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Greg helps the Canadian Armed Forces gain decision advantage — delivering IT solutions for defence customers from the workplace to the tactical edge, spanning networking, cloud, and cybersecurity.

His public service career was built at the center of Canada's national security apparatus. Greg started at the Department of National Defence as a Strategic Analyst in Defence R&D Canada, rising through Section Head roles (Land and Operational Commands; Strategic Analysis) and Director, S&T Centre Operations, before becoming Director General Strategic Initiatives on the Canadian Armed Forces' Strategic Joint Staff. There, he led Strategic Outlook/Strategic Orientation Look Ahead—the decision-support process that identified Canada's central military challenges and shaped strategic advice to government. After DND, Greg served as Deputy Commissioner, Policy and Promotion at the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada.

Greg holds a BA in History (McGill), an MA in Russian and East European Studies (Carleton), and a PhD in History (Duke).

