



NEW HORIZONS 2024
March 11-13, 2024
Marriott Newton Hotel

Unyielding Vigilance: Fortifying Our Military Preparedness for Contested Environments

Monday, March 11, 2024

0800 - 1200 **Registration (Grand Ballroom Foyer)**

0900 – 1100 **Hanscom AFB Small Business Panel (Charles River Room)**

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1200 – 1210 **Welcome, Introductions, and Administrative Remarks**
Ms. Debra Zides, MITRE, Lexington-Concord Chapter, Chairperson, New Horizons 2024

1210 – 1215 **Singing of the National Anthem**
SrA Aaron Green, Section Chief, 66th Air Base Group (ABG)

1215 – 1230 **AFCEA International 2024 Programming and Membership Update**
Ms. Shaunté Russell, Vice President, Membership, AFCEA International

1230 – 1315 **An AMC Future Vision for the Multi-Threat Environment**
Lt Col Adam Wallace, Branch Chief, Prototyping and Experimentation, Capability Development Division, Air Mobility Command (AMC), AMC/A8C

1315 – 1400 **Introduction by Mr. James Parys, Vice President, Growth & Strategy, Ultra Intelligence & Communications**
Keynote: Navigating Our AI Enabled Future in Defense and Other High Stakes Domains
Dr. Douglas Schmidt, Senate-Confirmed Director, Operational Test & Evaluation (DOT&E)

1400 – 1430 **Keynote: Re-Optimization for Great Power Competition**
Lt Gen Donna Shipton, Commander, Air Force Lifecycle Management Center (AFLCMC)

1430 – 1445 **Networking Break**

1445 – 1530 **Adversary Advanced Technology Development and its Impact on Strategic Competition**
Fireside chat insights into the geopolitical landscape and adversary advanced technologies and how that is shaping the future of warfare and urgent and emerging needs.
Moderator: Ms. Debra Zides, MITRE
Dr. Nadia Schadow, Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute and Former Deputy National Security Advisor for Strategy, Assistant to the President
Mr. Adam Norige, Group Lead, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Systems, MIT/LL

1530 – 1630 **DoD Innovation Priorities for Operations in the Contested Environment**
A conversation with the DoD's leading innovation organizations on the emerging advanced technology capabilities transitioning from R&D to Programs of Record.
Moderator: Mr. Mike McGinley, Google
Col Michelle Idle, Deputy Commander, Space Systems Command (SSC)
Lt Col Max Reece, AF Lead – Defense Engagement; Architect Replicator, Defense Innovation Unit (DIU)
LT Gray Chynoweth, Director, Global Investments, Office of Strategic Capital; Deputy Director, Strategy & Fleet-Force Engagement, NavalX

1630 – 1700 **Defense Industrial Base (DIB) Innovation Pitches - Regional Startups Bringing Advanced Technology Capabilities to the DIB**
Moderator: Ms. Joyce Sidopoulos, Co-Founder and COO, MassRobotics
Mr. Arthur McCallum, Co-Founder and CEO, [Bavona](#)
Mr. Dave Forman, Co-Founder and CEO, [Brecourt Solutions, Inc.](#)
Mr. Tim Pote, Ph.D., Co-Founder and CEO, [Element Exo, Inc.](#)
Mr. Matthew Ellis, Product Development and Business Strategy Lead, [Mesodyne](#)
Mr. Jacob Rodriguez, Founder and CEO, [Oligo Incorporated](#)
Mr. Michael LeNeave, Manager of Strategic Partnerships, [Pison Technology](#)
Mr. Collin Taylor, Founder and CEO, [Revolute Robotics](#)
Mr. Thomas Youmans, Founder, [Rhoman Aerospace](#)
Mr. Dan Mitus, Vice President of Product, [SIMPL Automation](#)
Mr. David Kovar, CEO, [Ursa](#)

1700 – 1705 **Day One Wrap Up**
Ms. Debra Zides, MITRE, Lexington-Concord Chapter, Chairperson, New Horizons 2024

1700 – 1900 **Welcome Reception (Commonwealth Ballroom)**

1700 – 1900 **Innovation Showcase - Regional Startups in the Defense Ecosystem (Commonwealth Foyer)**

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

0700 – 0800 **New Horizons Registration (Grand Ballroom Foyer) and Continental Breakfast (Commonwealth Ballroom)**

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0800 – 0805 **Day Two Welcome, Introductions, and Administrative Remarks**
Ms. Debra Zides, MITRE, Lexington-Concord Chapter, Chairperson, New Horizons 2024

0805 – 0930 **Introduction by Mr. Bill Kelley, Vice President and Division Manager, ManTech International PEO Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence, & Networks (C3I&N)**
Maj Gen Anthony Genatempo, Program Executive Officer
Mr. Jeremy Thiele, Deputy Program Executive Officer
Senior Materiel Leaders

0930 – 1000 **Networking Break**

1000 – 1045 **Introduction by Mr. Brian Gunderson, Senior Vice President, Booz Allen Hamilton Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) High-Impact, Game-Changing Technologies**
Col Fred Garcia II, Director, AFRL Information Directorate, AFRL/RI

1045 – 1145 **Trends in DoD Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) Application**
A conversation with leading government and industry partners addressing the latest opportunities and challenges in the application of AI/ML
Moderator: Ms. Alexis Presti-Simpson, Manager, Software Engineering Institute Satellite Office Boston
Mr. Danny Holtzman, SES, CIO and AO, DoD Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office (CDAO)
Dr. Bryan Tipton, Chief of Architecture and Engineering, PEO C3BM
Lt Col Chris Berardi, Deputy Director, MIT AI Accelerator
Dr. Matt Gaston, Director AI Division, Software Engineering Institute (SEI)

1145 – 1315 **Lunch Option #1 (Commonwealth Ballroom): Lunch and Networking**

1145 – 1315 **Lunch Option #2 (Charles River Room): Discussion - Behind the Scenes General Services Administration (GSA) IT Category: Enabling Preparedness Through IT Products, Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management (C-SCRM), and Cloud Solutions**
Mr. Paul Morris, IT Hardware Category Manager, GSA Office of Information Technology Category
Mr. Tom Smith, Services Center Director, GSA Information Technology Category, Office of Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM)
Mr. Chris Hessman, IT Specialist and Cloud Engineer, GSA Information Technology Category and Lead Engineer, Cloud-Based ITC Solutions Laboratory

- 1315 – 1415 **Integrating C2 and ISR Mission Capabilities for the Contested Operational Environment**
 This panel will highlight the critical role played by multiple PEOs as they integrate their various programs and capabilities to help operationalize mission capabilities in support of the great power competition.
 Moderator: Mr. Jeffrey Burdett, Vice President, C2ISR Programs, SAIC
 Col Michael Medgyessy, Air Force Intelligence Chief Information Officer, HAF A2/6
 Col Richard Lopez, Senior Materiel Leader, Kessel Run
 Lt Col Joseph Lay, Deputy Senior Materiel Leader for the Enterprise Information Technology and Data Transport Division, AFLCMC/HNI-DT
- 1415 – 1445 **Introduction by Mr. Michael Harm, Corporate Lead Hanscom Air Force Base, Collins Aerospace PEO Nuclear Command, Control and Communications (NC3)**
 Mr. Scott Hardiman, SES, Program Executive Officer
- 1445 – 1515 **Networking Break**
- 1515 – 1615 **Future-Proofing Defense Projects with Agility: Navigating and Optimizing Program Baselines**
 Moderator: Mr. AJ Jarnagin, CEO and Founding Partner, Expansia
 Mr. Russ Blaine, Executive Director, Raytheon
 Mr. Brett Johnson, Branch Chief, Mission Planning, AFLCMC/HBMZ
 Ms. Lori-Ann Rissler, Founder, LASR Ops, LLC
- 1615 – 1715 **Introduction by Mr. Jason Dyer, Senior Director USAF, USSF, and COCOMs, GDIT Implementing Zero Trust in the Contested Environment**
 Moderator: Mr. Jason Dyer, Senior Director USAF, USSF, and COCOMs, GDIT
 Mr. Mark Daniel, Architecture and Systems Engineering (ASE), PEO C3BM
 Mr. Joe Staier, Chief Engineer, Enterprise IT and Cyber Infrastructure Division, AFLCMC/HNI
 Dr. John Sahlin, Vice President, Cyber Solutions, GDIT
 Ms. Therese Honda, Systems Engineering & Program Management Subject Matter Expert, Odyssey Systems
- 1715 – 1730 **Day Two Wrap Up**
 Ms. Debra Zides, MITRE, Lexington-Concord Chapter, Chairperson, New Horizons 2024
- 1730 – 1930 **Reception (Commonwealth Ballroom)**

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

---- GOLD CIRCLE BREAKFAST (Separate Registration) ----

- 0800 – 0930 **Introduction: Mr. Troy Blanchard, Air Force/Space Force Account Manager, Google Cloud Gold Circle Breakfast (Commonwealth Ballroom): The Future of Cyber Innovation**
Keynote Speaker: Brig Gen (Ret) Chad Raduege, Executive Director, Oklahoma Cyber Innovation Institute (OCCI)

0800 - 0930 **Continental Breakfast (for those not attending the Gold Circle Breakfast) - Charles River Room**

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- 0930 – 0935 **Day Three Welcome, Introductions, and Administrative Remarks**
 Ms. Debra Zides, MITRE, Lexington-Concord Chapter, Chairperson, New Horizons 2024
- 0935 – 0945 **Introduction: Mr. Pat Hamilton, Chapter Chairman of the Board, Booz Allen Hamilton (BAH)**
Tribute to Veterans: Lt Col (Ret.) Vincent Perrone, President and CEO, Veterans, Inc.
- 0945 – 1115 **Introduction: Ms. Erin Donlan, Chapter President, AFCEA Lexington-Concord Chapter PEO Digital**
 Col Riley Pyles, (Acting) Program Executive Officer, Digital Senior Materiel Leaders
- 1115 – 1200 **Keynote: Massachusetts Workforce Development Initiatives**
 Secretary Lauren Jones, Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development

- 1200 – 1315 **Lunch and Networking (Commonwealth Ballroom)**
- 1315 – 1415 **Contracting Considerations Enabling Technology Transition to Programs of Record**
Moderator: Col Taona Enriquez, Commander, 66th Air Base Group (ABG)
Ms. Melissa DeLuca, Chief of Contracting, Kessel Run
Mr. Rob Weeks, Contracts Director, Airborne Division, Leidos
Ms. ML Mackey, Chief Executive Officer, Beacon Interactive Systems
Mr. Will Magruder, Vice President – Partnerships, MASSCHALLENGE
- 1415 – 1545 **Introduction: Mr. Ed Drolet, Vice President, DoD And DAF, CACI
PEO C3BM**
Mr. Gordon Kordyak, Deputy Program Executive Officer, C3BM
- 1545 – 1600 **New Horizons 2024 Wrap Up and Recognition**
Ms. Debra Zides, MITRE, Lexington-Concord Chapter, Chairperson, New Horizons 2024
Ms. Erin Donlan (Schubmehl), Odyssey Systems, President, Lexington-Concord Chapter

Recommended Symposium Attire

Attendees

Professional business attire is suggested. Military personnel are encouraged to wear the appropriate uniform of the day.

Speakers

Active-duty military speakers are encouraged to wear Class A (i.e., service dress). Warfighter organization representatives are encouraged to wear their operational uniform (e.g., flight suit). Civilian presenters are encouraged to wear equivalent professional business attire.