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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 Berlanga, Vice President Business Development - Defense Sector, Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (CONFIRMED)
	Mr. Hiro Rodriguez, Executive Director of the Advocacy Center, U.S. Department of Commerce (CONFIRMED)
	Mr. Amir Koopaei, Counselor, Director of Defence Procurement, Embassy of Canada to the United States (CONFIRMED)
	CMDR 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 Advisor, 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 Kallfelz, 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, Acting Deputy Director, In-Service Submarines and Industrial Base (CONFIRMED)