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Over the course of decades in service, I have experienced multiple presidential transitions. Each new Commander in Chief updates policies, personnel, and priorities...especially when the transition involves a new political party. In this respect, the current transition from the Obama to the Trump administration is no different. While this periodic exercise of our democracy may seem disruptive to some, it is a true opportunity for military cyber professionals to help shape our future national security posture.

The increasing prominence and need to address the rise of cyberpower means that new leaders at various levels in the federal government will need qualified counsel. America's military cyber professionals are smart, innovative, hardworking, and increasingly influential problem solvers. Our community will undoubtedly be called upon to speak at appropriate times and places. We need to be prepared.

One path to good preparation is the Military Cyber Professionals Association (MCPA). Be it their magazine, journal, hacking competitions, or cultivating talent within the next generation through K-12 STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education, this community is proactively developing itself. It is building the informal feedback loops, complimenting formal ones, that keep our community abreast of the challenges presented by the ever-evolving domain of cyberspace.

I challenge all of us to be part of this. Read, think, write, and participate in our community. Take full advantage of the opportunities we have been provided. Be prepared to contribute at this important time.