



# 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

19 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**  
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  
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**  
Farhad Choudhury, USN, JSB Chair  
(JSB) for Aerial Refueling Systems Status Report  
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

*Tuesday continued*

**1600    *Operations Panel***

1605    Tactical Edge Electromagnetic Spectrum Solutions  
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

**Moderator: Richard Simms, *USTRANSCOM***

Jonathan Taylor, *Northrop Grumman*  
Matthew Mariam, *USAF*  
Timothy Walton, *Hudson Institute*  
Francois-Xavier Fraisse, *SAFRAN*  
Col Isaiah Oppelaar, *USAF*

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***

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David McKnight, *Omega Air*

Stephen Sipprell, *Eaton*

**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

## **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 USAF Tanker Mishap Trends

Randy Rushworth, *USAF Safety Center / Flight Safety*

0915 Tanker Flight Safety Update

Lt Col Eric Wolf, *USAF AMC*

0925 US Navy Aerial Refueling Safety Update

Tom Cavallaro, *CTSi*

0935 Contract Aerial Refueling Mishaps/Lessons Learned

William "Joe" Parker, *Metrea Strategic Mobility*

0945 Loss of Safe Separation (LOSS)

F/O Ben Humphries, *RAF Air Safety Cell*

0955 Q & A

1000 *Coffee, Exhibits, Networking, Universal A/B Ballroom*

1030 ***Reliability and Maintainability Panel***

**Moderator: Greg Twyford, The Boeing Company**

1035 Aging Aircraft and Diminishing Manufacturing  
Sources in the ALC

Col Leah Vanagas, *USAF WR-ALC/CD*

1045 Hose Exchange & Inspection System (HEIS)

Alberto Adarve, *Defensya*

1055 KC-46 Aerial Refueling Health Management  
(AHRM) Update

Michael Pokorny, *The Boeing Company*

1105 Airbus Central Data System

Antonio Cano, *Airbus*

1115 Q & A

1130 *Luncheon, Pavillion*

### ***Guest Speaker***

TBD

1200 Exhibits Close

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