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Main-stage keynotes and general sessions are shaded. Sessions marked with a blue bar run at the same time in different rooms.

## Monday, December 7

| TIME | SESSION | LOCATION |
|---|---|---|
| 6:30 – 8:00 AM | Golf Tournament Sign-In | Shingle Creek Golf Club |
| 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Golf Tournament | Shingle Creek Golf Club |

## Tuesday, December 8

| TIME | SESSION | LOCATION |
|---|---|---|
| 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Classified Session (Invitation Only) | Check-in: Hilton Lake Down Meeting Room |
| 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Spacepower Registration & Check-In | Hilton |
| 8:30 AM – 2:20 PM | Guardian Day (Guardians Only) | Florida Ballroom 4 |
| 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Spouses' Program | To Be Announced |
| 12:00 – 7:30 PM | Exhibit Hall Open | Orlando Ballrooms I, II & III / Exhibit Hall |
| 3:00 – 3:15 PM | **Spacepower Conference Opening**<br>**Welcome:** Damon Feltman | Orange Ballrooms A–D |
| 3:15 – 4:00 PM | **Keynote & Fireside Chat: Chief of Space Operations**<br>**Speaker:** Gen Douglas A. Schiess, Chief of Space Operations<br>**Moderator:** Damon Feltman | Orange Ballrooms A–D |
| 4:00 – 4:15 PM | **Guardian Arena Winners Recognition**<br>**Presented by:** Gen Douglas A. Schiess & CMSSF John F. Bentivegna | Orange Ballrooms A–D |
| 4:10 – 5:00 PM | Closer to Earth: What's Next for VLEO<br>Presented by Redwire | Activation Stage, Exhibit Hall |
| 4:15 – 4:25 PM | *Break* | |
| 4:25 – 4:55 PM | Unrestricted Spectrum Warfare: Fighting for the Invisible High Ground<br>**Speakers:** Col Angelo Fernandez · Teo Williams, L3Harris · HawkEye 360<br>**Moderator:** Steve Anderson, CACI | Orange Ballrooms E & F |
| | The Single Component Service: A Military Workforce Model for a New Era<br>**Speakers:** Brig Gen Matthew E. Holston · CMSgt Todd Scott<br>**Moderator:** Dr. Eric Sundby | Florida Ballroom 4 |
| | In-Space Refueling and Shattering the Psychology of Scarcity<br>**Speakers:** Maj Gen Anthony J. Mastalir · Alonso Segura, VP of Business Development, Rocketdyne · Shawn Hendricks, OrbitFab<br>**Moderator:** Dr. Michael Martindale | Orlando Ballrooms IV & V |
| 4:55 – 5:05 PM | *Break* | |

| TIME | SESSION | LOCATION |
|---|---|---|
| 5:05 – 5:35 PM | Session to Be Announced | Orange Ballrooms E & F |
| | SI, Ethics, and Autonomy in Orbital Warfare<br>**Speakers:** Carl Black, VP of Battle Management Mission Engineering, True Anomaly · Adam Thurn, VP of Orbital Systems, Anduril<br>**Moderator:** ManTech | Florida Ballroom 4 |
| | Dialing Up Capacity: Rebuilding Satellite Control for a Proliferated, Contested Era<br>**Speakers:** Lt Col Jean Purgason · William Pope · Lt Col Brenda Beegle, 22nd Space Operations Squadron<br>**Moderator:** Mike Dickey | Orlando Ballrooms IV & V |
| 5:30 – 7:30 PM | Opening Night Reception in the Exhibit Hall | Exhibit Hall |
| 5:30 – 8:30 PM | Opening Night Receptions | Various |

## Wednesday, December 9

| TIME | SESSION | LOCATION |
|---|---|---|
| 8:15 – 8:30 AM | **Spacepower Conference Opening**<br>**Welcome:** Damon Feltman | Orange Ballrooms A–D |
| 8:30 – 9:00 AM | **Wartime Production: Surging the Industrial Base**<br>**Speaker:** Dr. Erich Hernandez-Baquero, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition & Integration<br>**Moderator:** Robert Lightfoot, President, Lockheed Martin Space | Orange Ballrooms A–D |
| 9:00 – 9:10 AM | *Break* | |
| 9:00 AM – 5:15 PM | Exhibit Hall Open | Orlando Ballrooms I, II & III / Exhibit Hall |
| 9:10 – 9:30 AM | **Keynote: Commander, U.S. Space Command**<br>**Speaker:** Gen Stephen N. Whiting, Commander, U.S. Space Command | Orange Ballrooms A–D |
| 9:30 – 10:00 AM | **Fireside Chat: Chief of Space Operations & Commander, U.S. Space Command**<br>**Speakers:** Gen Douglas A. Schiess · Gen Stephen N. Whiting<br>**Moderator:** Bill Woolf | Orange Ballrooms A–D |
| 10:00 – 10:30 AM | *Morning Coffee Break* | Exhibit Hall |
| 10:10 – 10:50 AM | **Keynote: Special Guest**<br>**Introduced by:** Lt Gen Bill Liquori, USSF (Ret.) | Orange Ballrooms A–D |
| 10:50 – 11:00 AM | *Break* | |
| 11:00 – 11:40 AM | **Keynote: Secretary of the Air Force**<br>**Speaker:** The Honorable Troy E. Meink, Secretary of the Air Force<br>**Introduced by:** Shawn Barnes | Orange Ballrooms A–D |
| 11:10 – 11:40 AM | The Economics of Space Power: Shaping the Future Force | Activation Stage, Exhibit Hall |
| 11:20 – 11:50 AM | The Industrial Base Lockdown: Grow Fast, Grow Secure<br>**Speakers:** Cyrus Myretka, Ravelin · Bailey Reichelt, Aegis · Special Agent Christopher Smith, AFOSI<br>**Moderator:** Brian Mills | Activation Stage, Exhibit Hall |

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| 11:40 AM – 12:00 PM | *Break* | |
| 12:00 – 12:30 PM | The Debrief, Part 1: Operation Epic Fury<br>**Speaker:** Brig Gen Todd J. Benson<br>**Moderator:** Tim Cox | Orange Ballrooms E & F |
| | Tech for the Objective Force: Data Centers in the Stars<br>**Speakers:** Alex Deters · Kurt Kuntzelman, Executive Strategic Account Manager – Space, Red Hat<br>**Moderator:** Dan Dant, KBR | Florida Ballroom 4 |
| | Launch Infrastructure in 2040<br>**Speakers:** Brig Gen Eric Zarybnisky · Tom Martin, Senior Director, National Security, Blue Origin · Brian Rogers, VP, Global Launch Services, Rocket Lab<br>**Moderator:** Dave Wood, Amentum | Orlando Ballrooms IV & V |
| 12:30 – 1:20 PM | *Lunch* | |
| 1:20 – 1:50 PM | The Debrief, Part 2: Joint Space Warfighters Forward and in the Fight<br>**Speakers:** CMSgt Christopher J. Gracey · CMSgt Tina Timmerman<br>**Moderator:** Jake Simmons, VP Global Mission Partnerships, LeoLabs | Orange Ballrooms E & F |
| | The Space Data Network & the COMSATCOM Revolution<br>**Speakers:** Brig Gen Ryan Frazier · Pareen Dhalla, KBR<br>**Moderator:** Keith Johnson, Amazon Leo | Florida Ballroom 4 |
| | The International Shield: When Allies Bring Sovereign Capabilities<br>**Speakers:** Air Marshal Paul Godfrey · Maj Gen Michael Traut (Germany)<br>**Moderator:** Heidi Grant, Space Force Association | Orlando Ballrooms IV & V |
| | Acquiring Space Warfighting Capabilities: A Conversation with SpaceNews<br>Presented by Redwire | Activation Stage, Exhibit Hall |
| 1:30 – 2:00 PM | America 250 Panel: Spacepower at 300 Years<br>**Speakers:** CMSgt Amber Abramowski · Jondavid DuVall, SSC · Dr. Jes Kalmanson, Peraton<br>**Moderator:** Emily Honhart | Activation Stage, Exhibit Hall |
| 1:50 – 2:00 PM | *Break* | |

| TIME | SESSION | LOCATION |
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| 2:00 – 2:30 PM | Growing the Force: Accessing & Training 5,000 New Guardians<br>**Speakers:** Katharine Kelley · Maj Gen James E. Smith · CMSgt Caleb Lloyd · CMSgt Jason Childers<br>**Moderator:** Jack Smith | Orange Ballrooms E & F |
| | The Tactically Responsive Mindset: From Demonstrations to Combat Capability<br>**Speakers:** Col Bryon McClain · Matt Reilly, Director of Mission Operations, True Anomaly · Richard French, VP, Business Development and Strategy, Space Systems, Rocket Lab<br>**Moderator:** Impulse Space | Florida Ballroom 4 |
| | Advanced Capabilities for the Guardian Force<br>**Speaker:** Maj Gen Stephen G. Purdy Jr.<br>**Moderator:** Dr. Eric Sundby | Orlando Ballrooms IV & V |
| | Just the Space Facts Media Panel | Activation Stage, Exhibit Hall |
| 2:30 – 2:40 PM | *Break* | |
| 2:40 – 3:10 PM | Integrating Guardian Power at Scale: The Space Force Component Command's Perspective<br>**Speakers:** Lt Gen Dennis O. Bythewood · Brig Gen Brian A. Denaro · Lt Col Chris Higgins | Orange Ballrooms E & F |
| | The Overview Effect & Guardians in Space<br>**Speakers:** Jack Fischer · Brig Gen Nick Hague | Florida Ballroom 4 |
| | One Picture, Many Sources: Fusing Organic and Commercial SDA<br>**Speakers:** Barb Golf · Greg Autry, UCF · Jay Fulmer, Space Dynamics Laboratory | Orlando Ballrooms IV & V |
| 2:40 – 4:30 PM | Space Tank<br>**Host:** Robert Katz | Activation Stage, Exhibit Hall |
| 3:10 – 3:20 PM | *Break* | |
| 3:20 – 3:50 PM | Combat Forces Command: The Force Behind the Fight<br>**Speakers:** Lt Gen Gregory J. Gagnon · CMSgt Rozneck | Orange Ballrooms E & F |
| | Integrated by Design: Ally & Partner Combat Multipliers<br>**Speakers:** Brig Gen Mike Gardiner (Australia) · Air Cdre Andy Chisolm (United Kingdom) · Col Jun Takikita (Japan)<br>**Moderator:** Heidi Grant, Space Force Association | Florida Ballroom 4 |
| | Let's See What This Baby Can Do: How USSF's Test Enterprise Prepares Us for Conflict<br>**Speakers:** Brig Gen Nick Hague · Col Sullivan · Col Golkin<br>**Moderator:** Brig Gen Schramm | Orlando Ballrooms IV & V |
| 3:50 – 4:00 PM | *Break* | |

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| 4:00 – 4:30 PM | USSF Operations (S3) Session<br>**Speakers:** Lt Gen Chris Povak · CMSgt Amber Abramowski<br>**Moderator:** Lt Gen DeAnna Burt, USSF (Ret.) | Orange Ballrooms E & F |
| | pLEO Operations: Fighting with a Proliferated Architecture<br>**Speaker:** Gurpartap "GP" Sandhoo<br>**Moderator:** Aaron Rogers, RTX | Florida Ballroom 4 |
| | Growing the Force, Part 2: Infrastructure and Operating Locations<br>**Speakers:** Kathryn Kolbe · Brig Gen (Sel.) Bigley<br>**Moderator:** Marty Amen | Orlando Ballrooms IV & V |
| 4:30 – 6:00 PM | *Break* | |
| 6:00 – 7:00 PM | Gala Reception | Foyer & Orange Ballrooms A–D |
| 7:00 – 9:00 PM | Gala Dinner | Orange Ballrooms A–D |

## Thursday, December 10

| TIME | SESSION | LOCATION |
|---|---|---|
| 8:20 – 8:30 AM | **Conference Opening**<br>**Welcome:** Damon Feltman | Orange Ballrooms A–D |
| 8:30 – 9:10 AM | **Keynote: The Guardian Corps – Backbone of American Spacepower**<br>**Speaker:** CMSSF John F. Bentivegna, Chief Master Sergeant of the Space Force<br>**Introduced by:** CMSgt Abi Scott, USSF (Ret.) | Orange Ballrooms A–D |
| 9:00 – 10:00 AM | One Fight, Multiple Domains | Activation Stage, Exhibit Hall |
| 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Exhibit Hall Open | Orlando Ballrooms I, II & III / Exhibit Hall |
| 9:10 – 9:20 AM | *Break* | |
| 9:20 – 9:50 AM | **Keynote: Chief of Space Operations, Chief Master Sergeant of the Space Force & Spouses**<br>**Speakers:** Gen Douglas A. Schiess & Mrs. Schiess · CMSSF John F. Bentivegna & Mrs. Bentivegna | Orange Ballrooms A–D |
| 9:50 – 10:20 AM | *Morning Coffee Break* | Exhibit Hall |
| 10:00 – 10:30 AM | **Keynote: Golden Dome Update**<br>**Speaker:** Gen Michael A. Guetlein, Director, Golden Dome for America<br>**Moderator:** Lt Gen John Shaw, USSF (Ret.) | Orange Ballrooms A–D |
| | Space Domain Awareness | Activation Stage, Exhibit Hall |
| 10:30 – 10:40 AM | *Break* | |

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| 10:40 – 11:10 AM | Battle Management at Machine Speed: Commanding the Fight<br>**Speakers:** Bryon Kroger, Founder & CEO, Rise8 · Tom Thorpe, RTX<br>**Moderator:** Heath Dorn, Fulcrum | Orange Ballrooms E & F |
| | Delivering Tomorrow's Force Today<br>**Speakers:** Lt Gen Philip A. Garrant · CMSgt Kevin Ryan, Senior Enlisted Leader, SSC<br>**Moderator:** Devin Pepper | Florida Ballroom 4 |
| | Commercial First: Rewriting the Rules of Engagement<br>**Speakers:** Col Tim Trimailo · Tracy Morgan, SVP Growth, Muon Space · Michael Bergen, VP of Air & Space, Vantor<br>**Moderator:** Dillon Cox | Orlando Ballrooms IV & V |
| 10:40 – 11:50 AM | USSF SI Challenge Awards<br>**Presented by:** Armbruster · CMSgt Abi Scott, USSF (Ret.) | Activation Stage, Exhibit Hall |
| 11:10 – 11:20 AM | *Break* | |
| 11:20 AM – 12:00 PM | **Keynote: The OGs – Reflections on the Space Force**<br>**Speakers:** Gen John W. "Jay" Raymond, USSF (Ret.) · Gen B. Chance Saltzman, USSF (Ret.) · CMSgt Roger A. Towberman, USSF (Ret.)<br>**Moderator:** Lt Gen Bill Liquori, USSF (Ret.) | Orange Ballrooms A–D |
| 12:00 – 12:30 PM | **Keynote: No Slides, No Script – Closing Conversation with the Vice Chief**<br>**Speakers:** Gen Shawn N. Bratton, Vice Chief of Space Operations · Damon Feltman · Bill Woolf | Orange Ballrooms A–D |
| 12:30 – 12:40 PM | **Closing** | Orange Ballrooms A–D |

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