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Aviation Week Network's Defense Conference, an event that provides critical information, predictive intelligence, and connections, will take place starting at 12 noon on May 13, through May 14 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.



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*Carol Wilkins, Sr. Conference Producer, Aviation Week Network*

This high-impact event dives deep into the seismic shifts reshaping the defense landscape, including:

- Protecting the Homeland Through Partnerships with Allies
- Analysts' View of the Global Military Aircraft Market
- Breaking Barriers- AI's Bold Strike on Aerospace Innovation

- Disrupt or Be Disrupted- Futureproofing Your Workforce
- The Impact of AI on the Aerospace Industry
- Pivot or Perish- A Wake-Up Call for the Defense Industrial Base
- Let's Talk Raw Materials- A Global Industry Report
- Preventing and Winning Conflict in Space

The Keynote Speaker is Major General Mark W. Mitchum, Commander, Integrated Capabilities Command (P), the Pentagon. He leads the activated ICC in provisional status to both execute the ICC mission – To accelerate USAF capability development keeping Airmen competitive over time – and build the permanent ICC, which will be activated as one of the USAF's four new Institutional Commands.

Other notable speakers include:

- Cynthia Cook, Senior Fellow & Director, CSIS Defense-Industrial Initiatives Group
- Scott “Frag” Jobe, Executive Director of Business Development & Strategy, Boeing’s Phantom Works
- Scott Crofton, Partner, Sullivan & Cromwell Mergers & Acquisitions Group
- Barrett Koch, Vice President, Aerospace and Defense, Siemens Digital Industries Software

A full list of speakers can be found here and include leaders from Airbus U.S. Space & Defense; Amazon Web Services; Boeing's Phantom Works; Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS); Embassy of Israel; Embassy Kingdom of The Netherlands; L3 Harris Technologies; Lockheed Martin, National Defense Industrial Association, Northrup Grunman Corp.; Siemens Government Technology; and more.

“The event creates space for dialogue and shared insights on navigating today’s evolving geopolitical landscape and its far-reaching impact on global and national security. Expert presenters will explore how current policies are shaping the aerospace and defense sectors, offering actionable strategies to strengthen and future-proof the defense industrial base,” said Carol Wilkins, Senior Conference Producer for Aviation Week Network.

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