



ARSAG 2026

21 – 23 April

Orlando, Florida

Monday, 20 April

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

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*
Moderator: Laurent Donnet, *Metrea*
Sqn Ldr Kenny Murray, *Aircom*
LTC Marc Charlier, *MMF*
2nd Lt Shana Moelans, *BAF*
TBD

0815 ***Keynote Speaker***

0900 ***Keynote Speaker***
0945 ***International Military Status Reports***
0950 NATO Aircom
0958 MRTT MN Unit
1006 Belgium
1014 France
Moderator: Laurent Donnet, *Metrea*

1025 **Coffee, Exhibits & Networking**, Universal A/B Ballroom
International Status Reports continued
Moderator: Laurent Donnet, *Metrea*

1055 Germany
1103 Italy
1111 United Kingdom
1119 Türkiye
1127 Israel
1135 Japan
1143 Australia
1151 Canada
1200 Q & A
1205 **Luncheon**, Pavillion
Guest Speaker
Jake Kwasnik, *The Boeing Company*
Vice-President, KC-46 Program Manager

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 **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/AMC
Maj Jack Rush, *HQ AMC/Stan Eval*
1555 Q & A

Tuesday continued

1600 **Operations Panel**
1605 Next Gen Countermeasure Dispenser Technology
1615 Improved Operation Capabilities for KC-135 Fleet
1625 Resuscitating NGAS: Considerations for USAF
1635 Evolving Needs & Global Responses in AR
1645 Operation Midnight Hammer
1655 Q & A

1700 *Adjourn*
1800 - 2000 **Exhibitors' Reception**, Universal A/B Ballroom

Moderator: Richard Simms, USTRANSCOM
Doug Resetar, *Northrop Grumman*
Matthew Mariam, *USAF*
Timothy Walton, *Hudson Institute*
Francois-Xavier Fraisse, *SAFRAN*
Col Isaiah Oppelaar, *USAF*

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* & Jeffrey Baker, *Eaton*
David McKnight, *Omega Air*
Stephen Sipprell, *Eaton*

0815 **Guest Speaker**
0900 **Guest Speaker**

0945 **System Design Panel**
0950 A-10 Probe/Receptacle Adapter
1005 DC-10, KDC-10, KC-10 Grounding and Path to RTS
1015 F-35 MA-2 Nozzle Failure Investigation
1025 Q & A
1030 *Coffee, Exhibits, Networking*, Universal A/B Ballroom

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*

1100 NATO HQ
1105 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**
Cyber Security for the Aerial Refueling Enterprise
- Critical Mission Assurance for Today's Warfighters
Moderator: Jim Sutton
Ted Rybeck, *Venly*
Chris Beattie, *Northrop Grumman*
Brian North, *Lockheed Martin*
Bill Bryant, *Modern Technologies Solution, Inc*

1415 Q&A

1420 **Test & Evaluation Panel**
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**
1535 MQ-25 Update from Boeing and NAVAIR PMA-268
1545 T-BARS (Tactical Boom Aerial Refueling System)
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* Sun & Surf Ballroom

Moderator: Farhad Choudhury, NAVAIR
Alex Ewing, *The Boeing Company*
Matt Lund, *Eaton*
Dr. Scott Nykl, *AFIT*
Michael Peet, *SAF/IEN*

Thursday, 23 April

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
0815	Guest Speaker	James Jacobson, The Boeing Company
0900	Safety Panel	Moderator: Jason Pavelschak, The Boeing Company
0905	Air Refueling During Contingency Operations	Col John Kelley, USAF AMC, Director of Safety
0915	US Navy Aerial Refueling Safety Update	Tom Cavallaro, NAVAIR
0925	Contract Aerial Refueling Mishaps/Lessons Learned	William "Joe" Parker, Metrea Strategic Mobility
0935	Loss of Safe Separation (LOSS)	F/O Ben Humphries, RAF Air Safety Cell
0945	Q & A	
1000	Coffee, Exhibits, Networking, Universal A/B Ballroom	
1030	Reliability and Maintainability Panel	Moderator: Greg Twyford, The Boeing Company
1040	Aging Aircraft and Diminishing Manufacturing Sources in the ALC	Col Leah Vanagas, USAF WR-ALC/CD
1050	KC-46 Aerial Refueling Health Management (ARHM) Update	Jason Pavelschak, The Boeing Company
1100	Airbus Central Data System	
1110	Q & A	Antonio Cano, Airbus
1130	Luncheon, Pavillion Guest Speaker	TBD
1200	Exhibits Close	
1300	Guest Speaker	Mark Hasara, Operation Anaconda
1345	Training Panel	Moderator: Lt Col Aaron Brown, USAF 54 ARS/DO
1350	KC-135 Training Focused on International Training and Cooperation	MSgt Russhope Marcelo, USAF 54 ARS/Flight Chief
1400	KC-46 Training Focused on International Training and Cooperation	Lt Col John Cockburn, USAF 56 ARS/CC
1410	C-135FR Training	William "Joe" Parker, Metrea Strategic Mobility
1420	A330 MRTT Training Capabilities	Santiago Perez Panero, Airbus
1430	The Power of One Sortie: How EARL is Redefining Air Refueling Training	Ryan Pulliam, Specular Theory
1440	Q&A	
1445	Industry / Studies & Analysis Panel	Moderator: Tom Swiderek, Omega Air
1450	Additive Manufacturing for Sustainment: Producing an Aerial Refueling Boom	Slade Gardner, Big Metal Additive
1500	Airbus Tankers, Innovations and New Capabilities	Jeronimo Amador, Airbus DS
1510	Thermal Management for AR Platforms	Andrea Peacock, Mezzo Technologies
1520	AAR Innovative Solutions and AI Applications	Remi Battarra, SAFRAN Aerosystems
1530	Q & A	
1535	General Session adjourns	
1600	ARSAG Steering Group Meeting, Universal E1/2	Tom Swiderek, Omega Air Farhad Choudhury, NAVAIR

Auxiliary Meetings

Monday, 20 April

0900	NATO/JAPCC Meeting, Universal E1/2 (by invitation)	Maj Eric Yuan, NATO JAPCC
1400	ARSAG International BOD Meeting	By invitation only
1700	Panel Chairs and Briefers Meeting Briefers Submit PowerPoint Briefings Seminole Ballroom	Tom Swiderek, Omega Air