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Special Operations Division

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A big part of that work is facilitating contact and cooperation between industry and Special Operations to ensure that those forces have access to ideas and technology from the U.S. industrial and academic base. The division gives voice to the concerns of the Special Operations community and champions new, innovative ideas to meet the national security challenges of the 21st century. The division is composed of subject matter experts from the defense industry who, aided by government liaison participants, work to resolve difficult issues facing the Special Operations community.

Event Information

Location

Washington Marriott at Metro Center
775 12th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20005

WiFi

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Attendees: Business or Uniform of the Day
Military Speakers: Class A
Awards Dinner: Class A or Business Attire

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Agenda

Wednesday, February 19

5:00 – 9:00 pm

Registration

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5:00 – 6:30 pm

Awards Reception

GRAND BALLROOM FOYER

6:30 – 9:00 pm

Awards Dinner and Keynote Address

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Thursday, February 20

7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Registration

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7:00 am – 8:00 am

Networking Breakfast

GRAND BALLROOM FOYER

8:00 – 8:30 am

Opening Remarks

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CCM Greg Smith, USAF (Ret)

Chief Executive Officer, TIGRE Solutions, Inc.

COL Dean Hoffman, USA (Ret)

Chair, NDIA Special Operations Division

The Hon. David L. Norquist

President & CEO, NDIA

GEN Bryan P. Fenton, USA

Commanding General, U.S. Special Operations Command

8:30 – 9:45 am

Strategic Environment & SOF

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LTG Mike Nagata, USA (Ret)

Corporate Strategic Advisor and Senior Vice President, CACI International, Inc.

Moderator

The Hon. Michèle Flournoy

Co-Founder and Managing Partner, WestExec Advisors LLC

Lt Gen Sean Farrell, USAF

Deputy Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command

LTG Ken Tovo, USA (Ret)

President and CEO, DOL Enterprises, Inc.

Dr. Jonathan Schroden

Research Program Director, Countering Threats and Challenges, CNA

9:45 – 10:00 am

Networking Break

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10:00 – 10:50 am

Prevent, Prepare, and Prevail: SOF Left of Conflict

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LTG Charles Cleveland, USA (Ret)

Former Commander, U.S. Army Special Operations Command
Moderator

RDML Mark Schafer, USN

Commander, Special Operations Command South

RADM Jeromy Williams, USN

Commander, Special Operations Command Pacific
Virtual Speaker

CSM Shane Shorter, USA

Senior Enlisted Leader, U.S. Special Operations Command

Senator Tim Sheehy (R-MT)

U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee

10:50 – 11:05 am

Networking Break

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11:05 – 11:55 am

The Irregular Triad: SOF-Space-Cyber

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VADM Ross Myers, USN (Ret)

Former Command, U.S. Cyber Fleet Command/TENTH Fleet
Moderator

Gen Timothy Haugh, USAF

Commander, U.S. Cyber Command

LTG Thomas James, USA

Deputy Commander, U.S. Space Command

LTG Richard Angle, USA

Commander, Allied Special Operations Forces Command,
North Atlantic Treaty Organizations/Special Operations Command Europe

LTG Jonathan Braga, USA

Commanding General, U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC)

11:55 am – 1:30 pm

Networking Lunch

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What Winning Needs: Capabilities & Talent

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CCM Greg Smith, USAF (Ret)

Chief Executive Officer, TIGRE Global Solutions, Inc.

Moderator

Dr. Sandra Hobson

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense and Director,
Secretariat for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict

Lt Gen Dagvin R.M. Anderson, USAF

Director, J7 Joint Force Development

LtGen Francis Donovan, USMC

Vice Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command

FORCM Walter Dittmar, USN

Force Master Chief, Naval Special Warfare Command

2:20 – 2:35 pm

Networking Break

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2:35 – 3:25 pm

SOF Innovation & Acquisition

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David Spirk

Senior Counselor, Palantir Technologies, Inc.

Moderator

Melissa Johnson, SES

Acquisition Executive, U.S. Special Operations Command

Chris Brose

Chief Strategy Officer, Anduril Industries

Lt Gen David Harris, Jr., USAF

Deputy Chief of Staff, Air Force Futures

Representative Adam Smith (D-WA)

Ranking Member, U.S. House Armed Services Committee

Virtual Speaker

3:25 – 3:45 pm

Networking Break

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3:45 – 4:45 pm

Fireside Chat: SOF Renaissance

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Jen Stewart

Executive Vice President, Strategy & Policy, NDIA

Moderator

GEN Bryan P. Fenton, USA

Commanding General, U.S. Special Operations Command

4:45 – 6:00 pm

Closing Network Reception

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March 11 – 12, 2025 | Arlington, VA



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May 6 – 9, 2025 | Orlando, FL



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March 17 – 19, 2025 * | San Diego, CA



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June 11 – 12, 2025 | Richmond, VA

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March 3 – 7, 2025** | Honolulu, HI



2025 Munition Executive Summit

March 18 – 19, 2025 | Parsippany, NJ



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March 25 – 27, 2025 | Atlanta, GA



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