

Instead of my normal monthly column I am dedicating this space in memory of a long-time friend, colleague, fellow security professional and all-around good guy. Jim Wade passed away October 17, 2007 surrounded by family after a protracted illness. *I have worked with Jim professionally and have been fortunate to have him as a personal friend these past 20 years. His enthusiasm and passion for the security profession is unparalleled and the kindness of his heart and actions made him a great person as well. I will miss him greatly, but feel I have gained much in knowing him.*

Sincerely
Howard A. Schmidt
ISSA International President

We deeply appreciate Jim Wade's many contributions to the information security profession, and will miss his personal and professional drive and counsel in supporting the information security profession at every stage of its development and growth. Jim had dedicated a majority of his life's work, and achievements, to bringing the profession from its inception to the globally respected stature it has today.

Randy Sanovic,
(ISC)² Chairman of
the Board



Knowing Jim Wade over the years on the ISSA and (ISC)² Boards and as a friend, I have found him to be a special individual, one of those rare leaders with a great passion for our profession, and a tireless advocate for both organizations, volunteering his time, experience and knowledge well beyond his board duties. Jim's guidance and wisdom will be missed.

Pat Meyers
Former ISSA President
and Board member

James R. Wade, CISSP-ISSAP, ISSMP, CHSIII

1941 – 2007

2004 Information Systems Security Association (ISSA) Hall of Fame
2007 Information Systems Security Certification Consortium (ISC)² Harold F. Tipton Award

International Information Integrity Institute (I-4) Executive Director 2006-2007
(ISC)² Long-time Board member and President 2000-2003
ISSA Board member 1993-1999 and President 1996-1997

CSO for the Federal Reserve System ~ CISO for KeyBank
U.S. Military Intelligence Special Agent ~ U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer (Ret.)

The information security world will miss Jim.

The regular President's Letter will appear again next month.