

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

EVENT AGENDA MARCH 8-10, 2023

WOMEN'S AIR & SPACE POWER SYMPOSIUM 2023

IN THE ROOM WHERE DECISIONS ARE MADE

*ALL TIMES EASTERN STANDARD TIME

DAY 1, WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 2023



0900-0915 OPENING REMARKS

Ms. Marianne Malizia, USAF, Director, Diversity and Inclusion, Department of the Air Force, Pentagon, VA



0915-0945 AM KEYNOTE SPEAKER (TBD)

PANEL: WE STAND ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS



0945-1045

Hear from active and retired servicewomen who are generational trailblazers! These pioneers progressively advanced women's roles in air and space operations and continue to motivate those who follow after them. These inspirational panelists will discuss their paths to success and how they see the roles of women continue to change for the better in the Department of the Air Force of the future.

Panelist Lt Gen DeAnna Burt, USSF, first non-rated Air Expeditionary Wing Commander for

Premier Red Flag Exercise; Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Operations, Cyber, and

Nuclear, Headquarters, US Space Force, Pentagon, VA

Panelist Maj Gen (Ret.) Linda R. Urrutia-Varhall, first Latina United States Air Force Academy

(USAFA) graduate and Air Force officer to achieve Major General rank

Panelist Lt Col (Ret.) Bettye Jo Payne, first African-American female aviator in the United States Air

Force

Panelist CMSgt (Ret.) Linda Cox, first female enlisted explosive ordnance disposal (EOD)

technician in the Department of Defense

Moderator Gen (Ret.) David Goldfein, 21st Chief of Staff of the US Air Force

Session Designer Lt Col Jessica Brown, USAF, History Department Instructor, US Air Force Academy,

CO

Session Designer SSgt Ayla Nichols, USAFR, Phase 1 Diagnostic Imaging Instructor, Joint Base San

Antonio - Fort Sam Houston, TX



1045-1055 Break

PANEL: THE GIFT OF ATTENTION, THE POWER OF CONNECTION



1055-1155

The gift of attention and the power of connecting are crucial for mission success. During this session you will see how to direct your attention inward AND outward in ways that will bring you closer to your people and community. In doing so, you will be more successful in the day-to-day activities of getting the right things done.

- Panelist Lt Col Angi Daiuto, USAF ANG, Chief, Wing Safety, 174th Attack Wing, Hancock Field Air National Guard Base, Syracuse, NY
- Panelist Lt Col Justin Peacock, USAF, Nuclear Radiologist and Interim Nuclear Medicine Fellowship Program Director, Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, TX
- **Panelist** Maj Letitia Lyons Watson, USAF, Flight Commander, Gynecologic Surgery and Obstetrics Flight, 959th Surgical Operations Squadron, Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, TX
- **Panelist** Maj Marta Kolcz-Ryan, USAF, Staff Judge Advocate, 352d Special Operations Wing, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom
- Panelist Capt Brittney Szabo, USAF, Intern, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, St. Louis, MO
- **Panelist** SMSgt Gina Munroe, USAF, Defense Operations Superintendent, 8th Communications Squadron, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea
- Panelist MSgt Brittany Hambrick, USAF, Air Combat Command Cyber Defense Operations (1D7) MAJCOM Force Development Manager, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA
- Panelist MSgt Sherlly Lange
- Panelist MSgt Rachel Meade, USSF, Flight Chief, 71st ISR Squadron Detachment 3, Peterson SFB, CO
- **Panelist** MSgt William Reigle, USAF, Flight Chief, Cyber Operations Flight, 100th Communications Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom
- Panelist MSgt Quintina Tatum, USAF, Senior Enlisted Leader, Equal Opportunity Office, 82d Training Wing, Sheppard AFB, TX
- **Panelist** MSgt Ashley Thompson, USAF, Commandant, Kolb Airman Leadership School, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA
- Panelist MSgt Erendira White, USAF, Superintendent, Asset Management, Logistics Readiness Flight, 461st Maintenance Group, Robins AFB, GA
- Panelist TSgt Raffi Stambultsyan, USAF, Flight Sergeant, 621st Contingency Response Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ
- Panelist SSgt Rhoda Mapakou
- Panelist SSgt Karen Saenz, USAF, Security Forces Evaluator, 39th Security Forces Squadron, Incirlik AB, Turkey



Panelist Ms. Shelley Beach, USAF, Flight Director, Shadow Operations Center - Nellis, 805th Combat

Training Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV

Panelist Ms. Hannah Gray, USAF, Career Field Administrator, Cyberspace and Information

Technology Civilian Career Field Team, Air Force Personnel Center, Joint Base - Randolph,

TX

Panelist Ms. Crystal Heard, USAF, Division Chief, Studies, Analysis, and Assessments, 688th

Cyberspace Wing, Joint Base San Antonio - Lackland, TX

Panelist Ms. Samantha Lackey, USAF, Information Systems Security Manager, 505th Command and

Control Wing, Hurlburt Field, FL

Panelist Ms. Maureen Rudell, Transformational Development Coach

Moderator Dr. Jason "JW" Womack, Instructor, Leadership Studies, Air University, Maxwell

AFB, AL

Session Designer TSgt Theresa Jingco, NCOIC, Operations, Storage, and Virtualization, 691st

Cyberspace Operations Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany

Session Designer SSgt Gina DiScipio, NCOIC, Commander's Support Staff, 691st Cyberspace

Operations Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany



1155-1230 Lunch

PANEL: ALLYSHIP: AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION CONVERSATION



1230-1330

Allies are essential in achieving equity in both the workplace and society. They can engage in an iterative process of investigating potential systemic barriers, learning from those findings, and advocating for change. Effective allies challenge assumptions, ask questions, and seek differing perspectives. This panel consists of allies who have taken meaningful action to advocate and create a fairer system.



OPENING COMMENTS

Gen Mike Minihan, USAF, Commander, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, IL

Panelist Brig Gen Edward Vaughan, USAF, Deputy Director for Partnering, Security Cooperation,

Policy, and Space Capabilities, US European Command, Stuttgart, Germany

Panelist CMSgt Christopher Dawson, USAF, Senior Enlisted Leader, 150th Operations Group,

Kirtland AFB, NM

Panelist Mai Travis Wilkes, USAF, Commandant, Advanced Instrument School, Air Force Flight

Standards Agency, Tinker AFB, OK

Panelist MSgt Alfred Callwood, USAF, Superintendent, ISR Systems Division, Directorate of ISR,

Headquarters US Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa, Ramstein AB, Germany

Moderator: Lt Col Dear Beloved, USAF, Senior Advisor, and Senior Intelligence Officer, Office

of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, The White

House, Washington, DC

Session Designer Lt Niya Daniels, USAF, Executive Officer to the Commander, 42d Mission Support

Group, Maxwell AFB, AL

Session Designer TSgt Ke'Undra Gibson, USAF, Honor Guard Program Manager, Maxwell AFB, AL



1330-1420 PM KEYNOTE SPEAKER

"CMSAF (Ret.) Kaleth O. Wright, 18th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force



1420-1430 Break

PANEL: HOW TO MAKE CHANGE IN A BUREAUCRACY



1430-1530

The Department of the Air Force's Barrier Analysis Working Group (BAWG) are total force teams consisting of officers, enlisted, and civilian Airmen and Guardians. These teams have proven successful in cutting through bureaucracy with grassroots ideas to make tangible changes. This panel will not only serve to inform, but also will further inspire us on how to best transform ideas into tangible, lasting change.

Panelist Ms. Jacqueline Melcher, USAF, Indigenous Nations Equality Team; Installation

Management Division Director, 88th Civil Engineer Group, Air Force Material Command,

Wright-Patterson AFB, OH

Panelist Lt Col Bree Fram, USSF, LGBTQ Initiatives Team; Deputy Division Chief, Acquisition

Policies and Processes Division, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force

for Space Acquisition and Integration, Pentagon, VA

Panelist CMSgt Eumiko Egins, USAF, Black/African-American Employment Strategy Team; Chief

Enlisted Manager, Integrated Resilience Division, Headquarters Air Mobility Command,

Scott AFB, OH

Panelist Capt Francis Castillo, USAF, Women's Initiatives Team; Flight Commander, 41st Intelligence

Squadron, Fort George G. Meade, MD

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Moderator MSgt Samantha Payne, USAF, Superintendent of China Education for the China

Aerospace Studies Institute, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL

Session Designer Ms. Christine Whittemore-Rodriguez, USAF, Curriculum Developer, Defense

Language Institute English Language Center, Joint Base San Antonio - Lackland,

TX

Session Designer TSgt Anna Sylvester, USAF, Student Development Superintendent, Gaylor NCO

Academy, Joint Base San Antonio - Lackland, TX



1530-1545 CLOSING COMMENTS

Gen (Ret.) Lori Robinson, first female Combatant Commander 0900-0915 Opening Remarks

DAY 2, THURSDAY, 9 MARCH 2023



0900-0915 OPENING REMARKS

Gen B. Chance Saltzman, Chief of Space Operations, US Space Force



0915-0945 AM KEYNOTE SPEAKER (TBD)

PANEL: INTERSECTIONALITY: THE VOICE OF THOSE WHO SERVE



0945-1045

Intersectionality is the concept that the social categorizations and identities we have (such as race, class, gender, sexual orientation, and physical or invisible disability) create an overlapping and interdependent system which exacerbate disparities. Without an intersectional lens, our efforts to tackle inequalities for women will fail to achieve equality for all. This panel will candidly explore the concept of intersectionality and interdependent identities that make us who we are and more importantly, how understanding it can positively impact productivity and mission readiness. This panel will also touch on how we can be better leaders by becoming intersectional allies.

Panelist Lt Col Janene Drummer, USAFR, Commander, 701st Combat Operations Squadron -

Detachment 1, Joint Base Pearl Harbor - Hickam, HI

Panelist Lt Col Jose Montalvan, USMC, Student, National War College, Washington, DC

Panelist TSgt Alexandria Holder, USAF, NCOIC, Global Language Mentor, 517th Training Group,

Presidio of Monterey, CA

Panelist CMSgt April Brittain, USSF, Commandant, Vosler NCO Academy, Peterson SFB, CO

Moderator Maj Tahina Montoya, USAFR, Strategic Regional Analyst for the Americas

Transnational Threat Center and Deputy Director of JRISE, Defense Intelligence

Agency, Washington, DC

Session Designer MSgt Teonna Powell, USAF, Senior Enlisted Leader, 391st Intelligence Squadron,

Joint Base Pearl Harbor - Hickam, HI

Session Designer Ms. Hope Coleman, USAF, Community Readiness Specialist, Cannon AFB, NM



1045-1055 Break

PANEL: NAVIGATING FAMILY BUILDING: HOW TO SUPPORT AIRMEN AND GUARDIANS THROUGH THE UPS AND DOWNS



1055-1155

Studies show approximately 30 to 50 percent of all pregnancies end in loss and one in eight families struggle with infertility. How can leaders and service members care for each other during these times? Whether you are a commander, front-line supervisor, or friend, statistically you will likely encounter this situation at some time in your career. Hear directly from subject matter experts from within the Department of the Air Force as we discuss the ups, downs, and all the ways around family building so you can learn about ways to best support Airmen and Guardians.

Panelist Ms. Sarah Meadows, Rand Corporation

Panelist Col Larissa Weir, USAF, Air Force Surgeon General Chief Women's Health Consultant,

Defense Health Headquarters, Falls Church, VA

Panelist SMSqt Amber Isenberg, USAF, Senior Enlisted Leader, 375th Cyberspace Operations

Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio - Lackland, TX

Panelist Lt Col Thomas Magee, USAF, Wing Operational Psychologist, 70th ISR Wing, Fort George

G. Meade, MD

Moderator CMSgt Martha Burkhead, USSF, Senior Enlisted Leader, Space Delta 2,

Peterson-Schriever Garrison, CO

Session Designer Capt Victoria Garcia, USSF, Space Delta 3,

Session Designer TSgt Sarah Jo Bateman, USAF, Section Chief College Academic Management,

Maxwell AFB, AL

Advisor Lt Col Kristi Hopp, Wing Chapel/Clinical Professional Counselor,



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1155-1230 Lunch

PANEL: THE MULTI-GENERATIONAL WORKFORCE: KEY TO CONNECTION, INFLUENCING CHANGE, AND RETAINING TALENT



1230-1330

In the information era, senior leaders (e.g., Gen X and Baby Boomers), commanders, and supervisors are sometimes criticized for lacking empathy or considering the perspectives of Airmen and Guardians in younger generations. In this panel, Gen Z and Millennials will share stories about times where senior leadership and supervisors are successfully connecting and where they might be missing the mark. The goal is to improve understanding and enable improved team connections amongst differing generational mindsets.

Panelist Lt Col Michelle Sabala, USAF ANG, Policy Branch Chief for National Guard Bureau's Joint

Staff, Strategy, Policy, Plans, and International Affairs Directorate, Temple Army Readiness

Center, Arlington, VA

Panelist TSgt Mitch Chavarria, USAFR, Fire Team Leader, 459th Security Forces Squadron, Joint

Base Andrews, MD

Panelist A1C Yevgenia Zavyalova, USAF, Career Development Technician, Military Personnel Flight,

Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, DC

Panelist SPC2 Xochilt Mendoza, USSF, Advanced Threat Analyst, 74th ISR Squadron, Peterson-

Schriever Garrison, CO

Moderator Col (Ret.) Jason Lamb, USSF, Future of Work Strategist, Headquarters, US Space

Force, Pentagon, VA

Session Designer Maj Emma Hollaway, USAF, Director of Operations, 22d Intelligence Squadron,

Fort George G. Meade, MD

Session Designer CMSgt Terry Mickens, USAF, Legislation Liaison, Office of Secretary of the Air

Force, Pentagon, VA

Advisor Lt Col Lisa Kempker, USAF, Congressional Appropriations Liaison, Pentagon, VA



1330-1420 PM KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Col (Ret.) Dede Halfhill, Executive Coach and Certified "Dare to Lead" Facilitator



1420-1430 Break

PANEL: AN OUTSIDE-IN PERSPECTIVE: WHAT THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE CAN LEARN FROM INDUSTRY



1430-1530

Women are underrepresented in leadership and senior positions where decisions are made and are also given fewer opportunities for promotion. In this panel, senior leaders and industry experts explore barriers, research, and theories on why that may be and discuss best practices from their organizations to tackle these key challenges.

Panelist Mrs. Lisa Mitchell-Kastner, Vice President, Global Human Resources Services, AT&T

Panelist Ms. Kitara Johnson, Chief Human Resource Officer, Excelsior Wellness

Panelist Ms. Tiffany Daugherty, Human Resources Leader - Military Pathways, Johnson & Johnson

Moderator Col Jason Kulchar, USAF, Commander, 17th Training Group, Goodfellow AFB, TX

Session Designer MSgt Tyskanay Schofield, USAF, DEI Senior Enlisted Leader,

Maj Lauren McNeil, USAF, Command Post OIC, 452d Air Mobility Wing, March **Session Designer**

ARB, CA



1530-1545 CLOSING COMMENTS

Lt Gen Mary O'Brien, USAF, Director, Command, Control, Communications and Computers(C4)/Cyber and Chief Information Officer, Joint Staff, Pentagon, VA

0900-

0915 Opening Remarks

DAY 3, FRIDAY, 10 MARCH 2023



0900-0915: OPENING REMARKS

Gen Charles Q. Brown, Jr., Chief of Staff, US Air Force



0915-0945 AM KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Kathleen Hicks, Deputy Secretary of Defense

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PANEL: ADDRESSING CHILDCARE, EDUCATION, AND SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT BARRIERS SO AIRMEN, GUARDIANS, AND FAMILIES CAN RISE TO THEIR BEST



0945-1045

The Department of the Air Force recruits, trains, develops, and retains Airmen and Guardians with the attributes required to compete, deter, and win in the high-end fight. Leaders owe Airmen, Guardians, and their families a quality of service and a quality of life where all can reach their full potential. This panel will examine policies the Department of the Air Force has implemented to address quality of service for Airmen and Guardians for childcare, education, and spouse employment that assure the best quality of life for all.

Panelist Col Kelli Moon, USAF, Chief, Air Force Learning for Manpower, Personnel, and Services,

Headquarters, US Air Force, Pentagon, VA

Panelist Maj Maria Quinn, USSF, Chief, Command and Control Integration, Futures and Integration

Directorate, Headquarters, US Space Force, Pentagon, VA

Panelist Mr. Michael Coltrin, USAF, Deputy Assistant, Force Support and Family Programs, Office

of the Secretary of the Air Force, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Reserve Affairs and Airman

Readiness), Pentagon, VA

Panelist Mr. Eddy Mentzer, Associate Director, Military Community Support Programs, Office of

the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy,

Washington, DC

Moderator Col Eries Mentzer, USAF, Director, Air Commando Development, Headquarters Air

Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, FL

Session Designer CMSgt Walisa Villareal, USAFR, Senior Enlisted Leader, 433d Training Squadron,

Joint Base San Antonio - Lackland, TX

Session Designer CMSgt Annamarie Aguirre, USAFR, Air Force Reserve Liaison to the

Commander, Barnes Center for Enlisted Education, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, AL



1045-1055 Break



1055-1115: Surprise Call In Guest

PANEL: THERE IS STILL MORE WORK TO BE DONE: A ROADMAP TO TRANSFORMING SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE



1115-1155

In 2021, Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III ordered the establishment of a 90-day "Independent Review Commission (IRC) on Sexual Assault in the Military" to take bold action in addressing sexual assault and harassment in the military. The IRC made recommendations related to accountability, prevention, climate and culture, and victim care and support. Panelists will discuss where we are today along with the most recent updates, changes, recommendations, and resources.

Panelist Lt Col Carrie Lucas, Director of Integrated Medical Programs and WIT-lead for LOE 9,

Sexual Assault

Panelist Ms. Amy Little, USAF, Interpersonal Violence Prevention and Policy Analyst,

Headquarters, US Air Force, Pentagon, VA

Panelist Ms. Kelly Dominguez, SAPR Training Program Manager, Air Force Personnel Center, Joint

Base - Randolph AFB, TX

Moderator SSgt Jakia Lindley, USAF, Material Control Supervisor, 25th Air Support Operations

Squadron, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI

Session Designer TSgt Meagan Carver, USAF, Instructor, Mathies NCO Academy, Keesler AFB, MS

Session Designer MSqt Samantha Payne, USAF, Superintendent of China Education for the China

Aerospace Studies Institute, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL



1155-1230 Lunch

PANEL: THE WOMEN PEACE AND SECURITY ACT: EMBRACING CHANGE TO ACHIEVE OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES



1230-1330

In 2020, the US Government directed the Department of Defense (DOD) to implement Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) across all functions. The Department of the Air Force (DAF) is in its second year of formal DAF WPS implementation. This panel will provide insights to why embracing WPS internally within the Air and Space Force and externally, throughout our global missions and Security Cooperation efforts is imperative to all operations and building a more lethal force.



Panelist Dr. Jennifer Hawkins, Senior Women, Peace, and Security Advisor, Bureau of Conflict,

Prevention, and Stabilization, United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Panelist Dr. David Smith, Associate Professor, John Hopkins Carey Business School and Co-Author

of Good Guys: How Men Can Be Better Allies for Women in the Workplace

Panelist Lt Col Katherine Prudhoe, British Army Reserves, Gender Advisor (GENAD) for the NATO

International Military Staff, Brussels, Belgium

Panelist Dr. Shirley Graham, Director of the Gender Equality Initiative in International Affairs (GEIA)

and Associate Professor of Practice in International Affairs, George Washington University,

Washington, DC

Moderator Ms. Keiara Avant, Gender Advisor and Program Lead for Women, Peace, and

Security Program for the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Manpower and

Reserve Affairs, Department of the Air Force, Pentagon, VA

Session Designer Maj Allison Hartsfiled, USAFR, DAF WPS Project Officer

Session Designer Ms. Keiara Avant, (see above)



1330-1420 PM KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Lt Gen James C. "Jim" Slife, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters, US Air Force, Pentagon, VA



1420-1430 Break

PANEL: HOW OUR SISTER SERVICES ARE CHANGING POLICY FOR SERVICEWOMEN



1430-1530

Policy barriers exist across the Department of Defense and each Service is driving change in unique and impactful ways. In this panel, sister-Service representatives will share challenges, best practices, obstacles, and wins from their perspective and then identify opportunities for collaboration that can drive meaningful change across the entirety of the Department of Defense.

Panelist Ms. Frances Rivera, USA, Senior Civilian Advisor, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the

Army, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and

Panelist Reserve Affairs), Washington, DC

Panelist CAPT Judy Malana, USN, Advisor for Women's Policy, Office of the Chief of Naval

Personnel, Washington, DC

Panelist Maj Sharon Sisbarro, USMC, Strategic Communicator, Talent Management Strategy

Group, Office of the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Washington, DC

Panelist CDR Carrie Wolfe, USCG, Deputy Chief, Office of Diversity & Inclusion and Gender

Policy Advisor, Washington, DC

Moderator MSgt Maria Seyborne, USSF, Superintendent and Senior Enlisted Leader, Director

of Staff, Headquarters, US Space Force, Pentagon, VA

Session Designer TSgt Andrea Williams, USAF, C4I Project Manager, 84th CS/SCXP, Ramstein AB,

Germany

Session Designer Ms. Erica Glass, USAF ANG, Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist, Alaska

National Guard, AK



1530-1545: SYMPOSIUM CLOSING REMARKS

CMSAF Joanne Bass, Chief Master Sergeant of the US Air Force

