

**Tuesday, 12 May 2026**

Time / Duration	Activity	Location								
10:30 5:30	<b>Expo Floor Open</b> for Attendees	Exhibition Hall								
10:45 10:55	<b>MDEX 2026 Kickoff</b> <b>Welcome Remarks</b> from Mrs. Jennifer Swift (Senator Peters Office), <b>MDEX Chair LTC(R) Misty Martin</b>	Defense Theater								
11:00 12:30	<b>Army Leadership Panel</b> <b>Moderator: Misty Martin (M3 Defense)</b>	Defense Theater								
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12:35 1:35	<b>TACOM's Campaign Plan: Driving Transformation for Future Readiness</b> <b>BG Beth Behn, TACOM Commander</b>  Strategic overview of the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command Campaign Plan & 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, & supply chain agility to ensure Soldiers maintain a decisive edge in future conflict.	Defense Theater								
1:40 2:40	<b>OIB Modernization: Strengthening the Army's Industrial Base Core</b>  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	<b>DoD: Drone Dominance</b>  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. <b>Military Advisor to the Test Resource Management Director and Co DDP Program Lead,</b> <b>Lt Col Leo Burkardt</b>	Defense Theater								
3:20 4:20	<b>What's Happening in D.C.: Policy, Funding &amp; Defense Priorities - Budget Updates</b> Mr. Michael Clow	Defense Theater								
4:20	<b>Wrap Up and Invite to Networking Event</b> <b>MDEX Chair LTC(R) Misty Martin</b>	Defense Theater								
4:30 5:30	<b>Free Networking Event</b> (Sponsored by United CNC)	MDEX Exhibition Hall								

**Wednesday, 13 May 2026**

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10:30 5:30	<b>Expo Floor Open</b> for Attendees	Exhibition Hall										
10:45 10:55	<b>Day 2 of MDEX: MDEX Chair</b> LTC(R) Misty Martin <b>NDIA MI Chapter President</b> Mr. Valde Garcia	Defense Theater										
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12:35 1:35	<b>Support to the OIB and Advanced Manufacturing</b> 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	<b>From Global Markets to U.S. Missions: Partnering Across Borders in Defense</b> Experienced OEM, government, and business development leaders will discuss how companies successfully pursue international defense markets while supporting U.S. defense priorities. The panel will address Foreign Military Sales, direct commercial sales, international partnerships, supply chain integration, export controls, and lessons learned from executing cross-border defense programs.	Defense Theater										
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	Royal Australian Air Force Air Capability Enablers Branch Deputy Director – Disruptive Experimentation, WGCDR Keirin Joyce											
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<p>3:00 3:30</p>	<p align="center"><b>Fireside Chat: ATI and Navy OTA</b></p> <p>This session is designed for defense contractors, non-traditional vendors, technology developers, &amp; suppliers seeking to expand into ATI / Navy programs through ATI OTA. Mr. Tom Bailey</p>	<p>MDEX Fireside Lounge</p>						
<p>3:45 5:15</p>	<p align="center"><b>US Army DEVCOM Ground Vehicle Systems Center (GVSC) Partnership Pathways</b></p> <p>The U.S. Army's Ground Vehicle Systems Center (GVSC) will cover a variety of pathways for industry partners to consider for entry into its Science &amp; Technology (S&amp;T) ecosystem for the specific purpose of collaborating on future Army ground vehicle technologies.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="337 394 1284 522"> <tr> <td align="center" colspan="2"><b>GVSC Deputy Executive Director, Mr. Kevin Mills</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td align="center"><b>Domestic Partnerships Mr. Mike Karaki</b></td> <td align="center"><b>Congressional Affairs</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </table>	<b>GVSC Deputy Executive Director, Mr. Kevin Mills</b>		<b>Domestic Partnerships Mr. Mike Karaki</b>	<b>Congressional Affairs</b>			<p>Defense Theater</p>
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<p>5:20</p>	<p align="center"><b>Wrap Up &amp; What's Tomorrow</b> <b>MDEX Chair, LTC(R) Misty Martin</b></p>	<p>Defense Theater</p>						

**Thursday, 14 May 2026**

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10:30 3:00	<b>Expo Floor Open</b> for Attendees	Defense Theater									
10:45 10:55	<b>Welcome to the Last Day of MDEX 2026</b> MDEX Chair Misty Martin	Defense Theater									
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12:35 1:05	<b>Camp Grayling / MI National Guard - Update and Opportunities</b> BG Wagh, Michigan's Adjutant General	Defense Theater									
1:10 1:40	<b>Space Force Association</b> Mr. Jack Smith, VP of Chapter Operations, SFA National Chapter Ms. Kristen Jenkins, President, Michigan Chapter SFA	Defense Theater									
1:45 2:45	<b>Bridging Commercial Innovation and Defense Needs</b> As the Department of Defense expands its use of Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) solutions, this panel will examine what that shift means in practice. Leaders from government, traditional defense, and commercial industry will discuss where commercial technologies are gaining traction, where barriers remain, and how companies can realistically position for defense opportunities. Topics include OTAs, acquisition pathways, and aligning commercial capabilities to mission needs.	Defense Theater									
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2:50	<b>Final Thoughts from the MDEX Chair: Reflections and The Road to 2027</b>	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.**