

DEF2023

ANNUAL CONFERENCE BEYOND THE STATUS QUO...

BY INVITATION ONLY: EXPLORE EVOLVING APPROACHES TO READINESS AND DETERRENCE, FOCUSING ON PEOPLE AND THE CRITICALITY OF INFORMAL RELATIONSHIPS AND NETWORKS IN THE NATSEC COMMUNITY.

November 9th - 10th - Alexandria, VA

ENGAGE

Join us to be amongst fellow disrupters dedicated to ensuring the US maintains its cutting-edge relevance in national security. This is an invite-only, smaller gathering where people and community are placed above content. This is not where you are to come if commerce is top of mind. This is where to come to forge connections and garner the support required to affect change at speed.

PLAN OF ACTION

A curated group of warfighters, dual-use tech developers, funders, and decision-makers eager to convene, connect and collaborate. A zero ego environment - DEF demands collaboration. Whether Flag Officer, Lance Corporal, academic, or tinkerer, all are welcome to speak their mind and contribute. Informal conversations hosted by SMEs on topics ranging from countering mis and dis-information, the reality of dual-use tech funding and development in real-time kinetic environments, next evolution readiness and deterrence, and keynotes from individuals including LTG (Ret) Clint Hinote

Intel



Time Line

November 9th and 10th
8:00am to 5:00pm with Happy Hours



Locations

Building Momentum, 5380 Eisenhower Ave
suite c, Alexandria, VA 22304, USA

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SPEAKERS + TRACKS



Lourdes Tiglao

**Executive Director (SES)
VA Center for Women Veterans**

#veterans, #tech4good, #socialimpact,
#womenveterans, and #disasterresponse

Discussing:

Proactive business emergency readiness, continuity, and humanitarian operations play a critical role in establishing inroads, networks, and dual-use operational capabilities.



John Cogbill

**Deputy Director of Operations (CCJ3)
Deputy Director of Operations (CCJ3)
U.S. Central Command**

Discussing:

Exploring new approaches to readiness and deterrence with a focus on people and the criticality of informal relationship



Yusuf Henriques

Chairman, Founder and CEO

#afrotech, #africanbusiness, #africanexcellence, and #africanentrepreneurs

Discussing:

The need to value and promote informal efforts, and why it's critical to identify and support the right kind of talent from within and outside the force. It takes a community, and while very "tribal" the DoD often cannibalizes its own ingenuitive capacity in spite of itself.



Dr. Marina Theodotou

Executive Director Defense Innovation Board

#culturechange, #innovationecosystem, and #learninganddevelopment

Discussing:

Small dual-use companies, a threat or asset to primes? The brewery/microbrewery dynamic of the NatSec community.



LTG (Ret) Clint Hinote

Disruptive Strategist | Matching Emerging Tech to Defense Needs |

Discussing:

Informal Relationships, Safe space for innovation, and rebranding mavericks.



Joe Musselman

BV/VC

Talks about #teams, #vision, #culture, #mission, and #leadership

Discussing:

DOD Ecosystem networks, pathways, and dark alleys.



DEF CONNECTS AND EMPOWERS PEOPLE BY
CONVENING EVENTS, FORGING
PARTNERSHIPS, AND AMPLIFYING INITIATIVES
TO INSPIRE AND FOSTER A DISRUPTIVE,
CONNECTED, AND COLLABORATIVE CULTURE
OF INNOVATION IN THE NATIONAL SECURITY
COMMUNITY.

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