doubt in great demand and needed". ~*Dick Cheney, 46th Vice President of the United States of America.*

"Glad this country has cyber experts like you, so thanks for your efforts". ~*Dan Quayle, 44th Vice President of the United States of America.*

"We need people like you in today's cyber world, no question about it". *~Walter Mondale 42nd Vice President of the United States of America.*

"Charles, thanks for your most recent book, and thank you for your expertise and all you do in helping America fight the growing cybersecurity threats that businesses are facing today." *~Stansfield Turner, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).*

"Charles' vision, understanding of the global cybersecurity landscape, and his ability to help businesses understand and leverage cybersecurity as a competitive advantage is unprecedented". *~Gerard Derbesy, Former British Petroleum (BP) South Africa CEO.*

"Charles, thanks for your expertise. You're a proven expert in the field of information security & data privacy issues". *~Fred DeLuca, co-founder, SUBWAY*

"Charles, thanks for sharing your immense cybersecurity knowledge and expertise with me. You're a seasoned expert and I have no doubt that you're in great demand all over the world". *~Ed Roberts, inventor of the first commercially successful personal computer.*

"Want a speaker that educates and empowers your organization? How about somebody who truly understands cybersecurity, data privacy, and the emerging challenges, threats & opportunities for businesses?" *~That person is Charles Denyer. Paul DeBidder, Lloyds of London Syndicate.*

"Charles Denyer has an extraordinary ability to take the complex challenges of cybersecurity and make them both actionable understandable." *~General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF (Ret.), 19th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force*

"In an era where cyber threats define our national security landscape, Charles brings clarity and solutions to one of the most pressing challenges of our time." *~Leon Panetta, Former U.S. Secretary of Defense & Director of the CIA*

"Charles brings both strategic vision and practical solutions to the table. His deep understanding of cybersecurity risks and regulatory requirements makes him a trusted resource. " *~Thomas Hamilton, Cybersecurity Leader, Aetna*

MY LIFE

Behind the cybersecurity briefings, the threat assessments, and the keynote stages — I'm still a firm believer in the simple things. The grounding things. The kind of life that brings clarity, purpose, and peace. **I start most mornings with a run** — not for speed, but for sanity, and if I find time in the day, an evening session of weightlifting. For me, physical fitness isn't about perfection; it's about showing up. About staying sharp. The world I work in moves fast, and clarity of thought starts with movement.

When I'm not writing, advising, or speaking, you'll find me **on the river — fly rod in hand**. Fly fishing has taught me patience, precision, and the quiet power of observation. It's the one place where time slows down, where the chaos fades, and nature becomes the teacher. Casting into a still stream has a way of bringing life into balance. But nothing grounds me more than my work with **animal rescue shelters**, especially in and around the **Greater Austin area**. I've long believed that our measure as people isn't in how we lead — it's in how we protect the most vulnerable. That's why I've committed myself to **dog rescue and rehabilitation**, helping abandoned, abused, and overlooked dogs find safety, dignity, and a home. Whether it's fostering, transporting, or helping raise awareness and funds — it's work that matters deeply to me. Because when we give a second chance to an animal, we rediscover something human in ourselves.

Life isn't just about what we build — it's about what we stand for. For me, that means **integrity in my work, discipline in my habits, and compassion in my daily life.**

"If we want a safer, more resilient world, it starts with how we show up — not just on the big stages, but in the quiet moments that define our character."
— *Charles Denyer*

My Life

CONTACT

If your organization needs expert support to get secure, become audit-ready and compliant, and scale with confidence in today's complex regulatory environment, I'm here to help.

Work With Me:
Reach out to me directly at charles@charlesdenyer.com for consulting engagements, strategic advisory services, or tailored guidance on cybersecurity, compliance, and risk management.

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Visit Compliance Security Academy today for industry-leading training, tools, and expert insights designed to empower organizations and professionals in regulated sectors.

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