



Venue Legend: Grumman Auditorium Dogwood AB Redbud AB Trillium AB Atrium Off-Site

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 18, 2026 – DAY 1 SESSIONS

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Drone Dominance Sustainment: Building North Carolina’s Industrial Base for Next-Generation Unmanned Systems
Wake Technical Community College, RTP Campus, 10908 Chapel Hill Road, Building 1, Auditorium, Morrisville, NC 27560

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Welcome Social: University of North Carolina, The Friday Center, 100 Friday Center Drive, Chapel Hill, NC

THURSDAY – MARCH 19, 2026 – DAY 2 SESSIONS

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Registration, Check-In and Light Refreshments

8:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Welcome and Orientation: Scott Dorney, Executive Director, North Carolina Military Business Center
Welcome from North Carolina: US Senator Thom Tillis (virtual); Secretary Elaine Marshall, North Carolina Secretary of State

The Partner’s Playbook: Navigating Department of War Innovation, Investment, and Industrial Base Programs

Keynote Remarks: Lieutenant General Christopher Mohan, Commanding General, US Army Materiel Command

Special Presentation - Sustaining the Fight Under Fire: Lessons from Ukraine’s Combat Systems Front, Colonel Vadym Sukharevskiy, Deputy Commander Operational Command East, Armed Forces of Ukraine

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Sustaining Maritime Systems: Business Opportunities & Procurement Dialogue

Sustaining Ground Vehicles: Business Opportunities & Procurement Dialogue

Sponsor Expo and Networking

12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch and Keynote Remarks

US Senator Ted Budd (virtual)
 Lieutenant Governor Rachel Hunt, North Carolina

Keynote Remarks: Leigh E. Method, Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of War for Sustainment, Office of the Assistant Secretary of War

Special Presentation – Sustainment: Current Challenges and Future Needs – Brigadier General Ronnie D. Anderson, Jr., Deputy Commanding General, Combined Arms Support Command / Sustainment Center for Excellence

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Break

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Technology and Innovation Showcase

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sustaining Aerospace Systems: Business Opportunities & Procurement Dialogue

Empowering the Future: Enhancing the DoD Industrial Workforce

Sponsor Expo and Networking

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Break

4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Innovation Architecture to Boost and Strengthen the Defense Industrial Base

Domestic & Global Sustainment Opportunities

5:00 p.m.

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