

NDIA DVC – 2nd Annual Aerospace Conference
Advancing the Future Battlespace: Unmanned Aerial Systems & Counter-UAS Technologies
9–10 June 2026 | University of Delaware – Clayton Hall | Newark, Delaware

Day 1 | 9 June 2026

Industry Engagement & Strategic Networking

Afternoon – Registration & Technology Showcase

- Participant check-in and badge pickup
- Technology exhibits / Presentations / Evaluation
- Early engagement with industry, government, and academic leaders

Evening – Networking Reception & Keynote (WL Gore Capability Center, 1901 Barksdale Rd, Newark, DE)

- High-impact keynote address (TBA)
 - Curated networking with senior leaders, innovators, and decision-makers
 - Informal discussions to foster collaboration and partnership opportunities
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Day 2 | 10 June 2026

Operational Insights, Policy Alignment & Innovation Pathways

Morning – Arrival & Networking

- Registration and continental breakfast
 - Informal networking across government, industry, and academia
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Opening Session

- Presentation of Colors & National Anthem
 - Welcome remarks and conference overview
 - Framing the strategic importance of UAS and Counter-UAS in the evolving battlespace
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Strategic Policy & Defense Alignment Panel - Aligning Legislative Priorities with Defense Innovation

- Insights into policy, funding, and regulatory priorities
 - Strengthening the Defense Industrial Base through public-private collaboration
 - Perspectives from senior government and policy leaders
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Operational Requirements Panel - Joint Service UAS Needs & Future Force Integration

- Current and emerging operational requirements across services
 - Integration challenges and opportunities
 - Direct engagement with military program leaders
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Networking Break - Targeted discussions and relationship building

Capability Transition Session - From Innovation to Fielding: Accelerating UAS Deployment

- Bridging the “valley of death”
 - Best practices in acquisition and transition
 - Scaling innovation into operational capability
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Industry Outlook Panel - Prime Integrators & Emerging Disruptors in the UAS Ecosystem

- Market trends and competitive landscape
 - Role of non-traditional and small businesses
 - Future opportunities across defense and commercial sectors
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Networking Lunch - Facilitated discussions and continued engagement

Mission-Focused Panel - Counter-UAS Strategy, Policy & Operational Execution

- Mission priorities and real-world challenges
 - Interagency coordination and joint operations
 - State-of-the-art capabilities and gaps
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Market Expansion & Innovation Session - Scaling the C-UAS Market: Science, Technology & Rapid Acquisition

- Emerging technologies shaping the next generation of capabilities
 - Accelerating procurement pathways
 - Opportunities for industry participation
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Afternoon Break - Continued networking and exhibitor engagement

Innovation Spotlight - Emerging Research & Academic Contributions

- Breakthrough research from leading institutions
 - Opportunities for collaboration with academia
 - Future talent pipeline and innovation ecosystem
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Closing Session

- Key takeaways and strategic insights
- Path forward for collaboration and continued engagement