

Certification *Profile*



David Brummell, PSP,

says he was initially drawn to the security industry for its kinship to law enforcement, but then became in-

terested in the analytical side of physical security and the problem of terrorism.

After a career in the military that included assignments in infantry, reconnaissance, and counterintelligence with the U.S. Marine Corps, completion of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and School's Counterintelligence Agent (Officer) Course, and enlistment in the Naval Reserve, Brummell joined the federal civil service in 1991.

In his first position as lead security specialist in the Submarine Directorate, and later as antiterrorism officer and command investigator for the Naval Sea Systems Command, he was responsible for policy and oversight regarding law enforcement, physical security, and antiterrorism operations supporting headquarters, Naval Undersea Warfare and Surface Warfare Centers, Naval Ship Yards, Naval Weapons Stations, and Supervisors of Shipbuilding and Repair. For the exemplary role he played, Brummell was awarded the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Medal in 2003.

As a security operations specialist, Combat Support Assessments, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and a member of one of the Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability

Assessment (JSIVA) Teams, Brummell assessed installation antiterrorism programs on behalf of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and conducted assessments throughout the United States, Europe, Africa, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

Brummell presently serves as acting chief of security, U.S. Department of Defense, Office of the Inspector General, heading the security initiatives of the government office responsible for preventing and reporting fraud, waste, and abuse. In this role, he supervises a team of professionals, provides security training and education, and implements and oversees programs in personnel security, information security, physical security, antiterrorism, operations security, industrial security, communication security, and continuity of operations.

Brummell joined ASIS in 2003, and in February 2006 earned the Physical Security Professional (PSP) credential. He says he has already set a goal to pursue the Certified Protection Professional (CPP) and plans to promote ASIS certification within his department, as he believes that such professional designations serve a vital role in organizations.

"Certification establishes a professional core within a community based on common knowledge and practices in the subject area," he says. "It presents the standard or benchmark, which as security professionals, translates to a higher quality of service to our clients."

—By *Chris Flynn*, ASIS public relations manager