

19th Annual NDIA SO/LIC Symposium and Exhibition

Theme, Objective, and Scope

Theme: SOF at the Crossroads: Resetting the Force for the Future

Objective: The objective of the 19th Annual NDIA SO/LIC Symposium is to address evolving Defense and Industry decisions for SO/LIC policy, strategy, and resources as the United States and its coalition partners reset their forces and reassess their goals, objectives, priorities, and capabilities to combat terrorism in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world.

Scope: Pilloried by a strident drum beat of anti-war sentiment and media streams of incessant terrorist violence in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other corners of the world, United States and coalition partner countries are in the throes of evolving policies and strategies to reduce their risk in forward battle areas and to reset their forces for a spectrum of activities that do not fit cleanly within the doctrine of traditional or conventional combat operations. One outcome of the political and strategic debates in the United States is a mandate to increase the number of special operations forces to combat the growing terrorist threat. The focus of operations for this increased force is shifting from direct action to indirect approaches required to conduct irregular warfare and has resulted in requirements for revised or enhanced doctrine, training, and weapon systems. These tides of change leave SOF at the crossroads in resetting its forces for future action and will require a close working relationship between Defense and Industry to meet evolving requirements throughout the global battlespace.

The 19th SO/LIC Symposium will provide preeminent subject matter experts to discuss these evolving Defense policies and strategies and will address technology needs from Industry to help SOF combat a global terrorist threat. Attendees will have the opportunity hear from the “Tip of the Spear”—our special operations warriors and their Service partners in the field; participate in discussions and exchange views with Government and Industry participants; and review the technologies on the shelf and in development that are being incorporated as new tools in waging war at the crossroads.

Theme: **“SOF at the Crossroads – Resetting the Force for the Future”**

Tuesday 12 February 2008

- 7:30am – 6:30pm **Registration Open, Exhibit Foyer**
- 7:30am - 8:45am **Continental Breakfast, Exhibit Hall**
- 7:30am -6:30pm **Exhibits Open**
- 8:45am - 9:00am **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
Major General Barry D. Bates, USA (Ret) Vice President, Operations, NDIA
Colonel Thomas E. “Tim” Davidson, USAF (Ret), Chairman, NDIA SO/LIC Division and Chairman, 19th Symposium
Major General Kenneth R. Bowra, USA (Ret), Vice Chairman, 19th Symposium
- 9:00am – 11:00am **Program 1: Requirements Panel**
“Principal SOF Requirements to Reset the Force”
(e.g., New equipment versus SLEP; FID training and equipment; Short, intermediate, and long-term needs from Industry)
Moderator: Major General Gary Heckman, USAF (Ret), Vice President, Air Force Account Executive, Raytheon Corporation
- Panel Members:**
- Colonel William Bassett, USAF, SAF/AQQU
 - Mr. Richard Chandler, Director Advanced Technology Directorate (SOAL-T), US Special Operations Command
 - Mr. Jeffrey David, Deputy Director, Technical Support Working Group
- 11:00am – 1:00pm **Lunch in Exhibit hall**
- 1:00pm – 1:40pm **Keynote Address -“Evolving United States Policy in the Global War on Terrorism”**
Brigadier General Mark T. Kimmitt, USA (Ret)
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs and Former Deputy Director of Operations and Chief Military Spokesman for Coalition Forces in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom

1:40pm – 3:30 pm **Coalition Forces Capabilities and Requirements Panel
“Partner Nation Capabilities and Requirements to Reset SOF for the Future”**

Moderator: Major General Kenneth R. Bowra, USA (Ret)

Panel Members:

- Rear Admiral, Pierre Martinez, Commander, French Special Operations Command
- Major General Wlodzimierz Potasinski, Commander, Polish Special Operations Forces
- Colonel Ruud Hardenbol, Dutch Special Operations Forces
- Colonel Jaime Iñiguez, Spain
J-5, NATO Special Operations Coordination Center

3:30pm – 5:00pm **Exhibit Hall Open**

5:00pm – 6:30pm **Reception in Exhibit Hall**

Wednesday 13 February 2008

7:30am – 6:30pm **Registration Open, Exhibit Foyer**

7:30am - 8:45am **Continental Breakfast, Exhibit Hall**

7:30am – 6:30pm **Exhibits Open**

8:45am - 9:00am **Administrative Remarks**

Colonel Thomas E. “Tim” Davidson, USAF (Ret), Chairman, NDIA SO/LIC Division and Chairman, 19th Symposium

9:00am - 9:45am **Keynote Address**

“SOF at the Crossroads – Mapping the Way Ahead,”

Admiral Eric T. Olson, USN, Commander, US Special Operations Command

9:45am – 10:00am **Break**

10:00am – 12:00pm **USSOCOM Service Component Panel**

“Capabilities and Challenges for SOF’s Service Components to Reset the Force”

Moderator: Colonel Thomas E. “Tim” Davidson, USAF (Ret)
Chairman, NDIA SO/LIC Division and 19th Symposium

Panel Members:

- LTG Robert W. Wagner, USA, Commander, US Army Special Operations Command
- Lt Gen Donald Wurster, USAF, Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command
- Rear Admiral Garry Bonelli, USN, Deputy Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command
- Colonel Keith Lawless, USMC, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Marine Special Operations Command

12:00pm– 1:40pm **Lunch in Exhibit Hall**

1:40pm –3:20pm **Feedback from the Field Panel**
“Defense and Industry Vignettes Related to the Global War on Terrorism”

Moderator and Panel Member: Lieutenant General Joseph M. Cosumano, Jr. USA (Ret), Senior Vice-President; Operations, Maintenance, and Logistics, Kellogg Brown & Root

Panel Members:

- Mr. Harold “Jay” Christy; Program Manager, Protective Services; Triple Canopy, Inc.
- Mr. Donald L. Sampler, Deputy Coordinator, Reconstruction and Stabilization, U.S. Department of State
- Lieutenant Colonel Frances V.J. Reese, USA, Director, Aviation Command and Control and Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Programs, U.S. Special Operations Command
- Captain Ryan D. Yamaki-Taylor, USA, Special Forces Operational Detachment Alpha Commander, 2nd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne)

3:20pm – 5:00pm **Exhibit Hall Open**

5:00pm – 6:30pm **Reception in Exhibit Hall**

6:30pm – 9:30pm **Awards Banquet**

Thursday 14 February 2008

- 7:30am – 6:30pm **Registration Open, Exhibit Foyer**
- 7:30am - 8:45am **Continental Breakfast, Exhibit Hall**
- 7:30am – 11:45am **Exhibits Open**
- 8:45am - 9:00am **Administrative Remarks**
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SO/LIC Division and Chairman, 19th Symposium
- 9:00am - 9:45am **Keynote Address**
**“Perspectives on Special Operations Policy and Priorities in Resetting
the Force for the Future”**
Dr. Kalev I. Sepp, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special
Operations Capabilities, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for
Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict
- 9:50am – 10:35am **Keynote Address**
“The US Way Ahead for Counterterrorism”
Ambassador Dell Dailey
Coordinator for Counterterrorism, US Department of State
- 10:35am – 11:45am **Break in Exhibit Hall (Last opportunity to view Exhibits)**
- 11:45am – 1:30pm **Lunch and Keynote Speaker**
“Issues for US Military Forces at the Crossroads”
General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Commander, US Transportation
Command and Former Director of the Joint Staff
- 1:30pm – 1:45pm **Closing Remarks**
Colonel Thomas E. “Tim” Davidson, USAF (Ret), Chairman, NDIA
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