

Department of the Navy Gold Coast 2026 Expo – August 17 - 20, 2026
Theme: "Strengthening National Security Through Small Business Innovation"
A partnership between the NDIA San Diego Chapter and the Department of the Navy (DON) Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP)

Monday, August 17, 2026

Sessions, Speakers, Times and Dates Subject to Change

Time	Event / Speakers	Meeting Location
0900 - 1200	NAVWAR Quarterly Business Opportunities Brief	Room 7 A&B
0800 - 1000	Gold Coast Event Registration for Sponsors Opens	Hall B
1000 - 1700	Gold Coast Event Registration Opens for all Others	Hall B
1000 - 1400	Industry Matchmaking Questions	Hall B
	Industry Workshops (NDIA)	
	Cyber Track: Welcome & Overview	
0900 - 0910	Speakers: Mr. Andy Haass, Co-Chairman of the Board, Cyber Center of Excellence (CCOE) and Mr. Adham Shaaban, Cybersecurity Chair, NDIA San Diego Chapter	Break Out Room 2
0900 - 0945	Naval Systems Management Activity Speakers: Ms. Adrienne Carr, SES, Mr. Dontae Morton, and Mr. Matthew Pearsall, Naval Systems Management Activity	Break Out Room 3
0900 - 0945	Business Development Services: Accessing Capital through Different Methods Speakers: Ms. Kaaren-Lyn Graves, Executive Director & Ms. Rita Skinner, Sr. Business Development Manager, Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Capital Readiness Program	Break Out Room 4
0910 - 0950	Cyber Track: Defense Industry Cybersecurity Threat Briefing with CISA and NAVWAR Speakers: Mr. Joseph Oregon, Chief of Cybersecurity Region 9, CISA; Mr. Richard Rositas, CISO, NAVWAR; and Mr. Stanley Seiden, Deputy Chief of Operations - Threat Hunt, CISA	Break Out Room 2
0950 - 1030	Cyber Track: Local Resources Panel Featuring CalSEA and San Diego Cyber Clinic Speakers: Mr. Chris Buthe, El Camino College; Ms. Jo Marie Diamond, East County EDC; Mr. Robert Meyer, CA ETP; Mr. Bill Reid, National University; Mr. Richard Rositas, NAVWAR	Break Out Room 2
1000 - 1045	Accelerating Procurement and Fielding of Innovative Technologies (APFIT) Speakers: Mr. Devin Bonahan, Program Manager, APFIT, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Research & Engineer OUSD(R&E), Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Mission Capabilities OASD(MC), Mr. Mike Grier, Advanced Sensors APM, RAS Undersea Program Office, PAE Robotic & Autonomous Systems, and Mr. Mike Flanagan, Co-Founder & CEO, Seasats	Break Out Room 3
1000 - 1045	Exporter Resources to Help you Grow Your Business Globally Speaker: Mr. Aron Davidson, Director of the U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Commercial Service San Diego and Imperial Office	Break Out Room 4
1030 - 1600	Cyber Track: NDIA CMMC Academy – Your Roadmap to Eligibility for Federal and Department of Defense Contracts Speakers: CCOE & NDIA	Break Out Room 2
1100 - 1145	America's Seed Fund: Planting Seeds for Success Under the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs Speaker: Ms. Alyssa Treiber, Customer Specialist, Sea Directorate, Defense Contract Audit Agency	Break Out Room 3
1100 - 1145	Navigating Federal Technology Transfer: Opportunities with the FLC and Navy Speaker: Mr. Stephen Crutchfield, Far West Deputy Regional Coordinator, Federal Laboratory Consortium	Break Out Room 4
1200 - 1245	FY 26 Doing Business with EPA Speaker: Mr. Jerome Greene, Acting Director, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Division, EPA	Break Out Room 3
1200 - 1245	OASIS+, GSA's Premier Professional Services Contract Speaker: Ms. Nicole Chong, OASIS+ Program Manager, Acquisition Solutions Development Division Office of Category Management (FCC), U.S. General Services Administration	Break Out Room 4
1300 - 1345	How to Do Business with the State of California Speaker: Mr. Josh Kress, Small Business Liaison, Office of Small Business and DVBE Services Procurement Division, State of California Department of General Services	Break Out Room 3
1300 - 1345	How to do Business with GSA Speaker: Mr. Anthony Caruso, GSA Small Business Technical Advisor, and Mr. Alex Stutzman, GSA Small Business Technical Advisor, Small Business Advocacy & Engagement, OSB, U.S. General Services Administration	Break Out Room 4
1400 - 1445	WarU Field Training Team: Fueling Navy Autonomy at Speed Speaker: Ms. Denese Cordaro, Field Training Services West Region Director, Warfighting Acquisition University	Break Out Room 3
1400 - 1445	Are You Ready For Government Contracting? Speaker: Mr. Mike Sabellico, Regional Director, San Diego, Orange, Imperial County APEX	Break Out Room 4
1400-1445	The University of San Diego's Employer Partnership Program Speakers: Dr. Michelle Moore, Academic Director and Professor of Practice of the Graduate Cyber Security Operations and Leadership program & Ms. Shelley Russell, Manager of Strategic Partnerships, University of San Diego	Break Out Room 1A & 1B
1500 - 1545	Strategic Scale: Leveraging SBA Contracting and Capital for Navy Procurement Speaker: Dr. Sabrina Abousaleh, Lead Business Opportunity Specialist, Los Angeles District Office, U.S. Small Business Administration	Break Out Room 3
1500 - 1545	Creating Winning Proposals for the Government Speaker: Mr. Mike Sabellico, Regional Director, San Diego, Orange, Imperial County APEX	Break Out Room 4
1645	END OF DAY 1 SESSIONS	

Tuesday, August 18, 2026		
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Time	Event / Speakers	Meeting Location
0700 - 1700	Registration	Outside Exhibit Hall B
0700 - 0900	Continental Breakfast	Ballroom 6
0800 - 0805	Welcome to 2026 Navy Gold Coast Program Overview Speaker: Mr. Ken Garber, NGC Program Chair	Ballroom 6
0805 - 0810	Presentation of the Colors & National Anthem Presentation: USMC Color Guard	Ballroom 6
0810 - 0825	National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) Welcome Speaker: Mr. John Muller, Senior Vice President, NDIA	Ballroom 6
0825 - 0830	Welcome and Acknowledgements Speaker: Mr. Andrew Magliochetti, Director, DON Office of Small Business Programs	Ballroom 6
0830 - 0915	Topic: What's on the Horizon for Small Business Contracting Speaker: Mr. Ryan Lambert, Associate Administrator, Office of Government Contracting & Business Development, SBA	Ballroom 6
0915 - 1000	Topic: From Innovation to Reindustrialization: The Industrial Base as a Warfighter Advantage Speaker: Mr. James R. Mismash, Deputy Assistant Secretary of War for Industrial Base Growth & Director of Small Business Programs	Ballroom 6
1000 - 1045	Topic: Accelerating Capability Through Rapid Acquisition Speaker: Mr. Marc Deltete, Chief Warfighter Engagement Officer, DON Rapid Capabilities Office	Ballroom 6
1045 - 1100	Morning Wrap - Up, Transition to Matchmaking Speaker: Mr. Andrew Magliochetti, Director, DON Office of Small Business Programs	Ballroom 6
1100 - 1230	Exhibit Hall Opens	Exhibit Hall B
1100 - 1230	Industry Matchmaking	Exhibit Hall B
1230 - 1330	Opening Remarks: Mr. Ken Garber, NGC Program Chair Proclamation: San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria Lunch Keynote: Mr. Mike Dahm, Senior Resident Fellow for Aerospace & China Studies The Mitchell Institute; CAPT Pete Maculan, Senior Military Acquisition Advisor to Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Mr. John Muller, Senior Vice President, NDIA	Ballroom 6
1330 - 1700	Exhibit Hall Opens	Exhibit Hall B
1330 - 1700	Industry Matchmaking	Exhibit Hall B
	Industry Workshops	
1400 - 1445	Topic: Doing Business with ONR Speaker: Ms. Arveice Washington, Director of Mission Support, Office of Naval Research; Mr. Jason Schroepfer, NAVSEA SBIR/STTR Program Manager; Mr. Andrew Chappell, Senior Small Business Officer, ONR/Naval Research Laboratory	Break Out Room 2
1400 - 1445	Topic: Mission Ready - Doing Business with DCSA and Understanding the Security Landscape Speaker: Dr. Ruby Lawrence-Crenshaw, Director, Small Business and Industry Engagements, DCSA	Break Out Room 3
1400 - 1445	Topic: Doing Business with Naval Systems Management Activity (NSMA) Speaker(s): Ms. Adrienne Carr, SES; Mr. Dontae Morton; Mr. Matthew Pearsall	Break Out Room 4
1500 - 1545	Topic: SBIR Part 2 - Reauthorization Implementation Update Speaker: Mr. Erick Page Littleford, DON SBIR/STTR Programs Management Office	Break Out Room 2
1500 - 1545	Topic: A DASN Procurment Overview Speaker: Mr. Francis Tisak, Department of the Navy Director for Services Acquisition and Category Management	Break Out Room 4
1600 - 1645	Topic: FY26 Release 5 PAE Mission Systems Open Topic Ask Me Anything (AMA) Speaker(s): Mr. Shadi Azoum, SBIR/STTR Assistant Deputy Director for PAE MS and PAE RAS; Dr. Kari Moran, Deputy Assistant Program Manager of Science & Technology PMW/A 520 Communications and Assured PNT	Break Out Room 2
1600 - 1645	Topic: Understanding Foreign Ownership, Control, or Influence (FOCI) Speaker: Mr. Timothy Varley, Director, Industry and Economic Analysis, DON Foreign Investment Review	Break Out Room 3
1600 - 1645	Topic: Doing Business With NAVSUP: Discussion Panel with Weapon Systems Support Program Teams on their Constrained Supply Chains, Source Development Needs, and Upcoming Contracting Opportunities Speaker: Ms. Noreen McDonough, Director (acting), NAVSUP Office of Small Business Programs; Mr. Theo Williams, NAVSUP WSS Source Development Division Head; Mr. Dan Mathews, Deputy Director, NAVSUP WSS Hull Mechanical and Electronics Integrated Weapon Systems Team; Mr. Justin Miller, Deputy Director, NAVSUP WSS Level 1 & Sub Special Emphasis Pgrms Integrated Weapon Systems Team; LCDR Stephen Martir, Director, NAVSUP WSS Unmanned Aerial Sys Integrated Weapon Sys Team/Operations Research Analyst	Break Out Room 4
1700 - 1900	Networking Reception	Exhibit Hall B
1900	END OF DAY 2 SESSIONS	

Wednesday, August 19, 2026		
Sessions, Speakers, Times and Dates Subject to Change		
Time	Event / Speakers	Meeting Location
0700 - 1530	Registration	Outside Exhibit Hall B
0700 - 0900	Women In Defense Sponsored Breakfast Speaker	Ballroom 6
0800 - 0805	Welcome to Day Three DON Gold Coast Program Overview Speaker: Mr. Ken Garber, NGC Program Chair	Ballroom 6
0805 - 0845	Legislative Updates Speaker(s): Mr. Wendell Davis, General Counsel, SBA; Ms. Jennifer Prescott; Deputy General Counsel, SBA Mr. Ryan Lambert, Associate Administrator, Office of Government Contracting & Business Development, SBA	Ballroom 6
0845 - 0945	Topic: Doing Business with the Government Fireside Chat Speaker(s): Mr. James R. Mismash (Moderator), Deputy Assistant Secretary of War for IB Growth & Director of OSBP; Mr. Andrew Magliochetti, Director, DON OSBP; Ms. Pamela Callicutt, Acting Director, Army OSBP; Ms. Yolanda Felder, Director, US Space Force Small Business Programs, DAF; Dr. Ruby Lawrence-Crenshaw, Director, Small Business and Industry Engagements, DCSA	Ballroom 6
0945 - 1030	Topic: Founders Panel: Advanced Manufacturing and Contested Logistics Speaker(s): Mr. Dan Magy, CEO and Founder, Firestorm; Mr. Chris Power, CEO, Hadrian	Ballroom 6
1030 - 1045	Topic: DON OSBP Updates/Plenary Wrap-Up Speaker: Mr. Andrew Magliochetti, Director, DON OSBP	Ballroom 6
1100 - 1230	Exhibit Hall Opens	Exhibit Hall B
1100 - 1230	Industry Matchmaking	Exhibit Hall B
1230 - 1330	Lunch Twice A Citizen Award Speaker: Mr. Bryan Scurry	Ballroom 6
1330 - 1600	Exhibit Hall Opens	
1330 - 1600	Industry Matchmaking Sessions	
1415	Ice Cream Social	Exhibit Hall
	Industry Workshops	
1400 - 1445	Topic: Mentor Protégé Networking Speaker(s): Mr. Chris Pless, Small Business Professional, Department of the Navy	Break Out Room 2
1400 - 1445	Topic: Project Spectrum Speaker: Mr. Kareem Sykes, Director of Industry Engagement, Eccalon	Break Out Room 3
1400 - 1445	Topic: DON Services Acquisition and Category Management Update Speaker(s): Mr. Francis Tisak, Department of the Navy Director for Services Acquisition and Category Management	Break Out Room 4
1500 - 1545	Topic: Navigating the Facility Clearance Process Speaker: Mr. Jason Steinour, Industrial Security Program Manager, Information and Acquisition Protection Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy, Intelligence and Security	Break Out Room 2
1500 - 1545	Topic: Beyond the Bid - Building a Defense-Ready Small Business Speaker(s): Mr. Khalil Mack, Deputy Director, DoW Office of Industrial Base Growth & Director of Defense Marketplace Readiness; Mr. Mike Sabellico, Regional Director, San Diego, Orange, Imperial APEX Accelerator; Ms. Marisol Herrera, State Director, CT APEX Accelerator	Breakout Room 3
1500 - 1545	Topic: Innovation in Reorganization Speaker(s): CAPT Sam "Hershey" Hallock, PAE RAS PM; Nichole Sellers, PAE Mission Systems DPM Denese Cordaro, Warfighting Acquisition University	Break Out Room 4
1600 - 1645	Topic: Doing Business with MSC, PAE SSP & PAE Undersea/DRPM Submarines Speaker: Ms. Leah Baker; Senior Small Business Officer, Military Sealift Command; Mr. Jon M. Aspinwall III, Strategic System Programs; Ms. Maria Gregory, PAE Undersea/DRPM Submarines	Break Out Room 2
1600 - 1645	Topic: LYNX Speaker(s): Ms. Danielle Shaw, Vice President of Product Commercialization, Eccalon	Break Out Room 3
1600 - 1645	Topic: OTA, CSO, and Other Non-Traditional Pathways Speaker: Mr. Nick DeSelle, Program Manager, Department of the Navy	Break Out Room 4
1700	END OF DAY 3 SESSIONS	

Thursday, August 20, 2026		
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Time	Event / Speakers	Meeting Location
0900 - 1400	Exhibit Hall Opens	Exhibit Hall B
0900 - 1130	Industry Matchmaking	Exhibit Hall B
1200 - 1400	SDMAC Foundation Career Fair for Transitioning Veterans and their Spouses	Exhibit Hall B
1400	2026 DON Gold Coast Adjourned	