

KEN BARNHART

As a veteran of Desert Shield\Storm, Ken Barnhart earned his Combat Action Ribbon and other decorations serving with HQ Battalion, 2nd Marine Division. Ken has carried forward his passion for the mission of protecting others from the battlefield to the board room.

On the home front, Ken has successfully built and sold multiple IT businesses with the belief that technology holds the power to educate, empower and protect. Through the years he's consulted for the enterprise elite, designing, building and securing their global cloud and hybrid infrastructures.

As a Philanthropist and a strong advocate for Veterans, Ken is an active supporter of the Wounded Warrior Project and has worked closely with the Minnesota Voice of the Veteran Program as well as the Brothers in Blue Prison Ministry.

Ken serves on the Board for LeadStar University which is helping provide affordable, accessible education for tens of thousands of students in Ethiopia and Sub-Sahara Africa. For his years of service and teaching, LeadStar bestowed their first ever honorary doctorate upon Mr. Barnhart in 2016.

As an established thought leader and facilitator on various advisory boards, Ken also speaks on the topic of cyber security awareness for organizations and conferences nationally and internationally in his role as an international Vistage speaker and cyber security champion; educating Boards of Directors, CEOs, and small business owners on cybersecurity threats and the role and responsibility of business leadership.

The Marine credo "no man left behind" reverberates in Ken's personal mission of security – to awaken, empower and preserve fellow CEOs in the small and mid market ecosystem that are now on the front lines of this sinister new battlefield of cybersecurity. This subject of protecting our nation's smb ecosystem is rooted in his deep appreciation for business and the risk the owners and CEOs take to stake their reputations, retirements and financial assets to provide 50% of our nation's payroll. These businesses and their leadership are worth our very best effort. -Semper Fi.