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Event Information

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JW Marriott Washington, DC
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Military Speakers: Class A
Award Dinner: Class A or Business Attire

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Agenda

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

5:00 – 9:00 PM

Registration
GRAND BALLROOM FOYER

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5:00 – 6:30 PM

Awards Reception
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6:30 – 9:00 PM

Awards Dinner and Keynote Address
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The Hon. David L. Norquist
President and CEO, NDIA

The Hon. Chris Maier
Assistant Secretary of Defense, SO/LIC

GEN Richard Clarke, USA (Ret)
Former Commanding General, United States Special Operations Command
R. Lynn Rylander Awardee

CMSgt Greg Smith, USAF (Ret)
Former Senior Enlisted Leader, United States Special Operations Command
Presenter of the R. Lynn Rylander Award

COL Edwin “Andy” Anderson, USA (Ret)
DeProspero Lifetime Achievement Awardee

MG Jim Linder, USA (Ret)
Former Chief of Staff, United States Special Operations Command
Presenter of the DeProspero Lifetime Achievement Award

Keynote Address

Dr. Sean McFate
College of International Security Affairs at the National Defense University and Author of *“The New Rules of War: How America Can Win—Against Russia, China, and Ther Threats”*

Senator Joni Ernst
United States Senate (R-IA)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Registration
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7:00 – 8:00 AM

Networking Breakfast
GRAND BALLROOM FOYER

8:00 – 8:15 AM

Opening Remarks

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The Hon. David L. Norquist

President and CEO, NDIA

COL John Taft, USA (Ret)

Chairman, NDIA SO/LIC Division

COL Dean Hoffman, USA (Ret)

Co-Founder/President, Accel Innovation Corporation

8:15 – 9:00 AM

SOF – Priorities for Strategic Competition

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The Hon. David L. Norquist

President and CEO, NDIA

Moderator

The Hon. Chris Maier

Assistant Secretary of Defense, SO/LIC

9:05 – 9:35 AM

Fireside Chat on Integrated Warfare in Ukraine

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Richard Tilley

Director, Office of Irregular Warfare and Competition, Joint Staff J-7

Moderator

Maj. Gen. Borys Kremenetskyi

Ukrainian Defense Attaché to the United States

9:35 – 9:45 AM

Networking Break

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9:45 – 10:45 AM

People Panel: The SOF Operator and Cognitive Domain

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Dr. Lillian Alessa

Deputy Chief, Global Strategies, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Moderator

Erin Logan

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Special Operations and Policy (SOPP)

Lt Gen Dag Anderson, USAF

Director, Joint Staff J7

VADM Timothy Szymanski, USN (Ret)

Former Deputy Commander, United States Special Operations Command

Congressman Mike Waltz (Pre-recorded Video Only)

United States House of Representatives (R-FL)

10:45 – 11:35 AM

People Panel – SOF Next Force Design Panel

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Brig Gen Brenda Cartier, USAF (Ret)

Director of Operations and Communications, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command
Moderator

Senator Joni Ernst

United States Senate (R-IA)

Elizabeth Phu

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, SO/LIC

Brig Gen Michael Conley, USAF

Director of Operations, Air Force Special Operations Command

11:35 – 12:55 PM

NETWORKING LUNCH

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1:00 – 1:55 PM

Win Panel: SOF – Strengthening and Sustaining Global Deterrence

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MG Pat Higgins, USA (Ret)

Moderator

Ambassador David Hale

Former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Former Ambassador to Pakistan, Lebanon, and Jordan

Maren Brooks

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Irregular Warfare and Counterterrorism

Lt Gen Dan Caine, USAF

Associate Director for Military Affairs, CIA

2:00 – 2:45 PM

Win/Transform Panel – SOF Leveraging Autonomy and AI for Enduring Advantage

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Joe Mariani

Emerging Technology Research Program Leader, Deloitte Center for Government Insights

Col Michael Murphy, USAF

Senior Aviation Policy Analyst, Secretariat for Special Operations

Dr. Alvaro Velasquez

Program Manager, Information Innovation Office, DARPA

Sertac Karaman

Director, LIDS, MIT

Andrew Carter

Senior Director of Strategy, Anduril Industries

2:45 – 3:15 PM

NETWORKING BREAK

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3:15 – 4:00 PM

Transform Panel SOCOM AT&L/PEOs/LB

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CMSgt Greg Smith, USAF (Ret)

Former Senior Enlisted Leader, United States Special Operations Command

Brig Gen Michael Conley, USAF

Director of Operations, Air Force Special Operations Command

Howard Strahan

Deputy Science and Technology, United States Special Operations Command

COL Anh Ha, USA

PEO SOF Warrior, United States Special Operations Command

4:00 - 4:45 PM

TRANSFORM/Win Panel – SOF Adoption of Commercial Technologies

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Jessica Carroll

Vice President, Policy, and Government, Shift5

Moderator

LtGen Frank Donovan, USMC

Vice Commander, United States Special Operations Command

Schuyler Moore

Chief Technology Officer, United States Central Command

Coley Lewis

Vice President, Growth Partnerships In-Q-Tel

Joy Shanaberger

Senior Advisor, Deputy Secretary of Defense for Innovation

4:45 – 6:00 PM

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38th Annual National Logistics Forum

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