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# Special Operations Summit

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**SOF Maritime Operations Focus Day:** December 9, 2013

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**Wyndham Tampa Westshore, Tampa, FL**

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- >> **Understand the SOCOM 2020 roadmap** and the strategic direction for Special Operations Forces (SOF)
- >> **Discover the latest implementation strategies and program initiatives** to ensure flexibility and preparedness
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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (SO/LIC) – U.S. Department of Defense



**Major General Thomas Trask, USAF**

Director of Force Structure, Requirements, Resources and Strategic Assessments  
U.S. Special Operations Command



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# 3rd Annual Special Operations Summit

December 9-12, 2013 ■ Tampa, FL

## What Past Attendees Have Said:

"Maintain the high quality of presenters and subject matter as 2012. This was a good lineup of speakers!" – Tom Eberhard, ESRI

"It was well done. Subject content and speakers were a good mix."  
– Stan, L-3 STRATIS

"Number of practitioners with real working experience." – Gary Ackerman, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism

"Speakers addressed more complex, multifaceted border security issues regarding emerging threats." – Elizabeth Snyder, Special Operations Command – Fort Bragg

"Great Government briefings."  
– Joseph D. Fagnoli, RITRE Corporation

"We see this event to be very important, not only for networking, but also to see the future in government contracting, new efforts and new desires." – Vice President Special Operations – K2 Solutions

"An incredible amount of information to absorb over the last three days. Very much enjoyed listening to all of the keynote speakers." – NSWC Crane

"Immensely helpful...the people we meet, the ideas that were exchanged and the support received are certainly parts of the ongoing value of these conferences." – National Geospatial Intelligence Agency

"This show provided an excellent opportunity for private industry and the federal government to exchange ideas on improvements that are occurring in the operational arena within the federal government and advances in technology occurring in the private industry." – DTC Communications

"Excellent overview of OSD initiatives!" – Joint Special Operations University

Dear Colleagues,

After more than 12 years of large-scale warfare, the United States must rely more on the capabilities of Special Operations Forces around the globe. At the same time, the U.S. military is expanding its attention beyond the Middle East and Southwest Asia to the Pacific. These changes will require investments in both the technological aspects of military engagement and an understanding of the full spectrum of war/peace time operations. U.S. SOF will play a key role in winning the current fight and the success of the future force.

***"It is an undeniable reality the U.S. cannot address the challenges of tomorrow alone. We must build a Global SOF network of like-minded interagency, allies and partners who proactively anticipate threats and are prepared to operate toward cooperative security solutions in cost-effective ways."***

–Admiral William H. McRaven, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command

It is uncertain what new threats the U.S. may face in the coming years. However, it is clear that the small-footprint and innovative approaches that SOF operators have developed in the past decade will play a significant role in combating current and future threats. The U.S. will be prepared to face these unknowns with a SOF force that is sized, trained, and equipped to achieve our nation's security objectives.

**This year's Special Operations Summit will feature presentations, discussions, and technology demonstrations on:**

- Leveraging the SOF warfighter ability to contribute to and support efforts in every domain of warfare
- Establishing a globally networked force of SOF, interagency, allies, and partners
- Building the capacity to address regional contingencies and threats to stability
- Developing game changing technologies to ensure success and meet future challenges
- Current and future requirements necessary to effectively organize, train, educate, and equip forces

IDGA's 3rd Annual Special Operations Summit will bring together all relevant stakeholders to discuss the most pressing issues facing the Special Operations community. Examine future trends, identify immediate and long-term needs, and uncover up-and-coming technologies for use in critical areas essential to the USSOCOM mission. Departmental policy makers, uniformed service leaders, international and industry partners will gather in Tampa, FL to network, share best practices and expose potential paths to analyze the future of Special Operations.

The speakers, sponsors and the IDGA team all look forward to seeing you in December for the 3rd Annual Special Operations Summit!

Sincerely,



Anthony LaRocca  
Program Director, Special Operations  
IDGA  
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# Previous Special Operations Attendees Included:

## Job Titles in Attendance

160th SOAR (ABN) REGT S4	Director of Military Affairs Officer
6th Battalion Commander	Director of Military Support
6th Battalion, Command Sergeant Major	Director of Operations
Analytic Outreach Coordinator	Director of Operations, WSEC
Assistant Professor	Director of Plans, Programs & Policy
Assistant Secretary of State	Director of Plans, Programs, Requirements, and Assessments
Battalion Operations Chief	Engineer Officer
Branch Head COIN/CT/UW	F3EAD
Brigader Commander	GS-13
C4 Program Manager	Identity Superiority Manager
Capt Officer/Brigade S-35	Instructor
Chief of Tactics	Integrated Day Night Sight Principal Investigator
Chief Warrant Officer	Irregular Warfare Analyst
Colonel	Legislative Analyst
Command Sergeant Major	MARSOC Section Head
Commander	Master Gunnery Sergeant
Commander, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne)	Master Sergeant
Commander, 4th Military Information Support Group (MISG)	Master Sergeant
Commander, Navy Special Warfare Command	ONR Science Advisor
Commander's Initiative Group Officer	Operations Directorate, Sergeant Major
Commanding Officer	Portfolio Management Analyst
Counter-Intelligence Tech	Program Analyst
CW2	Program Executive Officer
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense	Program Manager
Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans and Requirements	Program Support Specialist
Deputy Commander	Project Engineer
Deputy Director	Project Officer
Deputy Director, Military Affairs Office	Royal Naval Division
Deputy SOCOM SOST	Scientist
Director (SOAL-K), Procurement Directorate	Senior SIGINT Advisor
Director of ARSOF Future Capabilities	SkyBridge Tactical
Director of Business Development	Skybridge Tect Managing Partner
Director of Irregular Warfare	SOCOM SOST Chief UASID
Director of Irregular Warfare Technological Division	Staff Officer
	US SOCOM SOST
	Vice Commander
	Wing Commander

## Accounts/Organizations in Attendance

11th Marine Expeditionary Unit	National Governors Association (NGA)
160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment Airborne	Naval Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare Command
19th Special Forces Group	Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane Division
319th SOS	Naval Surface Warfare Center-Dahlgren
6/1 SWTG(A)	Navy Expeditionary Combat Command
95TH Civil Affairs Brigade	Navy Expeditionary Warfare
Air Force Reserve Command	Navy Irregular Warfare Office
Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC)	Navy Warfare Development Command
Air National Guard	Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD)
Army Special Forces Command	Ranger Training Brigade
Army Special Operations Capabilities Integration Center (ARSOCIC)	Special Operations Center Pacific Command (SOCAPAC)
Asian & Pacific Security Affairs	Special Operations Command (SOCOM)
Atterbury-Muscatatuck Center for Complex Operations	Special Operations Command South (SOPSOUTH)
Australian Army	Special Operations Research, Development, and Acquisition Center (SORDAC)
Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center (CAJMTTC)	Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict (SOLIC)
Coast Guard Intelligence	U.S. Army
Combating Terrorism Technical Support Office (CTTSO)	U.S. Army ARDEC
Defence Science & Technology Agency	U.S. Army Command & General Staff College
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)	U.S. Army Muscatatuck
Defense Intelligence Agency	U.S. Army Ranger School
Department of Homeland Security - Science and Technology	U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC)
Department of State	U.S. Border Patrol
Human Terrain System	U.S. Central Command (CETCOM)
Indiana National Guard	U.S. Department of Energy
International Security Assistance Force (ISAF SOF)	U.S. Department of State
Joint Special Operations Command	U.S. Marine Corps
Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC)	U.S. Marines Corps Warfighting Laboratory
Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command (MARSOC)	U.S. Navy
Marine Corps Special Operations Directorate	United States Africa Command (AFRICOM)
Marine Corps Warfighting Lab	United States Border Patrol
Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex (MUTC)	University of California (USCD)
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	
National Assessment Group	
National Geospatial Intelligence Agency	

# SOF Maritime Operations Focus Day

Monday  
December 9, 2013

8:00 **Registration and Coffee**

9:00 **Chairperson's Opening Remarks**

9:15 **Confronting Expeditionary Challenges with a Full Spectrum of Capabilities**

- Enabling forces to identify, anticipate, preempt and defeat adaptive irregular threats
- Delivering enhanced capabilities that increase expeditionary warfare battlespace awareness
- Improving warfighter ability to interact with target populations, identify threat activities, solve complex problems and adapt to ambiguous situations

**Michael Harper, Ph.D**

Associate Director, Irregular and Expeditionary Warfare  
**Office of Naval Research - Global**

10:00 **SOF and Marine Corps Amphibious Capability Development**

- Identifying areas of potential Navy, Marine Corps, Special Operations collaboration
- Overcoming the challenge of coordinated immediate crisis response
- Special Purpose MAGTFs and Company Landing Teams

**Col Vincent Goulding, USMC (Ret)**

Director, Experiment Division  
**Marine Corps Warfighting Lab**

11:00 **Networking Break**

11:15 **Lessons from SOCOM Field Experimentation**

- Evaluating the role of collaborative learning environments in the evolution of SOF capabilities
- Understanding how field experimentation programs can support special operations
- Addressing potential conflicts before they are experienced in real time

**Ray Buettner, Ph.D**

Director, Field Experimentation  
**Naval Postgraduate School**

12:15 **Lunch**

1:15 **Advanced Craft and Unmanned Vehicles in the Maritime Domain**

- Providing support for the transition from dry mountainous operations to the Pacific frontier
- Aligning Naval Special Warfare Forces to support future conflicts
- Identification and development of technologies to better equip Naval operators for future challenges

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2:15 **Networking Break**

2:30 **Pacific Transition and Overcoming Asian Special Forces**

- Overarching trends/threats within the region
- How special operators have become involved in issues in the Pacific
- As U.S. forces make the transition to the Pacific, how important will maritime operations become?

**Richard Fisher**

Senior Fellow, Asian Military Affairs  
**International Assessment and Strategy Center**

3:15 **Underwater Capabilities for Special Operations**

- Providing SOF warfighters with operationally effective and sustainable maritime platforms and equipment
- Delivering advanced maritime mobility
- How will undersea and surface mobility technology impact future operations?

**Martin Irvine, Ph.D**

Science Advisor to Commander Submarine Forces  
**Office of Naval Research - Global**

4:15 **End of SOF Maritime Operations Focus Day**



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# Main Summit Day One

Tuesday  
December 10, 2013

7:30 **Registration and Coffee**

8:30 **Chairperson's Welcome and Opening Remarks**

8:45 **Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict and Interdependent Capabilities**

- Developing policy for the capabilities and operational employment of special operations forces, strategic forces and conventional forces
- Input for global irregular warfare and hybrid threats
- The SOF role after OEF and its effects on policy and capabilities

**Garry Reid, SES**

Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict

**U.S. Department of Defense**

9:30 **Educating Special Operations Forces for the Future**

- Implementing an integrated and coordinated education network to provide a knowledge transfer through SOF components
- Innovation of unconventional warfare education
- Building the JSOU Future Concept to define the strategic plan

**Dr. Brian Maher, SES**

President

**Joint Special Operations University**

10:15 **Networking and Refreshment Break**

11:00 **Maintaining Effective Support to U.S. SOCOM**

- Preparing and providing battle staff and global synchronization support
- Perfecting mission planning through advancements in special operations management systems
- Enabling network connectivity, 24/7 reach back support, and coordination venues for ISR support

**Colonel James Cardoso, USAF**

Director, Global Mission Support Center

**U.S. Special Operations Command**

11:30 **Protecting Confidential Data from the Human Threat**

- Providing users with systems that provide maximum protection of confidential data
- Countering an internal or external security threat in the command and control environment
- Increasing user productivity and operational efficiencies through improved collaboration and flexibility

**Peter Henderson**

Vice President and Founder

**Thinklogical**

12:00 **Planning, Preparing, and Conducting Special Operations in Support of SOUTHCOM**

- Building partner nation capacity to improve security from transnational organized crime
- Planning for the shift in operational priorities to maximize deployment flexibility
- Establishing partnerships with nations from the Caribbean, Central and South America

**Brigadier General Sean Mulholland, USA**

Commander

**U.S. Special Operations Command - South**

12:30 **Lunch**

1:30 **Forging the Tip of the Spear: Globalizing Special Operations Forces**

- Developing a globally networked innovative approach to achieve national security objectives
- Addressing regional contingencies and threats to stability
- Leveraging game changing technologies to ensure comparative advantage and ability to achieve success

**Major General Thomas Trask, USAF**

Director of Force Structure, Requirements, Resources and Strategic Assessments

**U.S. Special Operations Command**

2:15 **Tackling Next Generation Threats with Next Generation Capabilities**

- Warrior Web: Creating a lightweight, comfortable under-suit to improve warfighter effectiveness
- Demonstrating the advantages of an organically digitized and interconnected dismounted squad
- Developing technologies that will reduce musculoskeletal injuries through powered exoskeletons and reduced weight

**Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Hitt, USA, Ph.D**

Program Manager, Tactical Technology Office

**Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency**

3:00 **Networking and Refreshment Break**

3:30 **Irregular Warfare and Joint Distributed Operations**

- Collaborative development of joint IW-relevant doctrine
- New concepts and capabilities as part of the joint concept development and experimentation program
- Identification of joint-IW relevant capabilities and recommend priorities for capability development

**Ambassador John Herbst**

Director, Center for Complex Operations

**National Defense University**

4:00 **Conquering 21st Century Partnership Challenges and Building Regional Security**

- Enabling military commanders and U.S. Ambassadors to improve relationships with civil authorities and civilian populations
- Development of diplomacy and defense in achieving national security
- Enabling quick response to conflict, reconstruction, transition, and stability operations

**Beth Cole**

Director, Office of Civilian-Military Cooperation

**U.S. Agency for International Development**

4:30 **Developing a Global Special Operations Network**

- What is required for a globalized Special Operations network?
- What are the best practices for SOF collaboration and international effectiveness?
- How have U.S. Special Operations forces influenced global allies and partners?

**Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Macias, USAF**

PM – Special Operations Liaison Officer

**U.S. Special Operations Command**

5:00 **Cocktail Reception**





# Main Summit Day Two

Wednesday  
December 11, 2013

NAVSOC Keynote	7:30	<b>Registration and Coffee</b>	SOF Air Operations	1:30	<b>Providing Air Support to the SOF Warrior</b>
	8:30	<b>Chairperson's Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aviation support for special operations forces and conducting attack, assault, and reconnaissance missions</li> <li>Organizing, manning, training, resourcing and equipping units</li> <li>Providing responsive, special operations aviation support to SOF</li> </ul>
	8:45	<b>U.S. Navy Operational Capabilities and Strategic Planning for SOF</b>			<b>Brigadier General Clayton Hutmacher, USA</b> Commanding General <b>U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation Command</b>
PACOM Briefing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building capabilities and capacity for persistent intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance on the surface and undersea</li> <li>Assessing operational areas and environments that may serve as safe havens for unconventional threats</li> <li>Aligning Naval Special Warfare forces to support future conflicts</li> </ul> <b>Rear Admiral Brian Losey, USN</b> Commander <b>Naval Special Warfare Command</b>	SOF Air Operations	2:15	<b>Leveraging Special Operations Capabilities of the Air National Guard</b>
	9:30	<b>Preparing for the Transition of U.S. Forces to the Pacific</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assuring prompt mobilization and assistance during national emergencies</li> <li>Being prepared to deploy, operate and maintain strategic emergency communications</li> <li>Demonstrating critical wartime and peacetime responsibilities such as Predator, Rescue, and Sentry/Surveillance missions</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How special operators have become an essential force in the success U.S. Pacific Command</li> <li>Building the capacity of maritime and intelligence forces in Asia against transnational terrorist networks operating within the region</li> <li>Examination of overarching trends/threats in theater</li> </ul> <b>Rear Admiral P Gardner Howe, USN</b> Commander <b>U.S. Special Operations Command - Pacific</b>			<b>Colonel David SanClemente, USAF</b> Air National Guard Advisor <b>U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command</b>
AFRICOM Briefing		<b>Networking and Refreshment Break</b>	JCS Closing Remarks	3:00	<b>Networking and Refreshment Break</b>
	10:15	<b>Strategic Challenges and Lessons Learned from Conflicts in Africa</b>		3:30	<b>Counterterrorism through Global Communications</b>
	11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addressing rising maritime crimes in West Africa and piracy in the Gulf of Guinea</li> <li>Examining the rise of Islamic militancy and threats posed to national security</li> <li>Deciding how much U.S. security engagement is necessary, where it is needed, and in what doses</li> </ul> <b>Amanda Dory, SES</b> Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs <b>U.S. Department of Defense</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targeting extremists through public communications directed at audiences abroad</li> <li>The expanding use of the Internet and social media</li> <li>Discrediting and outmaneuvering extremist propaganda</li> </ul> <b>Ambassador Alberto Fernandez</b> Coordinator, Center for Strategic Counterterrorism Communications <b>U.S. Department of State</b>
	11:45	<b>Policy and Strategic Planning for Unconventional Warfare</b>		4:00	<b>Challenges and Opportunities for the SOF Warfighter</b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abilities to enhance Small Unit Excellence to ensure IW superiority</li> <li>Conducting and supporting outside reviews of Defense Planning Scenarios for appropriate inclusion of hybrid, complex threats</li> <li>Input for global IW/Hybrid threats</li> </ul> <b>Dr. Andrea J. Dew</b> Co-Director, Center on Irregular Warfare & Armed Groups <b>U.S. Naval War College</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparing to face new threats and new adversaries while planning for new opportunities</li> <li>Utilization of Special Operations as a source of strategic advantage for the United States</li> <li>Identifying immediate investment and prioritization for reshaping special operations forces</li> </ul> <b>Kalev Sepp, Ph.D</b> Senior Lecturer, Department of Defense Analysis <b>Naval Postgraduate School</b>
	12:30	<b>Lunch</b>		4:30	<b>Future of Special Operations and Counterterrorism</b>
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operational employment of special operations forces, strategic forces and conventional forces</li> <li>Input for global CT and hybrid threats</li> <li>The SOF role after OEF and its effects on operational capabilities</li> </ul> <b>Brigadier General Scott Howell, USAF</b> Deputy Director for Special Operations <b>U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff</b>
				5:00	<b>End of Main Summit Day Two</b>

# SOF C4ISR Operations Focus Day

Thursday  
December 12, 2013

8:00 **Registration and Coffee**

9:00 **Chairperson's Opening Remarks**

9:15 **Developing Intelligence Leaders Today for Tomorrow**

- Preparing intelligence officers to meet current and future challenges to national security
- Supporting the intelligence community
- Identification and integration of foreign, military, and domestic intelligence in defense

**Walter Andrusyszyn**

Director, National & Competitive Intelligence  
**Florida State University**

10:00 **Analyzing Social Network Based Adversaries**

- CORE lab efforts in advanced network analysis
- Leveraging advanced IT to analyze network based adversaries in IW
- Application of technologies and analytical methods

**Colonel Gregory Wilson, USA**

SOF Chair and CORE Lab Co-Director  
**Naval Postgraduate School**

11:00 **Networking Break**

11:15 **Securing Special Operations Network Interoperability**

- Encouraging the development and deployment of new and innovative networking technologies
- Driving the development and commercialization of products that could improve interoperability
- Secure transmission of data between black and red networks

**Chris Gunderson, Ph.D**

Department of Information Science  
**Naval Postgraduate School**

12:15 **Lunch**

1:15 **Intelligence through a Collaborative Network of Global Operations**

- Identifying current challenges for Global SOF and developing ways to collaborate to meet them
- Maximizing the international sharing accelerator environment
- What is the process and how do we work with SOCOM?

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2:15 **Networking Break**

2:30 **Improving Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Assets**

- Sensitive site exploitation
- Biometrics and forensic capabilities
- Utilization of identity management in unconventional warfare

**Craig Archer**

Identity Superiority Manager, PEO SRSE  
**U.S. Special Operations Command**

3:15 **Upgrading Airborne Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance**

- Utilizing Unmanned Aerial System sensors, especially new IR and SAR sensors
- Planning based on sensor accuracy, type, and persistence on the potential threat
- Detection and tracking for weight of time of intercept, holding time, density, and number of hits per unit time

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4:15 **End of SOF C4ISR Operations Focus Day**

