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### MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Announcement of the 2025 Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium

In alignment with Secretary Hegseth's priorities to "Rebuild Our Military" and in recognition of the vital importance of strong collaboration across industry and the Military Services, I am pleased to announce the 2025 Department of Defense (DoD) Maintenance Symposium. This is an approved conference for all DoD personnel.

The Symposium will be held at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville, Kentucky, from December 9-12, 2025. The theme of this year's Symposium is *Advancing Readiness to Exploit the Logistics Deterrent Effect – Maintaining the Capability and Capacity to Fight and Win*. The Symposium's comprehensive technical program is structured to align with the goals of the National Defense Industrial Strategy and the Department's priorities.

Numerous associated meetings such as the DoD Weapon Systems Software Summit and United States Marine Corps Cross Commodity Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Symposium yielding a significant cost savings. Additionally, this year, the International Explosives Safety Summit will join the Symposium as an associated meeting. I am extending the associated meeting opportunity to all Services and Defense Agencies. I encourage your staff and offices to take full advantage of the DoD Maintenance Symposium and the associated meeting opportunities.

For additional details, please visit [www.sae.org/dod](http://www.sae.org/dod) or contact Mr. Dana Sanford, 571-256-7052, [dana.j.sanford4.civ@mail.mil](mailto:dana.j.sanford4.civ@mail.mil) or Mr. Chuck Field, 703-459-0701, [charles.e.field4.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:charles.e.field4.ctr@mail.mil).

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