

Event Agenda

6:30 AM Registration Opens & Continental breakfast is served

7:25 AM Jim McAleese provides opening remarks (followed by National Anthem)

7:30 AM – 7:45 AM  Congressman Rob Wittman
Vice Chairman, House Armed Services Committee

7:45 AM – 8:00 AM  Congressman Adam Smith
Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM  The Honorable Michael Obadal
36th Under Secretary of the Army

5-minute transition

8:35 AM – 9:05 AM  General Michael Guetlein
Director of Golden Dome for America

5-minute transition

9:10 AM – 9:30 AM  Mr. Joseph Welch
Portfolio Acquisition Executive, Command and Control and Counter Command and Control

9:30 AM – 9:50 AM  Ms. Melissa Johnson
Acquisition Executive, U.S. Special Operations Command

5-minute transition

9:55 AM – 10:25 AM  The Honorable Dr. Troy Meink
27th Secretary of the Air Force

15-minute transition

10:45 AM – 11:15 AM  General Dale White
Director, Critical Major Weapon Systems

15-minute transition

11:30 AM – 11:50 AM  Mr. Thomas Ainsworth
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Space Acquisition and Integration and the Space Service Acquisition Executive/PTDO Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration

11:50 AM Boxed Lunch is served



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**12:30 PM –
12:55 PM**



The Honorable Jules Hurst III
PTDO Under Secretary of War (Comptroller)/
DoW Chief Financial Officer

5-minute transition

**1:00 PM –
1:30 PM**



Admiral Daryl Caudle
34th Chief of Naval Operations

5-minute transition

**1:35 PM –
2:00 PM**



VADM Robert Gaucher
Submarine Direct Reporting Portfolio Manager (DRPM)

5-minute transition

**2:05 PM –
2:25 PM**



The Honorable Michael Cadenazzi
Assistant Secretary of War for Industrial Base Policy

5-minute transition

**2:30 PM –
3:00 PM**



The Honorable Emil Michael
Under Secretary of War for Research and Engineering (USW(R&E)), and
DoW Chief Technology Officer

5-minute transition

**3:05 PM –
3:30 PM**



LTG Frank J. Lozano
Portfolio Acquisition Executive Fires (PAE Fires)

5-minute transition

**3:35 PM –
4:00 PM**



LtGen Eric Austin
Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command,
and Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration

5-minute transition

**4:05 PM –
4:35 PM**



The Honorable Michael Duffey
Under Secretary of War for Acquisition and Sustainment (USW(A&S))

10-minute transition

**4:45 PM –
5:00 PM**



Senator Deb Fischer
Member, Armed Services and Appropriations Committees
Chair, Strategic Forces Subcommittee

15-minute transition

“Defense Disruptors” Panel

**5:15 PM –
6:15 PM**

MODERATOR



Fatih Ozmen
Chief Executive Officer/Owner
Sierra Nevada Corporation,
SNC



Eric DeMarco
President and CEO of Kratos
Defense & Security Solutions



Tom Bell
CEO of Leidos



Wahid Nawabi
Chairman, President, & CEO
AeroVironment, Inc. (AV)



Michael Coulter
President and CEO of
Hanwha Defense USA



Michael Atwood
General Atomics Aeronautical
Systems, VP of Advanced
Programs

6:15 PM

Closing Reception with beverages and light hors d'oeuvres