

DHS publishes updated Northern Border Strategy

On June 12, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published an updated Northern Border Strategy. The Northern Border Strategy establishes a clear vision and discrete actions that will collectively improve DHS's efforts to safeguard the Northern Border against terrorist and criminal threats, facilitate the flow of lawful cross-border trade and travel, and strengthen cross-border community resilience.

The strategy enhances border security operations through better information sharing, improved domain awareness, and integrated operations, while also facilitating and safeguarding lawful trade and travel by enhancing rapid inspection and screening, enforcing a fair trade environment, and bolstering border infrastructure. The Northern Border Security also promotes cross-border resilience by supporting response and recovery capabilities between federal, state, local, tribal, and Canadian partners.

The new Northern Border Strategy supersedes the 2012 Northern Border Strategy, and draws upon the findings from the Northern Border Threat Analysis Report delivered to Congress in summer 2017.

- Department of Homeland Security

K-State professor guest lectures at CGSC

Dr. David A. Graff, professor of history at Kansas State University, recently guest lectured at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC). On May 31, Dr. Graff spoke on Chinese military history at an elective course in the Department of Military History. According to Department of Military History instructor Dr. Geoff Babb, Dr. Graff has previously lectured at the College, sharing his expertise on the subject with several CGSC classes over the years.

Dr. Graff began his lecture with an overview of Chinese military history and dynastic rule, providing a background on military victories and summarizing ancient Chinese military texts that have been used to teach military strategy for ages. Graff also warned students against relying too heavily on historic Chinese military texts to inform them on how the modern Chinese military functions and thinks.

Graff then opened the lecture to the students, resulting in a long discussion on China-Korea relations from the Han dyansty through the present day.

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Former acting Administrator proud of USAID accomplishments

In a new interview, Wade Warren, former acting U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Administrator, discussed his 27 years at USAID. Current Administrator Mark Green spoke at Warren's farewell, calling Warren a "walking encyclopedia of the agency, and crediting Warren with helping him understand USAID and its challenges.

During the interview, Warren discussed his proudest accomplishments and greatest challenges while with USAID. According to Warren, USAID operated primarily on its own prior to the 1990s, when more U.S. government agencies began working overseas. Since that time, USAID has found its place in "the interagency," allowing for greater success in global health and development operations

for all agencies involved. “The U.S. government is actually stronger if the whole resources and expertise of the interagency are brought to bear. [USAID] is an important part of that, but we’re not the only part,” said Warren.

When discussing USAID’s role in the response to the 2014 Ebola epidemic, Warren said “I think if it had come 20 years earlier when we were less used to working in the interagency we would have struggled more.” Instead, Warren counts the agency’s role in the response effort among his most notable experiences with USAID.

Warren served as acting Administrator for several months prior to Administrator Green’s confirmation. He also served in missions in Zimbabwe and Botswana, and held senior management positions in the Bureau for Global Health and the Bureau for Policy, Planning and Learning.

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DHS releases new cyber strategy

In May the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released their new cybersecurity strategy. The new cyber addresses the growing number of cyber threats and security risks, and provides DHS with a framework to execute their cybersecurity responsibilities during the next five years.

The new cyber strategy will focus on coordinating departmental cybersecurity activities to ensure a unity of effort, and outlines how DHS will leverage its unique capabilities to defend American networks and get ahead of emerging cyber threats. “The cyber threat landscape is shifting in real-time, and we have reached a historic turning point,” said DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen.

DHS’s cyber strategy lays out a five-part approach to manage national cyber risk that fosters innovation, efficiency, communication, and economic prosperity.

- **Risk Identification:** Assess the evolving national cybersecurity risk posture to inform and prioritize risk management activities.
- **Vulnerability Reduction:** Protect federal government information systems by reducing the vulnerabilities of federal agencies to ensure they achieve an adequate level of cybersecurity.
- **Threat Reduction:** Reduce national cyber threats by countering transnational criminal organizations and sophisticated cyber criminals.
- **Consequence Mitigation:** Respond effectively to cyber incidents to thereby minimize consequences from potentially significant cyber incidents through coordinated community-wide response efforts.
- **Enable Cybersecurity Outcomes:** Strengthen the security and reliability of the cyber ecosystem by supporting policies and activities that enable improved global cybersecurity risk management and execute departmental cybersecurity efforts in an integrated and prioritized way.

- Department of Homeland Security