

29th Annual Space and Missile Defense Symposium

Space and Missile Defense - Defending America at Home and Abroad

Von Braun Center
Huntsville, Alabama
10-13 August 2026

MONDAY 10 Aug- Agenda

TIME	PROGRAM/SESSION EVENT	SPEAKER	LOCATION
0900 – 1700	Registration		VBC South and East hall
1800 – 2000	Ice Breaker Reception	Larry Barisciano, Symposium Chair, Leidos	Mars Music Hall
1805-1830	Patron Recognition		Mars Music Hall

TUESDAY 11 AUG- Agenda

TIME	PROGRAM/EVENT	SPEAKER	LOCATION
0730-0830	Continental Breakfast		CH Entrance
0815-0830	Welcome	Larry Barisciano, Symposium Chair, Leidos Mayor Tommy Battle, Huntsville, AL	Concert Hall
0830-0915	Space and Missile Defense Update	LTG John Rafferty, Commanding General, USASMDC/JTF Gold (confirmed)	Concert Hall
0900-1630	Technology Track	See Technology Track Agenda for more information.	Meeting Room 2
0915-1000	SPACECOM Update	General Stephen Whiting (confirmed) Commander, US SPACECOM	Concert Hall
1000-1030	Morning Break		Exhibit Hall
1030-1130	SPACECOM Panel	Moderator: LTG (Ret) Richard Formica, VP, CALIBRE Systems LTG Rick Zellman, Deputy Commanding General, US SPACECOM (confirmed) BG Donald Brooks, Deputy Commanding General, USA SMDC (confirmed) RDML Karrey 'DeWayne' Sanders, Deputy Commander, USN Space Command (confirmed) Col Rich Martin, MARFORSPACE (confirmed) Brig Gen Frank Kinkaid, US SPACE FORCE (confirmed) Colonel Jason Gingrich, Deputy Commander, USAFSPACE (confirmed)	Concert Hall
1145-1315	ASMDA Lunch & Awards Program		BR 3, 4, & 5
1325-1330	Industry Minute	TBD	Concert Hall

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TUESDAY 11 AUG- Agenda Continued

TIME	PROGRAM/EVENT	SPEAKER	LOCATION
1330-1415	GDA DRPM Update	General Michael Guetlein, Direct Report Program Manager, GDA (confirmed)	Concert Hall
1415-1515	Missile Defense System Next Panel	Moderator: LTG (R) Dan Karbler, Former CG SMDC (confirmed) Gen (Ret) Glen Van Herck, Former CC, NORTHCOM (invited) LTG Brian Gibson, Deputy DRPM GDA (invited) COL Tom Petrini, ACM GMD (invited) COL Doug Marshall, NORTHCOM J-3 (invited)	Concert Hall
1515-1545	Break		Exhibit Hall
1545- 1550	Industry Minute	TBD	Concert Hall
1550-1700	International Space Panel	Moderator: LTG (Ret) Tom James, Former DCOM, US SPACECOM Air Cdre (UK) Daren Whiteley, DJ5, US SPACECOM (confirmed) AM (UK) Paul Godfrey (confirmed) MajGen (GE) Michael Traut (confirmed) MGEN (CA) Kyle Paul (confirmed)	Concert Hall
1700-2030	<i>Networking Event</i>		Arena

Wednesday 12 Aug- Agenda

TIME	PROGRAM/EVENT	SPEAKER	LOCATION
0730-0820	Continental Breakfast		CH Entrance
0830-0840	Welcome	Larry Barisciano, Symposium Chair, Leidos Mayor Ranae Bartlett, Madison, AL	Concert Hall
0840-0845	Industry Minute	TBD	Concert Hall
0845-0930	T2COM Update	LTG Miles Brown (invited) Acting CG, T2COM	Concert Hall
0900-1630	Technology Track	See Technology Agenda for more details.	Meeting Room 2
0930-1015	CUAS Update	Gen (Ret) Glen Van Herck, Former CC NORTHCOM (Confirmed) BG Matt Ross, Director JIATF 401 (confirmed)	Concert Hall
1015-1030	Break		Exhibit Halls
1030-1145	INDOPACOM Panel	Moderator: LTG (Ret) Dan Karbler, Former CG US Army SMDC RADM Erik Eslich, INDOPACOM J3 (invited) BG William Parker, CG, 94th AAMCD (confirmed) TBD, USARPAC (invited) Brig Gen Brian A. Denaro (Mucho), SPACEFOR PAC (confirmed) TBD, PACAF (invited)	Concert Hall
1200-1315	NDIA MG John B. Medaris Award Luncheon		BR 3, 4, & 5
1315-1400		Networking and Exhibits	Exhibit Halls
1400-1405	Industry Minute	TBD	Concert Hall

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1405-1515	Industry Panel	Moderator: Mr. Stephen Beard, VP, Advanced Hypersonics, KODA Technologies Boeing RTX Lockheed Martin Leidos Northrop Grumman Parsons	Concert Hall
1515-1540	Afternoon Break		Exhibit Hall
1540-1545	Industry Minute	TBD	Concert Hall
1535-1645	Panel- Next Generation Space and Missile Defense	Moderator: Mr. Bob Strider, PeopleTec (confirmed) Dr. Keith Krapels, Director, Technical Center, SMDC (confirmed) Mr. Stan Stafira, Chief Architect, MDA (confirmed) Mr. Jason Adam, Director, Human Exploration Development and Operations Office, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center (confirmed) Ms. Sarah Parker, Technology Development Directorate Deputy Director for Missile (confirmed) COL (Ret) Jimmy Jenkins, Executive VP, Precision Strike and Defensive Systems, AV (confirmed) Mr. Mike Tomlinson, SAIC (confirmed)	Concert Hall
1700-1730	Salute to the Warfighter and Oath of Enlistment Ceremony	LTG John Rafferty, CG US Army SMDC (confirmed) CSM Ricky Jackson, CSM (confirmed)	Leidos Booth-South Hall
1745-1815	VIP Reception	Invitation Only	South Hall Ballrooms Corridor
1830-2000	Dinner	Guest Speaker	BR 3, 4, & 5

Thursday 13 Aug- Agenda

TIME	PROGRAM/SESSION EVENT	SPEAKER	LOCATION
0730-0820	Continental Breakfast		CH Entrance
0820-0830	Welcome	Larry Barisciano, Symposium Chair, Leidos	Concert Hall
0830-0915	NORTHCOM Update	General Gregory Guillot (invited) Commander, USNORTHCOM	Concert Hall
0915-1000	PAE Fires Update	LTG Frank Lozano (confirmed) PAE Fires	Concert Hall
1000-1015	Morning Break		Exhibit Hall
1015-1020	Industry Minute	TBD	Concert Hall
1020-1120	PAE Fires Panel	Mr. Rick DeFatta, Former DCG, US Army SMDC (confirmed) BG Pat Costello, CG, FCoE/Deputy PAE Fires (confirmed) Ms Miranda Oden, Executive Director PAE Fires / CPE Integrated Fires -(confirmed) BG RJ Mikesh, CPE Offense (confirmed) COL Guy Yelverton, CPE Defense (confirmed) TBD, Contracts (invited)	Concert Hall
1120-1205	MDA Update	Lt Gen Heath Collins (confirmed) Director, MDA	Concert Hall
1205-1210	Closing		