

Good Afternoon, Core Team and Alumni!

It has been awhile since we've provided you with a status update. There have been several developments underway, and we now have some concrete news to report.

Our senior leadership has indicated a desire for a shorter-term, more focused rendition of Evergreen. This effort will be designed to look five to ten years out, and to consider specific topics such as cyber, Arctic, energy, and climate change. Our first big event on this front will be a Cyber futures workshop to coincide with the Fall Leadership Conference. For those of you familiar with the now-legendary Cuba workshop, this prospective effort will follow a similar format. We have developed a statement of work for workshop development and facilitation that will be put out for bid this coming month. Pending the success of this endeavor, we anticipate additional, topically-focused workshops.

Legacy Evergreen continues. We have completed the PACAREA and LANTAREA Strategic Needs workshops, and now await the final report from the support contractor, due in September and built from all of your hard work throughout this fourth cycle. We have also consolidated your feedback on the scenarios, and are taking it for action to make these foundational documents the best they can be.

Our stellar Auxiliary interns are engaged in research projects to study and analyze early Coast Guard foresight efforts and to determine how internal stakeholders use Evergreen processes and products. Their findings will also be applied to our efforts to keep Evergreen relevant and valuable to the Service.

Externally, government agencies from CBP to FEMA to GSA to the VA continue their engagement with Evergreen, and we have provided numerous briefs and support to their foresight efforts, as well as strong engagement with the Federal Foresight Community of Interest. CDR Popiel recently hosted a workshop for the top leadership of the Ohio National Guard, and that 14,000-strong force can now also benefit from the Evergreen process. We may also be supporting the North Pacific Coast Guard Forum in strategic needs development within the next year, and the Chinese Coast Guard has expressed interest in the scenario planning process. Stay tuned for exciting developments on that front. Anyone speak Mandarin?

Thank you for all of your support and interest. I look forward to reporting fascinating findings from the Cyber workshop.

Very Respectfully,

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