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SUMMIT SCHEDULE

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

- 8:00—8:45 AM** *Registration and Light Breakfast Reception Open*
- 8:45—9:00 AM** **Moderator Opening Remarks**
Dr. Sheryl M. Genco
Chief Technology Officer — North America, Ericsson
Former Director of the Institute for Telecommunications Sciences, NTIA
- 9:00—10:00 AM** **Empowering the 6G Warfighter**
Moderator: Dr. Anton Monk
SVP Technology Strategy, Cohere Technologies
Speakers:
Dr. Sheryl M. Genco
CTO North America, Ericsson
Brig. Gen (R) Dr. Rob Spalding
CEO, SEMPRES Inc.
Dr. Thomas Rondeau
Principal Director for FutureG, OUSW (R&E)
- 10:00—10:40 AM** **Keynote Session: 6G & The Warfighter: Shaping the Next Generation of DoW Network Dominance**
Dr. Thomas Rondeau
Principal Director for FutureG, OUSW (R&E)
- 10:40—10:50 AM** **Securing Communications Against Threats Within the 5G Infrastructure**
Alex Marder
CEO, Revelare Networks
- 10:40—11:20 AM** **Networking Break & Exhibits**

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11:20—11:50 AM **PNI-NPN: Integrating Public MNO Infrastructure with Private 5G for Mission-Ready Networks**

Jim Croal
CTO, Limitless Mobile

11:50—12:50 PM **Adopting Commercial Wireless Technologies in Support of the Warfighter**

Moderator: LTG (R) John Morrison, USA

CEO, Morrison Adaptive Solutions, Fmr. Deputy Chief of Staff, United States Army, G-6

Speakers:

Lamont Copeland

Senior Director of Public Sector Solutions, Verizon

Stephen Matherne

VP for Defense & Health, AT&T Public Sector & FirstNet Area

Jeffrey Neal

National Director, Government Strategy, T-Mobile

12:50—1:50 PM **Networking Lunch**

1:50—2:40 PM **Driving 5G Integration Across the AOR for INDOPACOM**

Moderator: Lamont Copeland

Senior Director of Public Sector Solutions, Verizon

Speakers:

COL Richard Becker, USA

INSCOM G6, INSCOM

Lt Col. Benjamin Pimentel, USMC

Assured C2 Lead, Project Dynamis, U.S. Marine Corps

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- 2:40 — 2:50 PM** **Developing Secure O-RAN Radio Units for Mission-Ready Communications**
Don Hawkins
Senior Director, Dell Federal 5G
- 2:50—3:50 PM** **Accelerating NextG and AI-RAN with Open Source Velocity and the OCUDU**
Moderator: Tim O'Shea
Member, Technological Advisory Council, FCC; CTO, Deepsig Inc.
Speakers:
Amanda Toman
Director, Innovation Fund, NTIA
Dr. Sudharam Jayaweera
Program Director, Emerging Technologies, NSF
Glenn Laxdal
President & CEO, Airspan
- 3:50—4:20 PM** **Networking Break & Exhibits**
- 4:20—5:10 PM** **ISAC: Fusing Sensing and Comms for Situational Awareness and Battlefield Dominance**
Moderator: Dr. Sheryl M. Genco
Chief Technology Officer — North America, Ericsson
Former Director of the Institute for Telecommunications Sciences, NTIA
Speakers:
COL (R) Justin Shell, USA
Former PM, Integrated Enterprise Network, PEO C3N, U.S. Army
Gustave Anderson
Fellow, Lockheed Martin
Paul Senior,
CTO, Airspan
- 5:10 PM** **Exhibit Hall Closes, End of Day 1**

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DAY 2: THURSDAY, MARCH 26

8:15—8:45 AM

Registration and Light Breakfast Reception Open

8:45—9:00 AM

Moderator Remark:

Dr. Sheryl M. Genco

Chief Technology Officer — North America, Ericsson

Former Director of the Institute for Telecommunications Sciences, NTIA

9:00—10:00 AM

Fireside Chat: Accelerating National Security and 5G Leadership through the ASC Demonstration

Moderator: Mari Silbey

Chief Program Officer, The National Spectrum Consortium

Panelists:

Pedram Johari

Principal Research Scientist Open6G Lab, Northeastern University

Joshua Weaver

Director, Spectrum Initiatives & Analysis, OUSW (R&E)

10:00—11:00 AM

Panel: Achieving The Decision and Data Advantage with Tactical 5G at the Edge

Moderator: Kenyatta Clark

Global Business Director, Ericsson; Former Senior Technical Advisor, Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-6

Panelists:

COL Jeff Couillard, USA

Interoperability & Coalition Division, Transport & Infrastructure Division, G-6

Arthur De Leon

Director Strategic Spectrum Policy, DON CIO, U.S. Department of the Navy

Peter Cappiello

CEO, Future Technologies Inc

Dr. James Tucker Swindell II

Chief, Terrestrial Communications Division, US Army DEVCOM C5ISR Center

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DAY 2: THURSDAY, MARCH 26

- 11:00—11:30 AM** **Networking Break & Exhibits**
- 11:30—11:40 PM** **Building America's AI-Native 6G**
Andrew Bolka
Director, NextG Networks, Booz Allen Hamilton
- 11:40—12:20 PM** **Leveraging 5G Nodes with AI as Affordable Alternatives to LEO and Terrestrial Radio Access Networks**

RADM (R) David Simpson
Professor of Practice, Pamplin College of Business, Virginia Tech
- 12:20—1:20 PM** **Networking Lunch**
- 1:20—2:00 PM** **AI-Native Open RAN for Expeditionary FutureG: Translating Research into Tactical Advantage**
Dr. Vijay K. Shah, Director, NextG Wireless Lab, North Carolina State University
- 2:00—3:00 PM** **Fireside Chat: Integrating Robust and Secure Cybersecurity and Privacy Capabilities for 5G and NextG Networks**

Moderator: John Marinho
Vice President, Technology and Cybersecurity, CTIA
Panelists:
Dr. Eric Burger
Research Professor of NextG Security and Research Director of the Commonwealth Cyber Initiative, Virginia Tech
Mike Bartock
5G IT Specialist, National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence, NIST
- 3:00 PM** **End of Summit**