



McAleese 17TH Annual “FY2027 Defense Programs” Conference in Arlington, VA MARCH 17, 2026

Confirmed Speakers



General Dan Caine
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 DoW Chief Technology Officer



HON Michael P. Duffey
 Under Secretary of War for
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HON Jules W. Hurst III
 PTDO Under Secretary of War
 (Comptroller)/DoW
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HON Troy E. Meink
 27th Secretary of the
 Air Force



Admiral Daryl Caudle
 34th Chief of
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HON Michael A. Obadal
 36th Under Secretary
 of the Army



General Dale R. White
 Director, Critical Major Weapon
 Systems



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 Submarine Direct Reporting
 Portfolio Manager (DRPM)



LTG Francisco J. Lozano
 Portfolio Acquisition Executive Fires
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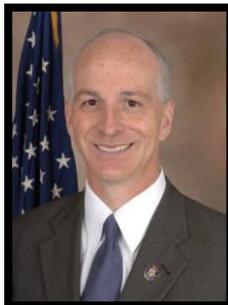
Maj. Gen. Stephen G. Purdy, Jr.
 Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the
 Air Force for Space Acquisition



HON Michael P. Cadenazzi
 Assistant Secretary of War for
 Industrial Base Policy



Mr. Joseph D. Welch
 Portfolio Acquisition Executive,
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 Counter Command and Control



Congressman Adam Smith
 Ranking Member, House Armed
 Services Committee



Congressman Rob Wittman
 Vice Chairman, House Armed
 Services Committee

A full day of interactive briefings as President Trump and Secretary Hegseth have called on Industry and the Acquisition Community to "Rebuild the Arsenal of Freedom". DPC will cover all aspects of Leadership priorities; funding; requirements; stand-up of new "PAE" acquisition structure; and contractor program-execution; to accelerate both speed-of-delivery & production-at-volume.

It is planned to take place after the formal release of the President's Budget Request. There is no charge to attend, but *you must register to attend.*

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