



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

28 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

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

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

LTC Oliver Kox, GAF
Col Fabio Zanichelli, ItAF
MAcr Paul Riley, RAF
Maj Murat Cakir, TuAF
Maj Edan Masil, IAF
Lt Col Junya Aono, JASDF
Sqn Ldr Nick Barnes, RAAF
LTC Kyle Welsh, RCAF

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
1515 Contracted AR Services
1525 USN / Omega Air
1535 USN / Metrea Strategic Mobility
1545 USAF
1555 Q & A

Farhad Choudhury, USN
Rhonda Link, USN
Peter Vanagas, Omega Aerial Refueling Services
Slim Morgan, Metrea Strategic Mobility
TBD

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

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 **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

Introductions

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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

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

TBD

1400 KC-46 Training Focused on International
Training and Cooperation

TBD

1410 C-135FR Training

TBD, *Metrea Strategic Mobility*

1420 A330 MRTT Training Capabilities

TBD, *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 NexGen Countermeasure Dispenser Technology

Doug Resetar, *Northrop Grumman*

1510 Airbus Tankers, Innovations and New Capabilities

Jeronimo Amador, *Airbus DS*

1520 Thermal Management for AR Platforms

Andrea Peacock, *Mezzo Technologies*

1530 AAR Innovative Solutions and AI Applications

Remi Battarra, *SAFRAN Aerosystems*

1540 Q & A

1545 General Session adjourns

1600 ARSAG Steering Group Meeting, Location TBD

Tom Swiderek, *Omega Air*
Farhad Choudhury, *NAVAIR*

Auxiliary Meetings

Monday, 20 April

0900 NATO/JAPCC Meeting, Location TBD
(by invitation)

Maj Eric Yuan, *NATO JAPCC*

1400 ARSAG International BOD Meeting

By invitation only

1700 Panel Chairs and Briefers Meeting

Tom Swiderek, *Omega Air*

Briefers Submit PowerPoint Briefings

Seminole Ballroom