



DEFENSE COMMUNITIES
2024
NATIONAL SUMMIT



AGENDA AT A GLANCE

APRIL 8

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM | ADC MEMBERSHIP MEETING (SALONS D-E)

9:00 – 11:00 AM | PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Air Force Communities Town Hall (*Salons FG & H*)

Army Communities Town Hall (*Salons A-B*)

Navy and Marine Corps Communities Town Hall (*Salons J-K*)

11:00 – 12:00 PM | NEW ATTENDEE MEETING (SALONS D-E)

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM OPENING GENERAL SESSION – THE MISSION CONTINUES (ARLINGTON BALLROOM III-VI)

Allies for Climate Resilience

The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly

Installation Leadership Town Hall

3:00 – 3:30 PM | ECLIPSE VIEWING BREAK + COFFEE BREAK

3:30 – 4:15 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Childcare for Military Families: Challenges and Policy Recommendations (*Salons FG & H*)

Healthcare in Defense Communities (*Salons J-K*)

Innovation Begins Early: STEM-Focused Child Education Programs for Defense Communities (*Salons A-B*)

4:15 – 4:30 PM | NETWORKING BREAK (SUMMIT HQ)

4:30 – 5:15 PM | AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSION – WE ARE ONE (ARLINGTON BALLROOM III-VI)

The Mission Continues: Building Great Places for Our Military Families to Call Home

5:15 – 6:15 PM | WE ARE ONE RECEPTION (SUMMIT HQ + FOYER)

APRIL 9

7:30 – 8:15 AM | NETWORKING BREAKFAST (SUMMIT HQ)

8:30 – 9:15 AM | BREAKOUT SESSIONS

A Next-Gen Approach to Utility Privatization: Fireside Chat on Advancing the UP Program (*Grand A-B*)

Critical Infrastructure TRENDS for Resilient and Healthy Defense Communities (*Grand J-K*)

Quality of Life Challenges: Separating Signal from Noise with Digital Ethnography (*Grand FG & H*)

9:15 – 9:30 AM | NETWORKING BREAK (SUMMIT HQ)

9:30 – 11:30 AM | MORNING GENERAL SESSION – A COMMON MISSION (ARLINGTON BALLROOM III-VI)

A Conversation About Critical Infrastructure and Defense Critical Infrastructure

Ensuring the Military is an Employer of Choice: The Role of Community-Military Partnerships

Responsible AI and Technology Innovations Affecting Defense Communities

11:30 – 12:00 PM | NETWORKING BREAK (SUMMIT HQ)

12:00 – 1:30 PM | LUNCH GENERAL SESSION (ARLINGTON BALLROOM III-VI)

ADC Insiders: A Defense Community Perspective from Inside the Beltway

Defense Community Champions Luncheon

1:30 – 1:45 PM | NETWORKING BREAK (SUMMIT HQ)

1:45 – 2:30 PM | BREAKOUT SESSIONS

4+1 Commitment: The Formula for Military Spouse Success (*Grand FG & H*)

Assessing, Prioritizing and Improving Critical Infrastructure Resilience for Defense Communities (*Grand J-K*)

Community Support Organization Best Practices: What Research Tells Us (*Grand CD & E*)

2:30 – 3:00 PM | COFFEE BREAK (SUMMIT HQ)

3:00 – 5:00 PM | AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSION – EMERGING ISSUES (ARLINGTON BALLROOM III-VI)

Advancing Quality of Life Policy: A Conversation with Congressional Leaders

Empowering Defense Communities: The Vital Role of Workforce Development

A Discussion with Dr. Taylor-Kale, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy

5:00 – 6:00 PM | RECEPTION - DEFENSE COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS CELEBRATION (SUMMIT HQ)

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APRIL 10

8:15 – 9:00 AM | NETWORKING BREAKFAST (ARLINGTON BALLROOM III-VI)

9:00 – 10:30 AM | MORNING GENERAL SESSION – OUR NEXT MISSION (ARLINGTON BALLROOM III-VI)

Foreign Investment in Defense Communities: What You Need to Know

A Discussion with Gen. James C. Slife, Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force

10:30 – 10:45 AM | NETWORKING BREAK (SUMMIT HQ)

10:45 – 12:00 PM | BREAKOUT SESSIONS

AI Blueprint: Navigating the AI Landscape and the Challenges Facing Defense Communities (*Salons J-K*)

Meeting the Challenge of PFAS Contamination: The Path Forward (*Salons CD & E*)

Modernizing Installations: Innovation to application for SMART technologies and AI/ML (*Salons A-B*)

Resilience in Action: Fort Bliss and the El Paso Community (*Salons FG & H*)