

**CSO NOTICE TO GUARDIANS (C-NOTE #22)**

**DATED: 20 DEC 23**

**SUBJECT: BIRTHDAY MESSAGE**

**FROM: CSO**

**TO: ALL PERSONNEL**

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Happy Fourth Birthday, Space Force!

In our four short years of existence, navigating real-world crises and practical complexities, we have created a world-class armed force. The Space Force is the envy of the world for its capabilities and, more importantly, for its expertise.

Guardians made that happen—you deserve to be extremely proud of what we've built. I wish I could give each of you a sizeable holiday bonus and some well-earned rest. Unfortunately, our adversaries are not resting, and I know you did not answer your Nation's call just to sit back and let threats to our freedom and safety grow unchecked. Therefore, take a deep breath, and let's get ready for 2024.

Our fifth year as a Service will be as busy as it will be exciting. There will be new training to undertake, new systems to integrate, more planning to accomplish, and more operations to conduct. You will be pushed to do more than you think possible. You will be asked to solve intractable problems. You will be challenged to build processes and not just products—to deliver answers and not just questions. Years from now, when our history is written, it will be you who gets the credit. To paraphrase Teddy Roosevelt, credit belongs to those “who are actually in the arena, who strive valiantly.” Daunting though it may be, we will share “the great enthusiasms” and “the great devotions” because we will have spent ourselves in a “worthy cause.” We have answered our Nation's call; now, we must deliver.

I am so proud to take up this charge with you.

Semper Supra!