Defense Innovation Days 2025

DRAFT Summary Agenda

Day 1 – Monday, 25 August 2025

3:00–7:00 PM	**Registration**
4:00 PM	**Exhibit Area Open**
4:30–7:00 PM	**Opening Reception** – Exhibit Area
	U.S. Senator Jack Reed, Ranking Member, Senate Armed Services Committee

Day 2 – Tuesday, 26 August 2025

7:30 AM	**Registration/Breakfast**
8:15 AM	**Welcome**
8:30 AM	Congressman Gabe Amo (RI)
8:45 AM	**Keynote Speaker**
	RDML Peter Small, Commander, NAVSEA Warfare Centers/Chief Engineer
9:45 AM	**Break** – Exhibit Area
10:15 AM	**Keynote Speaker - Foreign Challenges - China**
	Dr. Andrew Erickson, Naval War College, China Maritime Studies Institute
11:15 AM	**Break** – Exhibit Area
11:45 AM	**Lunch - Keynote Speaker**
	Dr. Michael Winter, Chief Scientist, RTX
1:00 PM	Break
1:30 PM	Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)
1:45 PM	**Keynote Speaker**
	COL David Brown (ret), Naval War College, Center for Irregular Warfare and Armed Groups
2:45 PM	**Break** – Exhibit Area
3:15 PM	**Keynote Speaker**
	LtGen Eric Austin, Commanding General, U.S. Marine Corps Combat Development Command
4:30 PM	**Reception -** Exhibition Area

Day 3 – Wednesday, 27 August 2025

7:30 AM	**Registration/Breakfast**
8:15 AM	Congressman Seth Magaziner (RI)
8:30 AM	**Panel: Future of the Surface Navy and Hybrid Fleet**
	Moderator – CAPT Colin Corridan (ret), Former DCO/TF59
	Mr. Justin Fanelli, Dept of Navy CTO/Technical Director, PEO Digital
	LT Graham Chynoweth, Defense Innovation Unit (DIU)
	Commander David Brannighan Royal Navy, British Defence Staff USA
	Mr. Austin Gray, Co-Founder, CSO – Blue Water Autonomy
9:30 AM	**Break** – Exhibit Area
10:00 AM	**Keynote Speaker**
	BG George "Chris" Hackler, Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command
10:45 AM	**Panel: Mastering the Depths: Navigating the Engineering Battlespace**
	Moderator - Ms. Marie Bussiere, Technical Director, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Newport
	Mr. Mark Vacarro - Director, Subsea and Seabed Warfare SSTM, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Newport
	CDR Shawn Stelzel – Undersea Warfighting Development Center
	Mr. Steve Plunkett - Next Generation Weapons and Defensive Systems SSTM, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Newport
	Mr. Steve Lamb - Chief of the Contracting Office, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Newport
11:45 AM	**Break**
12:15 PM	**Networking Lunch**