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SUBJ/NAVY ATTENDANCE AT THE APRIL 2026 NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES SEA-AIR-SPACE EXPOSITION//

REF/A/SECNAVINST 5050.6A/20OCT22//
REF/B/DOC/DOC 5370/19MAR26//
REF/C/DOC/DOC 5500.07-R/15MAY24//

NARR/REF A IS SECNAV CONFERENCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.
REF B IS DNS LETTER ON EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS AND CIVILIAN TRAVEL APPROVAL FOR SEA AIR SPACE CONFERENCE 2026.
REF C IS DOD PUBLICATION 5500.07-R JOINT ETHICS REGULATION.//

RMKS/1. THE NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES (NLUS) WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL SEA-AIR-SPACE (SAS) EXPOSITION FROM 19 TO 22 APRIL 2026 WITH A CO-LOCATED YOUTH SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH (STEM) EXHIBITION ON 19 APRIL 2026 AT THE GAYLORD NATIONAL RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER, LOCATED IN NATIONAL HARBOR, MD. SAS PROVIDES A PLATFORM FOR THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY PERSONNEL ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN NAVAL WARFARE, AS WELL AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR NAVY ENGAGEMENT WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM A BROAD CROSS-SECTION OF GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY, ACADEMIA, AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

2. THE SAS SCHEDULE IS DESIGNED WITH A FOCUS ON READINESS AND INNOVATION, WITH PROGRAMMING SUCH AS MILITARY-GOVERNMENT SHIPBUILDING STRATEGY, REVITALIZING THE MARITIME INDUSTRY, OPERATIONALIZING AMERICA'S MARITIME POWER THROUGH NUMBERED FLEETS, AND RESTORING AMERICA'S MARITIME DOMINANCE. SAS WILL SHOWCASE LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE UNITED STATES NAVY, MARINE CORPS, COAST GUARD, MERCHANT MARINES, OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, AND INDUSTRY. ADDITIONALLY, MANY INTERNATIONAL DELEGATIONS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE, INCLUDING SEVERAL HEADS OF NAVY (HON). A FULL LIST OF SPEAKERS AND MORE INFORMATION ON INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION CAN BE FOUND AT SEAAIRSPACE.ORG.

3. PER REFERENCE (A), ATTENDANCE AT NON-DOD HOSTED CONFERENCES WHICH HAVE HISTORICALLY EXCEEDED \$500,000 MAY REQUIRE SECNAV/UNSECNAV APPROVAL. SAS 2026 MEETS THIS THRESHOLD. IF NO COST IS INCURRED BY THE GOVERNMENT (I.E. PEOPLE LOCAL TO AREA), NO SUBMISSION OR APPROVAL IS REQUIRED. PURSUANT TO REFERENCE (B), DNS HAS APPROVED THIS EVENT AS AN EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT FOR ALL NAVY ATTENDEES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FLAG/GENERAL OFFICERS AND SES PERSONNEL WHO REPORT DIRECTLY TO SECNAV. REFERENCE (B) ALSO CONTAINS CAVEATS REGARDING CIVILIAN TRAVEL. THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS APPLY:

A. SUBJECT TO COMMAND DISCRETION, ATTENDANCE IS AUTHORIZED FOR LOCAL PARTICIPANTS AT NO COST TO THE GOVERNMENT.

B. SAS 2026 IS PRIMARILY AN EAST COAST EVENT. FUNDED TAD TRAVEL FROM WEST COAST/INTERNATIONAL COMMANDS SHOULD BE CLOSELY EXAMINED UNLESS MEMBER HAS AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE EVENT (SITTING ON A PANEL, MAKING AN OFFICIAL U.S. NAVY

PRESENTATION, ORGANIZING/MANNING A COMMAND BOOTH, ETC.). EXCESSIVE ATTENDANCE WILL BE SUBJECT TO CUTS BASED ON OVERALL COST.

C. NLUS HAS OFFERED A FREE "ALL ACCESS PASS" TO ALL MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. PER REFERENCE (C), THIS FREE ATTENDANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A GIFT FOR PURPOSES OF APPLICABLE ETHICS REGULATIONS, AND THEREFORE MAY BE ACCEPTED BY ALL NAVY MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. ADDITIONALLY, NLUS HAS OFFERED FREE ENTRY TO ALL NAVY MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING "ADD-ON" EVENTS OF THEIR CHOICE:

- (1) TRANSITION CONNECTION HIRING EVENT
- (2) SEA SERVICES LUNCHEON
- (3) INTERNATIONAL MARITIME RECEPTION
- (4) MARYLAND EXHIBIT HALL RECEPTION
- (5) CENTER FOR MARITIME STRATEGY BREAKFAST
- (6) NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES LUNCHEON
- (7) PRINCE GEORGE'S EXHIBIT HALL RECEPTION
- (8) CONGRESSIONAL BREAKFAST

ADMISSION TO ADDITIONAL EVENTS FROM THE LIST MAY BE GAINED AT A DISCOUNTED RATE FOR ALL NAVY MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. ATTENDANCE AT THESE EVENTS, WHETHER FREE OR DISCOUNTED, LIKEWISE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A GIFT FOR PURPOSES OF APPLICABLE ETHICS REGULATIONS. ATTENDEES ARE REQUIRED TO PRE-REGISTER FOR AN ALL ACCESS PASS AND ADD-ON EVENTS.

D. ALL NAVY PARTICIPATION IN SAS 2026 SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE JOINT ETHICS REGULATION PER REFERENCE (C).

4. QUESTIONS REGARDING SAS 2026 SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE NLUS BY VISITING <https://seaairspace.org/>.

5. RELEASED BY RADM M. D. BEHNING, DEPUTY CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS FOR WARFIGHTING REQUIREMENTS AND CAPABILITIES (N9).//

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