



*The Alliance for Defense Tech, Talent, and Innovation*

**Day 1 - Monday, 31 August 2026**

3:00-7:00PM      **Registration**  
4:00PM            **Exhibit Area Open**  
4:30-7:00PM      **Opening Reception** - Exhibit Area

**Day 2 - Tuesday, 1 September 2026**

7:30AM            **Registration/Breakfast**  
8:30AM            **Welcome**  
9:00AM            U.S. Senator Jack Reed, Ranking Member, Senate Armed Services Committee (CONFIRMED)  
9:30AM            **Break** - Exhibit Area  
10:00AM          **Foreign Affairs Discussion: PLA Deception and Surprise in a Taiwan Invasion Scenario**  
                      Mr. Ian Easton, Associate Professor, U.S. Naval War College, China Maritime Studies Institute (CONFIRMED)  
11:00AM          **Break** - Exhibit Area  
11:30AM          **Lunch Keynote Speaker**  
                      Honorable Michael Cadenazzi, Assistant Secretary of War for Industrial Base Policy (CONFIRMED)  
12:30PM          **Break** - Exhibit Area  
1:00PM            **Strength Through Partnership**  
                      Moderator - Ms. Gloria Bertanga, Vice President Business Development - Defense Sector, Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (CONFIRMED)  
                      Hiro Rodriguez, Executive Director of the Advocacy Center, U.S. Department of Commerce (CONFIRMED)  
                      Amir Koopaei, Counselor, Director of Defence Procurement, Embassy of Canada to the United States (CONFIRMED)  
                      CDR David Brannighan, Royal Navy, British Defence Staff USA (CONFIRMED)  
2:00PM            **Break** - Exhibit Area  
2:30PM            **Panel: Unmanned Vehicle Technology**  
                      Moderator - CAPT Colin Corridan (Ret.), Former US Navy DCO/TF59, Head of Government and Defense, Bedrock Ocean Exploration (CONFIRMED)  
                      RDML Kelly Ward, Director, Strategic Effects, Commander U.S. Naval Forces Europe/Africa, Commander, Task Force 66 (CTF-66) (CONFIRMED)  
                      CDR Thomas Wieland, Deputy Sector Commander, Sector Southeastern New England, United States Coast Guard (CONFIRMED)  
3:30PM            **Break** - Exhibit Area  
3:45PM            **Depth Charge: Rethinking Innovation for a World That Won't Slow Down**  
                      BG Christopher M. Burns, U.S. Army (Ret.), Senior Advisory, VALENS Global (CONFIRMED)  
4:30PM            **Reception** - Exhibit Area

**Day 3 - Wednesday, 2 September 2026**

7:30AM            **Registration/Breakfast**  
8:15AM            **Welcome**  
                      Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (RI) (CONFIRMED)  
8:30AM            **Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Newport**  
                      Ms. Marie Bussiere, Technical Director, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Newport (CONFIRMED)  
                      Mr. Scott Sideleau, Distinguished Engineer, USC C2 Systems, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Newport (CONFIRMED)  
                      Ms. Julie Kalfelz, Code 00T2, Director, Technology Partnership Office and Northeast Tech Bridge, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Newport (CONFIRMED)  
9:45AM            **Break** - Exhibit Area  
10:15AM          **Natick Soldier Systems Command**  
                      BG George 'Chris' Hackler, Deputy Commanding General - DEVCOM (CONFIRMED)  
11:30AM          **Break** - Exhibit Area  
12:00PM          **Modernizing Navy Undersea Acquisition**  
                      CAPT Matthew Lewis, Deputy Director, In-Service Submarines and Submarine Industrial Base, PAE Undersea (CONFIRMED)