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SUBJ/EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS APPROVAL FOR THE 38th ANNUAL SURFACE NAVY  
ASSOCIATION (SNA) NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM, 13-15 JANUARY 2026//

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NARR/ REF A IS SECNAV NAVY CONFERENCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.  
REF B IS DNS MEMO UPDATING TIER 2 APPROVAL AUTHORITIES.  
REF C IS SECNAV 5050 APPROVING ATTENDANCE AT 38TH ANNUAL SNA.  
REF D IS NAVADMIN 047/25 GUIDANCE USN CIVILIAN TRAVEL AND USE OF TRAVEL CARDS  
REF E IS ALNAV 076/25 IMPLEMENTATION OF SOW MEMO ON DOW PERSONNEL  
PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS  
REF F IS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SENIOR LEADER ATTENDANCE AT OUTSIDE EVENTS.  
REF G IS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CONFERENCE GUIDANCE VERSION 4.0.  
REF H IS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE JOINT ETHICS REGULATION REGARDING OFFICIAL  
PARTICIPATION IN NON-FEDERAL ENTITIES. //  
REF I IS NAVADMIN 257/25 NAVY ATTENDANCE AT THE 38th ANNUAL SURFACE NAVY  
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REF J IS ALNAV 087/25 MODIFICATION TO IMPLEMENTATION OF SECRETARY OF WAR  
MEMORANDUM ON DEPARTMENT OF WAR PERSONNEL PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL  
ENGAGEMENTS DATED 15 SEP 25//

RMKS/1. The Surface Navy Association (SNA) will hold its 38th Annual National Symposium in Arlington, VA, at the Hyatt Regency, Crystal City from 13 through 15 January 2026. This year's theme is "SURFACE WARFARE: COMBAT READY WARFIGHTERS FOR 250 YEARS."

2. On 8 January 2026, the Secretary of the Navy concurred with CHINFO's recommendation that the 38th Annual SNA Conference qualify as an approved external engagement, consistent with Department of War guidance of 15 September 2025 and Reference E. This approval covers all Department of the Navy SNA attendees, including speakers and panel members.

3. Those attending the 2026 SNA should not submit individual requests for external engagement approval.

4. Released by J. A. Robinson III, Chief of Information.//

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