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**Accelerating Innovation to Enhance Expeditionary Warfare**

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Conference Chair

# Expeditionary Warfare

## Who We Are

The Expeditionary Warfare Division is the focal point and coordinating element within NDIA for the identification, study, and resolution of expeditionary warfare and force protection issues in the littoral regions of the world, affecting the strength of the national defense industrial base and the armed services.



# Event Information

## Location

The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory  
Kossiakoff Center  
11100 Johns Hopkins Road, Laurel, MD 20723

## WiFi

Network/Conference: EXWAR  
Password: OCT24

## Attire

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Military: Uniform of the Day

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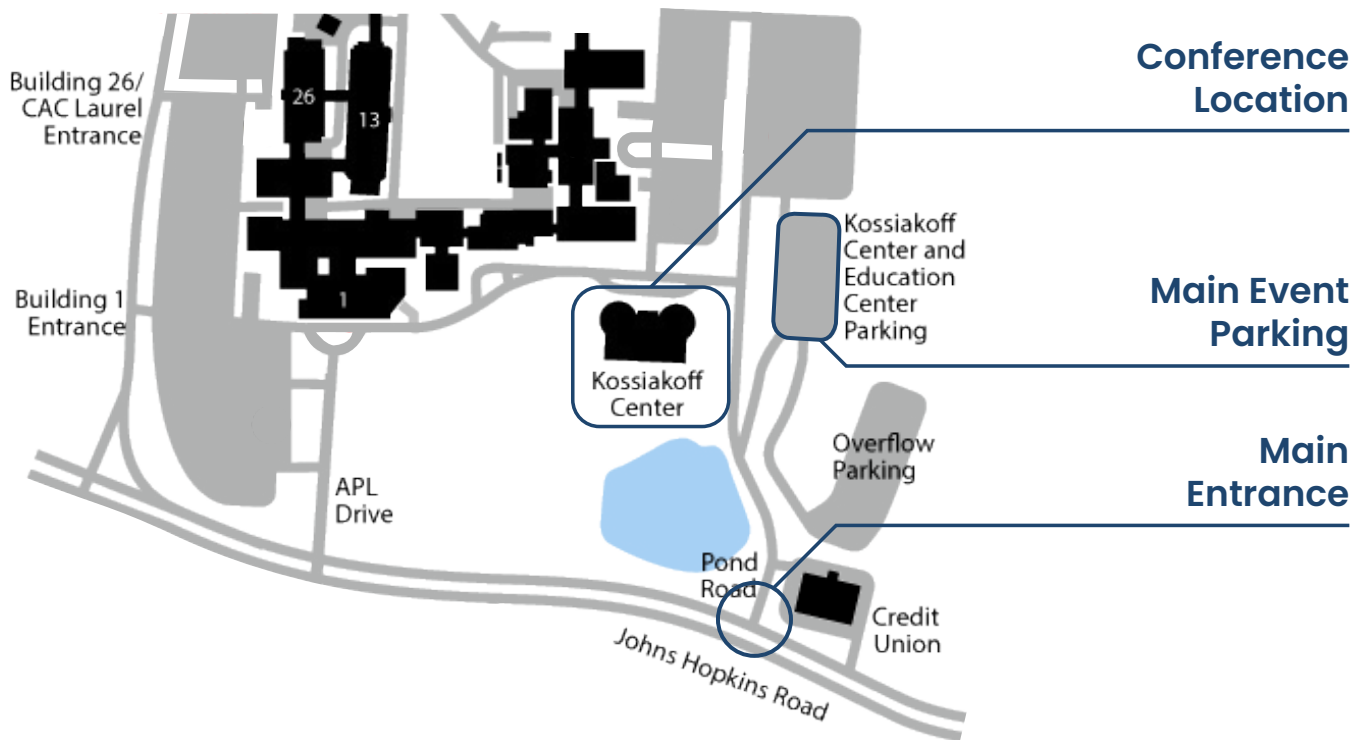


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### Display Hours

**October 22**

7:30 am – 6:30 pm

**October 23**

7:00 am – 5:15 pm

**October 24**

7:00 am – 12:00 pm

# Agenda

**Tuesday, October 22**

- 7:30 am – 6:30 pm     **Registration**  
JHU APPLIED PHYSICS LABORATORY KOSSIAKOFF CENTER
- 7:30 – 8:30 am     **Networking Breakfast**  
DINING ROOM
- 8:30 – 8:50 am     **Opening Remarks**  
AUDITORIUM
- Brig Gen Guy Walsh, USAF (Ret)**  
Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, NDIA
- BGen Arthur Pasagian, USMC (Ret)**  
Chair, NDIA Expeditionary Warfare Division  
Advisory Managing Director, Con FED Customer and Operations, KPMG US
- CAPT Jeffrey Curren, USN (Ret)**  
Program Area Manager, Maritime Expeditionary Warfare  
The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory
- 8:50 – 9:20 am     **Keynote Address**  
AUDITORIUM
- BGen Robert Brodie, USMC**  
Director of Expeditionary Warfare, OPNAV N95
- 9:20 – 10:25 am     **Networking Break**  
MEZZANINE
- 10:25 – 11:10 am     **Keynote Address**  
AUDITORIUM
- RADM Dean VanderLey, USN**  
Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, Chief of Civil Engineers
- 11:10 – 11:55 am     **Keynote Address**  
AUDITORIUM
- BGen Simon Doran, USMC**  
Commanding General, Marine Corps Warfighting Lab
- 11:55 am – 12:55 pm     **Networking Lunch**  
DINING ROOM

12:55 – 1:55 pm

## View from Capitol Hill

AUDITORIUM

### Jim Strock

Consultant, Jim Strock Consulting, LLC  
*Moderator*

### Dr. Eric Labs

Senior Analyst for Naval Forces and Weapons, Congressional Budget Office

### Ronald O'Rourke

Specialist in Naval Affairs, Congressional Research Service

1:55 – 2:50 pm

## Strategic Insights – Expeditionary Warfare

AUDITORIUM

### Jim Strock

Consultant, Jim Strock Consulting, LLC  
*Moderator*

### Bryan Clark

Senior Fellow and Director, Center for Defense Concepts and Technology, Hudson Institute

### Dr. Steven Wills

Navalist, Center for Maritime Strategy, Navy League of the United States

2:50 – 3:10 pm

## Networking Break

MEZZANINE

3:10 – 4:10 pm

## Future Expeditionary Warfare Requirements

AUDITORIUM

### LtGen Eric Austin, USMC

Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command  
Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration

### VADM Daniel Dwyer, USN

Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans, Strategy, and Warfighting Development, N3N5N7, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations

4:10 – 4:55 pm

## Closing Keynote Address

AUDITORIUM

### VADM John "Brad" Skillman, USN

Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources, N8, OPNAV

4:55 – 5:00 pm

## Closing Remarks

AUDITORIUM

### Mark Rios

Conference Chair  
Senior Director Business Development and Sales, Atlas North America

5:00 – 6:30 pm

## Networking Reception

MEZZANINE

# Wednesday, October 23

7:00 am – 5:15 pm

## Registration

JHU APPLIED PHYSICS LABORATORY KOSSIAKOFF CENTER

7:00 – 8:00 am

## Networking Breakfast

DINING ROOM

8:00 – 8:15 am

## Opening Remarks

AUDITORIUM

### **BGen Arthur Pasagian, USMC (Ret)**

Chair, NDIA Expeditionary Warfare Division

Advisory Managing Director, Con FED Customer and Operations, KPMG US

8:15 – 9:15 am

## Building and Delivering Naval Expeditionary Capabilities

AUDITORIUM

### **Herb Schweiter**

Integration Division Head, Systems Design and Development,

Deputy to the Commander for Systems Engineering and

Acquisition Logistics, Marine Corps Systems Command

### **RDML Kevin Smith, USN**

Program Executive Officer, Unmanned and Small Combatants

9:15 – 9:45 am

## Networking Break

MEZZANINE

9:45 – 10:15 am

## Maritime Expeditionary Warfare Key Operational Problems

AUDITORIUM

### **Shon Brodie**

Director, Maritime Expeditionary Warfare Division, Headquarters Marine Corps

10:15 – 11:30 am

## Maritime Mobility Panel

AUDITORIUM

### **Jim Strock**

Consultant, Jim Strock Consulting, LLC

*Moderator*

### **Dr. Tyler Hesser**

Research Coastal Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center

### **Bobby Burns**

Branch Head, Littoral Maneuver, Maritime Expeditionary Warfare Division,

Capabilities Development Directorate, Combat Development and Integration, Headquarters Marine Corps

### **James Borghardt**

Program Manager, Expeditionary Logistics, The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory

- 11:30 am – 12:45 pm **Networking Lunch**  
DINING ROOM
- 12:45 – 1:45 pm **Unmanned Systems to Support Expeditionary Warfare Operations**  
AUDITORIUM  
**Terry McKearney**  
President, The Ranger Group  
*Moderator*  
**Dr. Eric Hendricks**  
Naval Information Warfare Center
- 1:45 – 3:00 pm **Rapid Development and Adaptive Delivery of Products**  
AUDITORIUM  
**Terry McKearney**  
President, The Ranger Group  
*Moderator*  
**Andrew Rodgers**  
Director, Program Management, Marine Corps Systems Command  
**LtCol Andrew Cheatum, USMC**  
Explosive Ordnance Disposal Officer, USMC  
**Dr. Eric Hendricks**  
Naval Information Warfare Center
- 3:00 – 3:30 pm **Networking Break**  
MEZZANINE

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3:30 – 5:00 pm **Future-Focused Industry – Leadership Insights**  
AUDITORIUM  
**Jim Strock**  
Consultant, Jim Strock Consulting, LLC  
*Moderator*  
**Paula Zorensky**  
Vice President, Shipbuilders Council of America  
**RADM Matt Klunder, USN (Ret)**  
Vice President, USN/USMC Accounts and DARPA/DoD Labs, L3Harris Technologies

5:00 – 5:15 pm **Closing Remarks**  
AUDITORIUM  
**Mark Rios**  
Conference Chair  
Senior Director Business Development and Sales, Atlas North America

## Thursday, October 24

7:00 am – 12:30 pm **Registration**  
JHU APPLIED PHYSICS LABORATORY KOSSIAKOFF CENTER

7:00 – 8:00 am **Networking Breakfast**  
DINING ROOM

8:00 – 8:05 am **Opening Remarks**  
AUDITORIUM  
**BGen Arthur Pasagian, USMC (Ret)**  
Chair, NDIA Expeditionary Warfare Division  
Advisory Managing Director, Con FED Customer and Operations, KPMG US

8:05 – 8:45 am **Subsurface Seabed Warfare**  
AUDITORIUM  
**CDR Daniel Stock, USN**  
AUKUS SSW US Country Lead, SSW Lead Planner, SUBLANT N531

8:45 – 10:15 am **OPNAV N95 Resource Sponsors Panel**  
AUDITORIUM  
**CAPT Reed Kitchen, USN**  
OPNAV N951  
**Lars Bjorn**  
Deputy Branch Head, OPNAV N952 Mine Warfare  
**CAPT Judd Krier, USN**  
Branch Head, OPNAV N953 Amphibious Warfare  
**CAPT Cameron Chen, USN**  
Branch Head, OPNAV N957 Navy Expeditionary Combat

10:15 – 10:45 am

## Networking Break

MEZZANINE

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

## NAVSEA Program Managers Supporting Expeditionary Warfare Panel

AUDITORIUM

### **CAPT Matthew Tardy, USN**

Program Manager, PMS 377 Amphibious Warfare Program Office

### **Jon Thomas**

Deputy Program Manager, PMS 385 Strategic and Theater Sealift Program Office

### **Lee Agin**

Program Manager, PMS 495 Mine Warfare Program Office

### **George Saroch**

Deputy Program Manager, PMS 420 LCS Mission Modules Program Office

12:15 – 12:30 pm

## Closing Remarks

AUDITORIUM

### **BGen Arthur Pasagian, USMC (Ret)**

Chair, NDIA Expeditionary Warfare Division

Advisory Managing Director, Con FED Customer and Operations, KPMG US

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# Biographies



## BGen Robert Brodie, USMC

### Director of Expeditionary Warfare, OPNAV N95

Brigadier General Brodie assumed the duties of Director, Expeditionary Warfare OPNAV N95

on 15 July 2024.

A native of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, he graduated from The Citadel and was commissioned via Platoon Leader Class in Aug. '94.

Brigadier General Brodie's command assignments include Company Commander of H&HS Co WFTB, Commanding Officer of Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 101, Commanding Officer of 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, and Assistant Wing Commander, 3D Marine Aircraft Wing.

Brigadier General Brodie's operating forces assignments include three tours in Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 312 as part of Carrier Air Wing One and Three and a tour in Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533. He served as the Air Officer for Regimental Combat Team 2, the Operations Officer for the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, the Director of Combat Plans for the 601st AOC, and the G-3 for III MEF.

He has participated in Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM I, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM II, NEW DAWN, and INHERENT RESOLVE.

Brigadier General Brodie's additional assignment include the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Commandant for Aviation.

Brigadier General Brodie is a graduate of The Basic School, Naval Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN), Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course, Aviation Maintenance Officer Course, and the US Army War College. He holds a BA in International and Military Affairs from The Citadel and master's in strategic studies from the US Army War College.

Brigadier General Brodie's personal decoration include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, Air Medal Strike-Flight with Numeral 3, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Gold Star.



## VADM John "Brad" Skillman, USN

### Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources, N8, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations

Vice Adm. Brad Skillman is a native of Muncie, Indiana and St. Paris, Ohio. He is a

1986 graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Oceanography. He earned a Master of Science in Operational Oceanography from the Naval Postgraduate School. He is also a proven financial management specialist.

A surface warfare officer, Skillman's sea duty assignments include USS Josephus Daniels (CG 27), USS Belleau Wood (LHA 3), USS Nashville (LPD 13), USS Gunston Hall (LSD 44) Amphibious Squadron (PHIBRON) 8 and PHIBRON-4.

Skillman was the commissioning commanding officer of USS New Orleans (LPD 18). He also commanded USS Ponce (LPD 15) and USS San Antonio (LPD 17). His major command was as commander, Amphibious Squadron 4.

Ashore, Skillman served as the lead ship maintenance action officer for the Maintenance and Modernization Division (N43) and as the Sea Shield and Surface Warfare Program analyst for the Director of Integration and Warfare Assessment (N70) on the staff of the chief of naval operations. He was the military assistant and director of operations for the deputy director, Naval Warfare in Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Portfolio Systems Acquisition and served as

the executive assistant and naval aide to the assistant secretary of the Navy (Financial Management & Comptroller).

As a flag officer, his tours include deputy commander and chief of staff, NATO Joint Warfare Centre, Stavanger, Norway, commander, Expeditionary Strike Group 2, he established the Enterprise Support pillar as director in MyNavyHR and most recently, Director, Programming Division OPNAV (N80).

Skillman's decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and various campaign, unit and service awards.

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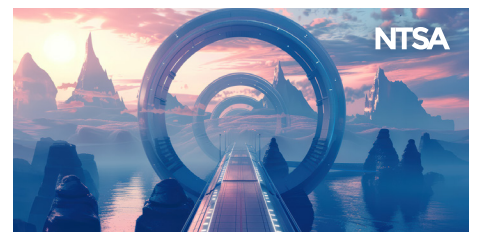
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