

Tuesday, 12 May 2026

Time / Duration	Activity	Location								
10:30 5:30	Expo Floor Open for Attendees	Exhibition Hall								
10:45 10:55	MDEX 2026 Kickoff Welcome Remarks from Jen Judson (Senator Peters Office), Misty Martin - MDEX Chair	Defense Theater								
11:00 12:30	Army Leadership Panel Moderator: Misty Martin (M3 Defense) <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">TACOM: BG Behn</td> <td style="width: 50%;">CPE Maneuver Ground: TBA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ACC-DTA: Mr. Jolokai</td> <td>CPE CL: BG White</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GVSC: Mr. Cadieux</td> <td>CPE Autonomy: BG Gibbs</td> </tr> </table>	TACOM: BG Behn	CPE Maneuver Ground: TBA	ACC-DTA: Mr. Jolokai	CPE CL: BG White	GVSC: Mr. Cadieux	CPE Autonomy: BG Gibbs	Defense Theater		
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12:35 1:35	TACOM's Campaign Plan: Driving Transformation for Future Readiness BG Behn, TACOM Commander Strategic overview of the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command Campaign Plan and its focus on strengthening Army-industry partnership to support modernization. BG Behn will outline TACOM's seven Transformational Initiatives and discuss industry's role in Organic Industrial Base modernization, advanced manufacturing, and supply chain agility to ensure Soldiers maintain a decisive edge in future conflict.	Defense Theater								
1:40 2:40	OIB Modernization: Strengthening the Army's Industrial Base Core This panel provides a 360-degree view of OIB modernization by connecting strategy, execution, and enablement. Attendees will gain insight into the strategic requirements, operational needs, and contracting pathways that are shaping modernization efforts. The discussion will give industry a clear understanding of where and how they can contribute to strengthening the Army's industrial base. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">BG Behn, TACOM Commander</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Mr. John Jolokai, Executive Director, ACC-DTA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COL Andrew Charles Moore, Anniston Army Depot</td> <td>David Bunt – Anniston Army Depot Chief of Contracting Office</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COL Denis Fajardo, Red River Army Depot</td> <td>Jeffrey Edens – Red River Army Depot Chief of Contracting Office</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COL Eloy Martinez or Mr. Greg Lupton, RIA-JMTC</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	BG Behn, TACOM Commander	Mr. John Jolokai, Executive Director, ACC-DTA	COL Andrew Charles Moore, Anniston Army Depot	David Bunt – Anniston Army Depot Chief of Contracting Office	COL Denis Fajardo, Red River Army Depot	Jeffrey Edens – Red River Army Depot Chief of Contracting Office	COL Eloy Martinez or Mr. Greg Lupton, RIA-JMTC		Defense Theater
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2:45 3:15	DoD: Drone Dominance U.S. DoD Drone Dominance initiative focused on expanding and strengthening the U.S. drone industrial base by encouraging new suppliers to enter the market, helping existing suppliers increase production capacity, clarifying demand and production expectations, and strengthening ties with U.S.-based manufacturers and component providers. TBA - DoD	Defense Theater								
3:20 4:20	What's Happening in D.C.: Policy, Funding & Defense Priorities - Budget Updates Mike Clow (Cypress)	Defense Theater								
4:20	Wrap Up and Invite to Networking Event Misty Martin - MDEX Chair	Defense Theater								
4:30-5:30	Free Networking Event (Sponsored by United CNC)	MDEX Exhibition Hall								

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10:45 10:55	Day 2 at MDEX: Valde Garcia – NDIA President, Misty Martin - MDEX Chair	Defense Theater										
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12:35 1:35	<p style="text-align: center;">Support to the OIB and Advanced Manufacturing</p> <p>Discussion of TACOMs efforts regarding Advanced Manufacturing, the ties we have to industry, academia, and the organic industrial base. Further discuss business development as it relates to sUAS and utilizing the facility to full capacity (formerly Sky Foundry), and how industry and the OIB can partner (P3) to achieve unified goals.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Todd Hawotte, Deputy Dir, TACOM ILSC</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Joshua Burke, TACOM lead Advance Manufacturing</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Steven Helzer, TACOM lead Public Private Partnerships (P3)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Brent Jones, RRAD</td> </tr> </table>	Todd Hawotte, Deputy Dir, TACOM ILSC		Joshua Burke, TACOM lead Advance Manufacturing	Steven Helzer, TACOM lead Public Private Partnerships (P3)	Brent Jones, RRAD		Defense Theater				
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<p>1:40 2:35</p>	<p>From Global Markets to U.S. Missions: Partnering Across Borders in Defense (<i>ACC-DTA optional</i>, Keirin Joyce, Tony (Butzel Long), GDLS , <i>TACOM optional</i>) Explores how companies can pursue international opportunities while using global partnerships to support U.S. defense requirements. Panelists will discuss practical strategies for leveraging Foreign Military Sales, direct commercial sales, co-development, supply chain integration, and technology partnerships to meet both coalition and domestic mission needs. The discussion will also address export controls, partnership structures, and best practices for executing cross-border defense work effectively.</p>	<p>Defense Theater</p>						
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<p>3:00 3:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fireside Chat: ATI - Navy OTA</p> <p>This session is designed for defense contractors, non-traditional vendors, technology developers, and suppliers seeking to expand into Navy programs through alternative acquisition pathways. Confirmed</p>	<p>MDEX Fireside Lounge</p>						
<p>3:45 5:15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GVSC Briefings to Industry Need Names - Description</p>	<p>Defense Theater</p>						
<p>5:20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wrap Up & What's Tomorrow Misty Martin - MDEX Chair</p>	<p>Defense Theater</p>						

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12:35 1:05	Camp Grayling / MI National Guard - Update and Opportunities MG Paul Rogers, Michigan's Adjutant General	Defense Theater									
1:10 1:40	Space Force Opportunities TBA	Defense Theater									
1:45 2:45	Bridging Commercial Innovation and Defense Needs As the Department of Defense increases its focus on Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) solutions, industry faces both new opportunities and persistent challenges. This panel will examine what the shift toward COTS means in practice, including where commercial technologies are gaining traction, where barriers remain, and how companies can realistically position for defense work. Panelists from government, traditional defense, and commercial industry will share insights on entering the defense market, navigating acquisition pathways such as OTAs, and aligning commercial capabilities to mission needs. (SLATE, GM Defense, Ford, GVSC optional, ACC-DTA optional)	Defense Theater									
2:50	Final Thoughts (from the MDEX Chair): Reflections and The Road to 2027 Misty Martin - MDEX Chair	Defense Theater									
*3:00	Exhibition & Briefing Halls Close/ Booth Breakdown Starts	All Areas									

*Booth breakdown cannot begin until 3pm EST on 14 May 2026. **Early breakdown will result in a fee.**