

2021 UNDERSEA WARFARE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE



PLATFORM INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome to the 2021 Undersea Warfare Virtual Conference! Included in this document are instructions for how to access the conference platform and how to use the platform once you have logged in.

LOGGING IN

Approximately one (1) week prior to attending the Undersea Warfare Virtual Conference, registered attendees will receive a calendar invite from NDIA_Events@NDIA.org with their unique access link. Please be sure that this email address is not blocked by your spam filter. Within the calendar invite, click on your “Unique Link.” Doing so will take you to the conference platform.

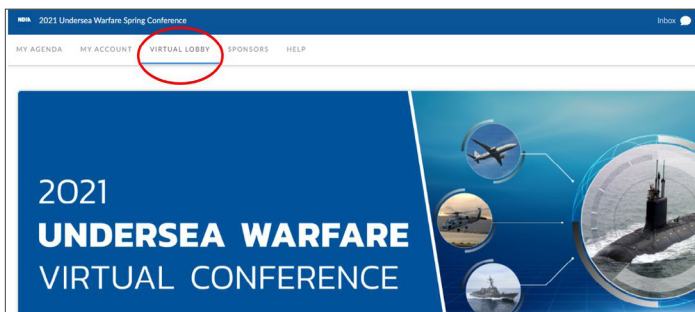
Note: If you register less than a week prior to the conference, you will receive your access link within 24 hours of registering.

HOT TIP!

The Undersea Warfare Virtual Conference platform works best when accessed via Google Chrome.

UNDERSEA WARFARE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE PLATFORM

Once inside the platform, you will begin on the “Virtual Lobby” page, which includes “event tiles”—areas inside the platform from which you can access each session.



In the toolbar at the top of the page, you will find the full navigation bar for the entire virtual platform.

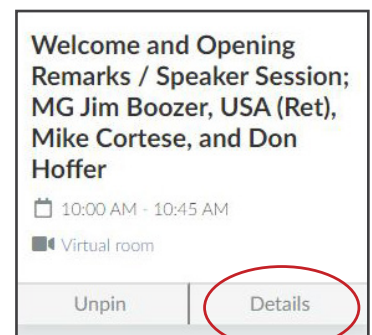
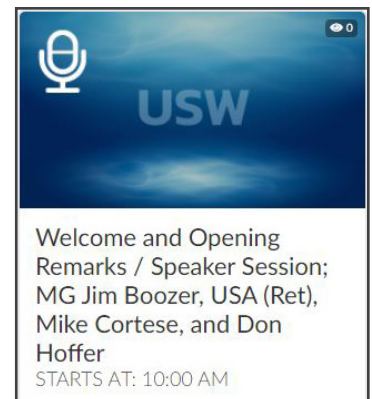
Below the toolbar is the virtual lobby. This area lists all the session event tiles in the order in which they will appear in the agenda (left to right by row), including dates and times.

Note: The session date and times will auto-sync with the time zone selected on the device with which you are accessing the platform.

When a session is live, a red “Live” box will appear at the top of the event tile. To access a session when it is live, simply click on the tile and you will enter the session.

Here is an example of a session tile:

Want to create your personal agenda? You may “Pin” (or “Unpin”) sessions to your agenda by looking under the “My Agenda” tab in the navigation bar at the top of the platform. You may also see the session date, time, speakers, speakers’ bios, and handouts by selecting the “Details” button.



SESSION LIVE STREAM

After entering a live session via its event tile, you will be taken to the session's live stream area.

Here is an example of a live session taken during another NDIA virtual event:

The screenshot shows a live stream interface. At the top left, there is a 'Back to lobby' button. The main video area displays a speaker, Shawn Barnes, with a name tag and title: 'SHAWN BARNES, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration'. Below the video is a 'Speakers' section with headshots of several individuals. To the right is a 'Chat' window showing a list of attendees who have joined, including Jonathan Carroll, Jeffrey Shykula, Dr. Li Coli, Jessica H. Schafer, Ivy Williams, Williams Malone, and Andrea Fleming. A message from Alissa Meehan is also visible in the chat, providing instructions for submitting questions. At the bottom left, there are three event tiles: 'Panel - Requirement Development and Dissemination' (started at 2:45 PM), 'Opening Remarks and Presentation of the General James V. Hartinger Award' (finished), and 'Opening Keynote: U.S. Space Command and U.S.' (26 minutes).

In this live stream area, you may perform a number of actions:

- Watch the speaker giving a presentation.
- View “Speakers”: This area shows you speakers’ headshots. Hover your cursor over any headshot to gain access to the given speaker’s bio.
- Access “Chat”: This area allows you to chat with fellow attendees during a presentation. Submit your questions for the Q&A in this tab.
- Answer “Polls”: If the speaker has a poll during their presentation, you will find that information here.
- Connect individually with “People”: See a list of all the other attendees in the session! You may begin a private chat with any attendee by clicking on their name.
- Download “Files”: This area allows you to download speaker presentations and handouts, if provided by speakers in advance.
- Go “Back to Lobby”: You may exit the session by selecting this option in the upper left-hand corner or by selecting any of the additional session tiles on the left.

Note: You may first be taken to a “holding” page and hear music when you are waiting for a session to begin. The chat and files will be available during this time, before a session begins.

HOT TIP FOR GOVERNMENT ATTENDEES!

Some government computers will slow down access to streamed content. To counteract this lag, government attendees are encouraged not to be on the LAN, to disconnect from the VPN, and/or to connect to the conference platform from a personal machine.

NETWORKING CHAT LOBBIES

In addition to live sessions, there will be opportunities for attendees to enter sessions specifically dedicated to networking, called Chat Lobbies. Use this time to connect with peers, ask questions, and get ideas for your year ahead! You may also privately message other attendees during this time.

HOT TIP!

Turn on your camera when privately meeting in the Undersea Warfare Virtual Conference platform. Studies show that physically seeing someone increases your connection with them. Make your interactions count as much as possible while we convene safely and virtually.

ON-DEMAND VIDEOS

New for this conference, many industry speakers have submitted prerecorded sessions for you to watch anytime on demand and at your convenience. Don’t miss out on these exciting videos!

OTHER PLATFORM PAGES

The following information provides an overview of each platform page and how to navigate within them.

- “My Account”: Update your contact information, link to your social media accounts, and add a photo of yourself to aid in networking! Remember to select “Edit” on the right and then “Done” when you have completed your updates.
- “Sponsors”: Make sure to check out the Undersea Warfare Virtual Conference’s sponsoring organizations. Their support—like yours—enables the growth and success of NDIA’s mission. Read each company description or click on a sponsor logo to learn more about that specific company on their website.
- “Program”: View and download the Undersea Warfare Virtual Conference digital program. Get access to the same program you would use during an in-person NDIA Undersea Warfare Division event!
- “Handouts”: View and download all releasable presentations and handouts from the NDIA Undersea Warfare Virtual Conference.

PLATFORM TESTING

TEST YOUR COMPUTER A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE CONFERENCE.

Whether you are a presenter or an attendee, it is important to test your computer a few days before the conference begins to make sure that you can access all features of the Undersea Warfare Virtual Conference platform. The conference platform is accessible once you receive your unique access link, giving all attendees plenty of time to troubleshoot technical issues.

TEST THE DEVICE YOU INTEND TO USE DURING THE CONFERENCE.

Though it may seem like a small detail, testing the same device on THE SAME internet connection that you intend to use during the conference is very important. There are security settings and registration management protocols in place that could offer an inconsistent experience if you move from one device to another during the conference.

TEST YOUR DEVICE’S CONNECTIONS WITH THE WEBRTC TROUBLESHOOTER.

The WebRTC project is open source and supported by Apple, Google, Microsoft, and Mozilla, among others. It allows developers to add real-time communications to their applications. During the test, the WebRTC Troubleshooter will access your media devices to test their connections. Run the test by visiting test.webrtc.org.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

If you experience technical difficulties before or during the conference, please reach out to help@visionond.com for assistance.

HOT TIP!

When leaving the Undersea Warfare Virtual Conference platform, simply close your web browser window. Do not log out of the platform as it may be difficult to re-enter it. If you mistakenly log out, your login is the email with which you registered and the case-sensitive password is *NDIAvUSW*