WestStar Appoints Christopher Mims Vice President, Information Security Officer

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August 13, 2026 (El Paso, TX) – WestStar today announced the appointment of Christopher Mims as Vice President, Information Security Officer. In this role, Mims will lead the development and management of the bank's information security program, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements while aligning security initiatives with the bank's strategic objectives.

Mims brings 15 years of information technology and cybersecurity experience to WestStar, along with a strong foundation in leadership, risk management and operational excellence. He will play a key role in protecting the bank's information assets, strengthening cybersecurity practices and supporting the secure delivery of services to clients across the Borderplex.

"Christopher's extensive cybersecurity experience and proven leadership make him a tremendous addition to our team," said Claudia Rodriguez, Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer. "As technology continues to evolve, his expertise will help ensure WestStar remains focused on protecting our clients, employees and organization while supporting innovation and growth."

"I'm looking forward to working alongside an outstanding team, learning from talented professionals and contributing to the continued success and security of WestStar Bank," Mims said.

Mims retired from the U.S. Army after 20 years of service and is the recipient of numerous military honors, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Action Badge and Space Badge. Throughout his career, he has developed expertise in cybersecurity operations, security management and organizational leadership.

He is currently pursuing a master's degree in management at American Military University. He holds a bachelor's degree in business with a concentration in information technology, as well as an associate degree. His professional certifications include Project Management Professional (PMP), CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner (CASP) and Security+, among others.

Outside of his professional responsibilities, Mims serves as an assistant coach for Child & Youth Services, reflecting his commitment to supporting youth development and community engagement.

About WestStar
WestStar is the only El Paso-based community bank and the leading commercial bank in the Borderplex region, which includes El Paso, Texas; Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Juárez, Mexico. With over $3.1 billion in assets, 14 branches, and over 350 employees, WestStar provides commercial lending, treasury management, wealth management, and title services across the region.

WestStar's roots trace back over a century and are built on the combined legacies of four local institutions: Bank of Ysleta, Bank of El Paso, First National Bank of Fabens, and Bank of the West (rebranded as WestStar Bank in 2012). These banks united over time and through mergers, ultimately becoming WestStar in 2016. Today, WestStar continues that shared commitment to relationship-based banking.

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