



**MILITARY SIMULATION  
TRAINING SUMMIT**



**Conference Agenda**

**February 24-25, 2026**

**Celeste Hotel, Orlando, FL**

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CONFERENCE DAY 1 | FEBRUARY 24

0800	<b>REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING IN THE EXHIBITION HALL</b>
0850	<p><b>CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS</b></p> <p><b>Brigadier General (Ret.) William Glaser</b>, Former Director, Synthetic Training Environment Cross Functional Team, <b>US Army</b></p>
0855	<b>SAAB WELCOME ADDRESS</b>
0900	<p><b>UPDATES FROM CPE STRI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding the directive of CPE STRI under the new commander</li> <li>• Updates on the Project Lead Enterprise Transformation and Integration (PL ETI) office and how it has been integrated into CPE STRI</li> <li>• Defining the capabilities CPE STRI sees as the future of synthetic training for the Army</li> </ul> <p><b>Brigadier General Christine Beeler</b>, Capability Portfolio Executive (CPE) of Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (STRI), <b>US Army</b></p>
0930	<p><b>SYNTHETIC TRAINING ACROSS THE FORCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commonalities and differences across the Marines, and US Army</li> <li>• Individual needs for the Marines and US Army</li> <li>• Defining metrics for synthetic training</li> </ul> <p><b>Elizabeth Tygart</b>, Program Manager, Synthetic Training Systems, PM TRASYS, <b>Marine Corps Systems Command</b>  <b>Liz Bledsoe</b>, Program Manager, Training Devices, CPE STRI, <b>US Army</b></p>
1000	<b>INDUSTRY INSIGHTS SESSION - HOSTED BY SAAB</b>
1030	<b>NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK IN THE EXHIBITION HALL</b>
1100	<b>INDUSTRY INSIGHT SESSION – HOSTED BY CONVAI</b>

1130	<p><b>UPDATES FROM THE NEW PM TRASYS LEADERSHIP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving integration of training technology to prepare for modern complex combat scenarios</li> <li>• Live Virtual Constructive-Training Environment next steps</li> <li>• Improving partnerships with fellow branches to provide common training platforms</li> </ul> <p><b>Colonel Wyndee Young</b>, Program Manager, PM TRASYS, <b>US Marine Corps</b></p>
1200	<p><b>INDUSTRY INSIGHTS SESSION - HOSTED BY SAAB</b></p>
1230	<p><b>LUNCH AND NETWORKING IN THE EXHIBITION HALL</b></p>
1330	<p><b>MOVING THE V AND C OF LVC TRAINING FORWARD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next steps for Project Tripoli and why it is focusing on virtual constructive training forward</li> <li>• Creating advanced simulated training for Landing Craft Air Cushion</li> <li>• Moving to digitized wargaming</li> </ul> <p><b>Colonel Ryan Harrington</b>, Commanding Officer, Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Atlantic, <b>US Marine Corps</b></p>
1400	<p><b>IMPROVING INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing international partnerships for training purposes with the US Army and US Navy</li> <li>• How the Swiss Armed Forces works with the US military to strengthen its training</li> <li>• Creating joint virtual training programs</li> </ul> <p><b>Dale Whittaker</b>, Project Lead, International Programs, Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (CPE STRI), <b>US Army</b>  <b>Lloyd Kleinman</b>, International Programs Training Technologist, Surface Combat Systems Training Command (SCSTC), <b>US Navy</b></p>
1430	<p><b>INDUSTRY INSIGHTS SESSION - HOSTED BY MARATHON TARGETS</b></p>
1500	<p><b>NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK IN THE EXHIBITION HALL</b></p>

1530	<b>INDUSTRY INSIGHT SESSION – HOSTED BY VARJO</b>
1545	<p><b>INTEGRATING SIMULATED TRAINING AT THE MANEUVER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Train as you fight</li> <li>• Current Simulations Training at the Maneuver Center of Excellence</li> <li>• Transforming Training: Integrated Virtual Simulations Training</li> <li>• Focused Fidelity for Simulations</li> </ul> <p><b>Rory O’Brien</b>, Chief, Individual and Systems Training Division (ISTD), Department of Tactics, Training, and Doctrine (DOTTD), Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE), <b>US Army</b></p>
1615	<p><b>LESSONS ON EXPANDING THE USE OF WARGAMING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why failure was just as important as success</li> <li>• Next steps in continuing the expansion of wargaming</li> <li>• Understanding the evolution of technology needs for wargaming</li> </ul> <p><b>Colonel Stephen Banks</b>, Branch Head, Modelling and Simulation Learning Technologies, <b>NATO Headquarters Supreme Allied Commander Transformation</b></p>
1645	<p><b>CHAIR’S CLOSING REMARKS</b></p> <p><b>Brigadier General (Ret.) William Glaser</b>, Former Director, Synthetic Training Environment Cross Functional Team, <b>US Army</b></p>
1650	<b>END OF CONFERENCE DAY ONE</b>

CONFERENCE DAY 2 | FEBRUARY 25

0800	<b>REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING IN THE EXHIBITION HALL</b>
0850	<b>CHAIR'S WELCOME REMARKS</b>  <b>Brigadier General (Ret.) William Glaser</b> , Former Director, Synthetic Training Environment Cross Functional Team, <b>US Army</b>
0900	<b>UPDATES FROM NAWCTSD'S NEW COMMANDER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updating the key initiatives of NAWCTSD</li><li>• Joint training opportunities</li><li>• Understanding the acquisition opportunities for NAWCTSD</li></ul> <b>Captain Robert Betts</b> , Commanding Officer, Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division (NAWCTSD), <b>US Navy</b>
0930	<b>INDUSTRY INSIGHT SESSION – HOSTED BY SIMSPACE</b>
1000	<b>ADVANCING LVC TRAINING IN THE US NAVY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Integrating AI into the Navy Continuous Training Environment</li><li>• Using the Navy Continues Training Environment to create a standard DoD continuous environment</li><li>• Creating faster turnaround times to for new environments</li></ul> <b>Jim Spinelli</b> , JLVC Modernization Deputy, <b>US Navy</b> <b>Dr. Heather Priest Walker</b> , Senior Scientific Technical Manager, Live Virtual Construction Training Solutions, Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division, <b>US Navy</b> <b>Christopher Boyle</b> , LVC Training Technology Director, US Fleet Forces Command, <b>US Navy</b>

1030	<p><b>MODERNIZED READY LEARNING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivering customized learning</li> <li>• Creating on-demand learning opportunities</li> <li>• Defining a mission ready workforce</li> </ul> <p><b>Jennifer Sinclair</b>, Deputy Commander, Force Readiness Command (FORCECOM), <b>US Coast Guard</b></p>
1100	<p><b>NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK IN THE EXHIBITION HALL</b></p>
1130	<p><b>INVESTING IN CYBERSECURITY – TAKING THE NECESSARY STEPS TO PROTECT TRAINING METHODS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next steps for the Persistent Cyber Training Environment (PCTE)</li> <li>• Upskilling civilians and soldiers in the military to defend against cybersecurity issues</li> <li>• Cybersecurity standards for training platforms need to meet</li> </ul> <p><b>Colonel Natasha Coleman</b>, Project Manager Cyber, Test, and Training, Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (CPE STRI), <b>US Army</b></p>
1200	<p><b>UPDATES FROM THE NATO MODELING AND SIMULATION WORKING GROUP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bringing capabilities to life that the NATO Modeling and Simulation Group have been developing</li> <li>• Creating a simulation as a service program</li> <li>• Understanding how industry can contribute via the European Defense Fund</li> </ul> <p><b>Wim Huiskamp</b>, Chief Scientist, NATO Modelling &amp; Simulation Group, <b>NATO</b>  <b>Colonel Stephen Banks</b>, Branch Head, Modelling and Simulation Learning Technologies, <b>NATO Headquarters Supreme Allied Commander Transformation</b>  <b>Chris McGroarty</b>, Chief Engineer, Advanced Simulation, US Army Combat Capabilities Development Command - Soldier Center (DEVCOM SC), <b>US Army</b></p>
1230	<p><b>INDUSTRY INSIGHT SESSION HOSTED BY SAAB</b></p>
1300	<p><b>LUNCH AND NETWORKING IN THE EXHIBITION HALL</b></p>

1400	<p><b>SCALING SYNTHETIC TRAINING IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE AND INTEGRATING EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES INTO SYNTHETIC TRAINING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications of AI for synthetic training</li> <li>• Elevating synthetic training to match the needs of the U.S. Air Force</li> <li>• Areas of need – where the US Air Force is struggling to integrate synthetic training</li> </ul> <p><b>Kevin Cogan</b>, Innovation Director, Department of the Air Force Chief Model &amp; Simulation Office, <b>US Air Force</b></p>
1430	<p><b>OP TEMPO – DELIVERING INFORMATION CRITICAL TO ADVANCING TRAINING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data-driven capabilities to support real-time assessment</li> <li>• Objective prediction of teaming proficiency and mission readiness</li> <li>• Performance diagnostics</li> </ul> <p><b>Lieutenant Colonel Adam Willis</b>, Program Manager, Biological Technologies Office, <b>Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)</b></p>
1500	<p><b>NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK IN THE EXHIBITION HALL</b></p>
1530	<p><b>ADVANCING SIMULATED MEDICAL TRAINING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving the use of synthetic technology for medical training</li> <li>• Using replacements for cadavers to create more opportunities for training</li> <li>• Integrating emerging technology such as AI into medical training</li> </ul> <p><b>Dr. Melanie Lazarus</b>, Dean, US Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, <b>US Air Force</b>  <b>Brett Lord</b>, Assistant Program Manager, Program Executive Office Medical Systems, <b>Defense Health Agency</b></p>

<b>1600</b>	<b>GROWING THE TRAINING ECOSYSTEM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Building an ecosystem that is transparent and offers opportunities for growth</li><li>• How NAWCTSD is continuing to grow the ecosystem and provide opportunities for both large and small companies</li><li>• Current opportunities available for companies to be a part of the ecosystem</li></ul> <b>Erin Goodrich Baker</b> , Central Florida Tech Bridge Director/ Central Florida Tech Grove Program Manager, Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division (NAWCTSD), <b>US Navy</b>
<b>1630</b>	<b>CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS</b> <b>Brigadier General (Ret.) William Glaser</b> , Former Director, Synthetic Training Environment Cross Functional Team, <b>US Army</b>
<b>1635</b>	<b>END OF CONFERENCE</b>