

Tuesday, 12 May 2026

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10:30 5:30	Expo Floor Open for Attendees	Exhibition Hall								
10:45 10:55	MDEX 2026 Kickoff Welcome Remarks from Mrs. Jennifer Swift (Senator Peters Office), MDEX Chair LTC(R) Misty Martin	Defense Theater								
11:00 12:30	Army Leadership Panel Moderator: Misty Martin (M3 Defense)	Defense Theater								
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12:35 1:35	TACOM's Campaign Plan: Driving Transformation for Future Readiness BG Beth 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.	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 w/ U.S.-based manufacturers and component providers. DIU Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer Mr. Travis Metz	Defense Theater								
3:20 4:20	What's Happening in D.C.: Policy, Funding & Defense Priorities - Budget Updates Mr. Michael Clow	Defense Theater								
4:20	Wrap Up and Invite to Networking Event MDEX Chair LTC(R) Misty Martin	Defense Theater								
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12:35 1:35	Support to the OIB and Advanced Manufacturing 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.	Defense Theater										
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1:40 2:35	From Global Markets to U.S. Missions: Partnering Across Borders in Defense This panel will examine how companies can expand into international defense markets while strengthening their ability to support U.S. defense requirements. Panelists will share practical approaches for using Foreign Military Sales, direct commercial sales, co-development efforts, integrated supply chains, and international technology partnerships to create opportunities that support both coalition partners and U.S. warfighter needs. The discussion will also cover export control considerations, effective teaming and partnership structures, and proven practices for successfully executing cross-border defense programs.	Defense Theater										
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3:00 3:30	Fireside Chat: ATI and Navy OTA This session is designed for defense contractors, non-traditional vendors, technology developers, & suppliers seeking to expand into ATI / Navy programs through ATI OTA.	MDEX Fireside Lounge										
3:45 5:15	GVSC Briefings to Industry	Defense Theater										
5:20	Wrap Up & What's Tomorrow MDEX Chair, LTC(R) Misty Martin	Defense Theater										

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1:10 1:40	Space Force Association	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.	Defense Theater									
2:50	Final Thoughts from the MDEX Chair: Reflections and The Road to 2027	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.**