



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

17 March 2026

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
2nd 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
TBD
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: TBD
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 **JAPCC/NATO AARWG Status Report**
Maj Eric Yuan, NATO JAPCC
1445 Coffee, Exhibits, Networking, Universal A/B Ballroom
1515 **United States Military Status Reports**
Moderator, TBD
1520 USN
Farhad Choudhury, USN
1530 Contracted AR Services
Rhonda Link, USN
1540 USN / Omega Air
Peter Vanagas, Omega Aerial Refueling Services
1550 USN / Metrea Strategic Mobility
Slim Morgan, Metrea Strategic Mobility
1600 USAF
TBD
1605 Q & A

Tuesday continued

1610 **Operations Panel**
1615 Tactical Edge Electromagnetic Spectrum Solutions
1625 Improved Operation Capabilities for KC-135 Fleet
1635 Resuscitating NGAS: Considerations for USAF
1645 Evolving Needs & Global Responses in AR
1655 Operation Midnight Hammer
1705 Q & A
1710 *Adjourn*
1800 - 2000 **Exhibitors' Reception**, Universal A/B Ballroom

Moderator: Richard Simms, USTRANSCOM
Jonathan Taylor, *Northrop Grumman*
Matthew Mariani, *USAF*
Timothy Walton, *Hudson Institute*
Francois-Xavier Fraise, *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*
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, *ACO*
Maj Eric Yuan, *NATO JAPCC*
Maj Mike van Mierlo, *MMF*
LTC Jeremy D'hondt, *MCCE*
Sara Fernandez, *Airbus*

1105 NATO D2IA
1115 JAPCC
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 **Guest Speaker**
TBD

1425 **Test & Evaluation Panel**
Moderator: Chris Nickell, US Navy
Gregoire Pertitot, *DGA Flight Test*
Rebecca Szumski and Austin Brouillard, *US Navy*
John "Stash" Fristachi, *Calspan*

1430 E-2D AAR Preliminary Testing with French Tankers
1440 E-2D AAR Testing with French Tankers
1450 Autonomy ExpERT AAR Flight Test Update
1500 Q & A
1505 *Coffee, Exhibits, Networking*, Universal A/B Ballroom

1535 **Advanced Concepts Panel**
Moderator: Farhad Choudhury, NAVAIR
Alex Ewing, *The Boeing Company*
Stephen Sipprell, *Eaton*
Dr. Scott Nykl, *AFIT*
Michael Peet, *SAF/ IEN*

1540 MQ-25 Update from Boeing and NAVAIR PMA-268
1550 Tactical Boom Aerial Refueling
1600 Certification of Unmanned Aerial Refueling
1610 Fuel Efficiency Initiatives for KC-135s
1620 Q&A
1625 **Cyber Security Panel**
Moderator: Jim Sutton
1630 TBD
1640 TBD
1650 TBD
1700 Q&A
1705 *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	
	<i>Introductions</i>	Lt Gen John B. Sams, Jr. USAF, Ret. ARSAG Chairman, Chief Executive Officer
0815	<i>Guest Speaker</i>	James Jacobson, The Boeing Company
0900	<i>Safety Panel</i>	Moderator: Jason Pavelschak, The Boeing Company
0905	USAF Tanker Mishap Trends	Randy Rushworth, <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	<i>Reliability and Maintainability Panel</i>	Moderator: Greg Twyford, The Boeing Company
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 (AHRM) Update	Michael Pokorny, <i>The Boeing Company</i>
1105	Airbus Central Data System	Antonio Cano, <i>Airbus</i>
1115	Q & A	
1130	<i>Luncheon, Pavillion</i>	
	<i>Guest Speaker</i>	TBD
1200	Exhibits Close	
1300	<i>Guest Speaker</i>	Mark Hasara, Operation Anaconda
1345	<i>Training Panel</i>	Moderator: Lt Col Aaron Brown, USAF 54 ARS/DO
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	<i>Industry / Studies & Analysis Panel</i>	Moderator: Tom Swiderek, Omega Air
1450	Additive Manufacturing for Sustainment: Producing an Aerial Refueling Boom	Slade Gardner, <i>Big Metal Additive</i>
1500	NexGen Countermeasure Dispenser Technology	Doug Resetar, <i>Northrop Grumman</i>
1510	Airbus Tankers, Innovations and New Capabilities	Jeronimo Amador, <i>Airbus DS</i>
1520	Thermal Management for AR Platforms	Andrea Peacock, <i>Mezzo Technologies</i>
1530	AAR Innovative Solutions and AI Applications	Remi Battarra, <i>SAFRAN Aerosystems</i>
1540	Q & A	
1545	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	