



# ARSAG 2026

21 – 23 April  
Orlando, Florida

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## Monday, 20 April

0800 – 1700 Registration, Check-in, Badging  
1700 Briefers' Meeting, for Presenters & Panel Chairs – Seminole Ballroom  
Attendance required for all briefers

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## Tuesday, 21 April

0700 Check-in, Badging  
0700 **Exhibits Grand Opening**, Universal A/B Ballroom  
0800 **General Session Opens**, Seminole Ballroom  
**Welcome, Introductions**  
Lt Gen John B. Sams, Jr. USAF, Ret.  
ARSAG Chairman, Chief Executive Officer  
**General Randall Reed, USAF**  
**Commander, USTRANSCOM**  
**Lt Gen Rebecca Sonkiss, Interim Commander AMC**  
0815 **Keynote Speaker**  
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0900 **Keynote Speaker**  
0945 **International Military Status Reports**  
Moderator: Laurent Donnet, Metrea  
0950 NATO Aircom  
Sqn Ldr Kenny Murray, Aircom  
0958 MRTT MN Unit  
LTC Marc Charlier, MMF  
1006 Belgium  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Shana Moelans, BAF  
1014 France  
TBD  
1025 Coffee, Exhibits & Networking, Universal A/B Ballroom  
**International Status Reports continued**  
Moderator: Laurent Donnet, Metrea  
1055 Germany  
LTC Oliver Kox, GAF  
1103 Italy  
Col Fabio Zanichelli, ItAF  
1111 United Kingdom  
MAcr Paul Riley, RAF  
1119 Türkiye  
Maj Murat Cakir, TuAF  
1127 Israel  
Maj Edan Masil, IAF  
1135 Japan  
Lt Col Junya Aono, JASDF  
1143 Australia  
Sqn Ldr Nick Barnes, RAAF  
1151 Canada  
LTC Kyle Welsh, RCAF  
1200 Q & A  
1205 Luncheon, Pavillion  
**Guest Speaker**  
TBD, The Boeing Company  
1315 **ARSAG Awards** Seminole Ballroom  
1330 **Senior Industry Panel Discussion**  
Moderator: General Carlton D. Everhart II, USAF, Ret.  
Tom Jones, Northrop Grumman  
President, Aeronautics Systems  
Bosco da Costa, Jr. Embraer Defense and Security  
President and CEO  
Tom O'Leary, JetZero, co-founder and CEO  
1415 **Workshop/Joint Standardization Board**  
**(JSB) for Aerial Refueling Systems Status Report**  
Farhad Choudhury, USN, JSB Chair  
1430 Coffee, Exhibits, Networking, Universal A/B Ballroom  
1500 **United States Military Status Reports**  
Moderator, TBD  
1505 USN  
Farhad Choudhury, USN  
1515 Contracted AR Services  
Rhonda Link, USN  
1525 USN / Omega Air  
Peter Vanagas, Omega Aerial Refueling Services  
1535 USN / Metrea Strategic Mobility  
Slim Morgan, Metrea Strategic Mobility  
1545 USAF  
TBD  
1555 Q & A

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1600 **Operations Panel** Moderator: Richard Simms, *USTRANSCOM*  
1605 NexGen Countermeasure Dispenser Technology Doug Resetar, *Northrop Grumman*  
1615 Improved Operation Capabilities for KC-135 Fleet Matthew Mariam, *USAF*  
1625 Resuscitating NGAS: Considerations for USAF Timothy Walton, *Hudson Institute*  
1635 Evolving Needs & Global Responses in AR Francois-Xavier Fraise, *SAFRAN*  
1645 Operation Midnight Hammer Col Isaiah Oppelaar, *USAF*  
1655 Q & A  
1700 *Adjourn*  
1800 - 2000 **Exhibitors' Reception**, Universal A/B Ballroom

### **Wednesday, 22 April**

0700 Registration, Check-In Badging  
0700 Exhibits Open, Universal A/B Ballroom  
0800 General Session, Seminole Ballroom  
**Introductions**  
Lt Gen John B. Sams, Jr. USAF, Ret.  
ARSAG Chairman, Chief Executive Officer  
SES Roberto Guerrero, *SAF/IEN*  
Antoine Noguier, Head of Strategy  
*Airbus Defence and Space*  
Moderator: Stephen Sipprell, *Eaton*  
Stephen Sipprell, *Eaton*  
David McKnight, *Omega Air*  
Stephen Sipprell, *Eaton*  
0815 **Guest Speaker**  
0900 **Guest Speaker**  
0945 **System Design Panel**  
0950 A-10 Probe/Receptacle Adapter  
1000 DC-10, KDC-10, KC-10 Grounding and Path to RTS  
1010 F-35 MA-2 Nozzle Failure Investigation  
1020 TBD  
1025 Q & A  
1030 *Coffee, Exhibits, Networking*, Universal A/B Ballroom  
1100 **Interoperability Panel** Moderator: Maj Eric Yuan, *NATO JAPCC*  
Alexander Defazio, *IS/D2IA*  
Maj Eric Yuan, *NATO JAPCC*  
Maj Mike van Mierlo, *MMF*  
LTC Jeremy D'hondt, *MCCE*  
Sara Fernandez, *Airbus*  
1105 NATO HQ  
1115 JAPCC + AAR WG update  
1125 MRTT MN Unit AAR Technical Compatibility Application  
1135 Movement Coordination Centre Europe  
1145 Compliance by Similarity  
Industry contributions to pairings simplification  
1150 Q & A  
1155 *Luncheon*, Pavillion  
**Guest Speaker** TBD, *Airbus*  
1300 **ARSAG Awards**  
1330 **Cyber Security Panel** Moderator: Jim Sutton  
1335 TBD  
1345 TBD  
1355 TBD  
1405 TBD  
1415 Q&A  
1420 **Test & Evaluation Panel** Moderator: Chris Nickell, *US Navy*  
Gregoire Pertitot, *DGA Flight Test*  
Rebecca Szumski and Austin Brouillard, *US Navy*  
John "Stash" Fristachi, *Calspan*  
1425 E-2D AAR Preliminary Testing with French Tankers  
1435 E-2D AAR Testing with French Tankers  
1445 Autonomy ExPERT AAR Flight Test Update  
1455 Q & A  
1500 *Coffee, Exhibits, Networking*, Universal A/B Ballroom  
1530 **Advanced Concepts Panel** Moderator: Farhad Choudhury, *NAVAIR*  
Alex Ewing, *The Boeing Company*  
Stephen Sipprell, *Eaton*  
Dr. Scott Nykl, *AFIT*  
Michael Peet, *SAF/IEN*  
1535 MQ-25 Update from Boeing and NAVAIR PMA-268  
1545 Tactical Boom Aerial Refueling  
1555 Certification of Unmanned Aerial Refueling  
1605 USAF Refueling Fleet Efficiency Mods  
1615 Q&A  
1620 *Adjourn*  
1800 – 2000 Reception sponsored by the *Eaton Corporation* Location TBD.

## **Thursday, 23 April**

0700	Exhibits Open, Universal A/B Ballroom	
0800	General Session, Seminole Ballroom	
	<b><i>Introductions</i></b>	Lt Gen John B. Sams, Jr. USAF, Ret. ARSAG Chairman, Chief Executive Officer
0815	<b><i>Guest Speaker</i></b>	<b>James Jacobson, The Boeing Company</b>
0900	<b><i>Safety Panel</i></b>	<b>Moderator: Jason Pavelschak, The Boeing Company</b>
0905	USAF Tanker Mishap Trends	Maj Mark Koch, <i>USAF Safety Center / Flight Safety</i>
0915	Tanker Flight Safety Update	Lt Col Eric Wolf, <i>USAF AMC</i>
0925	US Navy Aerial Refueling Safety Update	Tom Cavallaro, <i>CTSi</i>
0935	Contract Aerial Refueling Mishaps/Lessons Learned	William "Joe" Parker, <i>Metrea Strategic Mobility</i>
0945	Loss of Safe Separation (LOSS)	F/O Ben Humphries, <i>RAF Air Safety Cell</i>
0955	Q & A	
1000	Coffee, Exhibits, Networking, Universal A/B Ballroom	
1030	<b><i>Reliability and Maintainability Panel</i></b>	<b>Moderator: Greg Twyford, The Boeing Company</b>
1035	Aging Aircraft and Diminishing Manufacturing Sources in the ALC	Col Leah Vanagas, <i>USAF WR-ALC/CD</i>
1045	Hose Exchange & Inspection System (HEIS)	Alberto Adarve, <i>Defensya</i>
1055	KC-46 Aerial Refueling Health Management (ARHM) Update	Jason Pavelschak, <i>The Boeing Company</i>
1105	Airbus Central Data System	Antonio Cano, <i>Airbus</i>
1115	Q & A	
1130	<b><i>Luncheon, Pavillion</i></b>	
	<b><i>Guest Speaker</i></b>	TBD
1200	Exhibits Close	
1300	<b><i>Guest Speaker</i></b>	<b>Mark Hasara, Operation Anaconda</b>
1345	<b><i>Training Panel</i></b>	<b>Moderator: Lt Col Aaron Brown, USAF 54 ARS/DO</b>
1350	KC-135 Training Focused on International Training and Cooperation	TBD
1400	KC-46 Training Focused on International Training and Cooperation	TBD
1410	C-135FR Training	TBD, <i>Metrea Strategic Mobility</i>
1420	A330 MRTT Training Capabilities	TBD, <i>Airbus</i>
1430	The Power of One Sortie: How EARL is Redefining Air Refueling Training	Ryan Pulliam, <i>Specular Theory</i>
1440	Q&A	
1445	<b><i>Industry / Studies &amp; Analysis Panel</i></b>	<b>Moderator: Tom Swiderek, Omega Air</b>
1450	Additive Manufacturing for Sustainment: Producing an Aerial Refueling Boom	Slade Gardner, <i>Big Metal Additive</i>
1500	Airbus Tankers, Innovations and New Capabilities	Jeronimo Amador, <i>Airbus DS</i>
1510	Thermal Management for AR Platforms	Andrea Peacock, <i>Mezzo Technologies</i>
1520	AAR Innovative Solutions and AI Applications	Remi Battarra, <i>SAFRAN Aerosystems</i>
1530	Q & A	
1535	General Session adjourns	
1600	ARSAG Steering Group Meeting, Location TBD	Tom Swiderek, <i>Omega Air</i> Farhad Choudhury, <i>NAVAIR</i>

## **Auxiliary Meetings**

### **Monday, 20 April**

0900	NATO/JAPCC Meeting, Location TBD (by invitation)	Maj Eric Yuan, <i>NATO JAPCC</i>
1400	ARSAG International BOD Meeting	By invitation only
1700	Panel Chairs and Briefers Meeting	Tom Swiderek, <i>Omega Air</i>
	Briefers Submit PowerPoint Briefings	
	Seminole Ballroom	