



Spotlight: John Kendall



This month, we look to the LEID Products Advisory Board to shine the spotlight on John Kendall, who also holds the title of CEO at DK Security. DK Security is a full-service security and investigations company that offers a single, trusted company for a wide variety of security and investigative solutions. Founded in 1995 to offer uniform security and investigative services throughout western Michigan, the company developed trusted relationships with its clientele and soon realized clients were looking to DK Security for additional security related needs and questions – this kicked off the company’s expansion into being a comprehensive security resource.

[DK Security](#) employs and contracts with highly skilled professionals who possess years of experience and extensive training in specialties such as forensic accounting, forensic psychology, asset tracing, electronic countermeasures, fraud examination, security services, undercover investigations, surveillance and

security technology. After years of experience, the company has become tightly integrated with top companies which provide access control, CCTV and IT security, making for a team of experts from varying fields working together to meet all of a client’s security needs.

Born in Canada, John was raised in Detroit and has proudly been a Michigan resident for 38 years. John earned his Bachelor of Science in Police Administration, and later a Master of Public Administration degree from Wayne State University in Michigan. He served his adopted country in the U.S. Air Force - Air Police and nuclear security – serving one Vietnam combat tour before his Honorable Discharge. His law enforcement career continued serving as Chief of Police in the City of Harbor Springs, MI and then Undersheriff in Grand Traverse County, MI. The highlight of his law enforcement career was his appointment, by President Ronald Reagan, to serve as U.S. Marshal in the Western District of Michigan, a position he held for 13 years.



Above: John and his daughter, Kathryn Kendall, who is the Executive Vice President of DK Security.
Left: John with his wife, Carri.



John’s extensive law enforcement background has made his input on the LEID Products Advisory Board invaluable to LEID’s Executive Team. Referring to President of LEID Products, Sam Hoff, John gave his perspective on LEID Products and its team, “I admire Sam’s drive, enthusiasm and commitment to his products and his company. During the year and a half I have been on the Advisory Board, I have developed an even greater appreciation for Sam and his team.”



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“In the security business, I envision a greater future need for gun lockers at many establishments which need to prohibit access with firearms: (i.e.: concerts, special events, schools, etc.). LEID Products offers a variety of systems which allow for the self-service storage and recovery of weapons by the public entering a facility; therefore, the security officers on staff have no role in the process,” John explains. “In other words; the security officers never have to handle the weapon or be accountable for it.”

John also sees the value within a law enforcement agency, “When I was a Police Chief, Undersheriff and U.S. Marshal, I could have used LEID’s BACS System in a number of ways. Evidence management would be number one, and maintaining weapons and radio inventory would also be critical.”

Aside from John’s appointment by President Ronald Reagan to U.S. Marshal, he says his greatest professional achievement, has been building the DK Security from scratch – they employed just five security guards in 1995 and today have 1200 security guards, dominating the Western and Central Michigan markets.

When not hard at work leading DK Security, John enjoys spending time with his wife Carri, three kids and eight grandchildren. Among John’s hobbies are golf, reading, travel and boating.

