

**WEDNESDAY August 4, 2021**

**7:00 AM - 8:00 AM** Morning Networking

**8:00 AM - 8:15 AM** **Welcome**  
Posting of Colors & National Anthem

Keith Klaehn, Chair, Colorado Defense Mission Task Force; Board of Directors, Association of Defense Communities

Mayor Bryce Ward, Fairbanks North Star Borough

Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor, State of Alaska

**8:15 AM - 9:15 AM** **A New Geopolitical Landscape and the Arctic**  
Dr. Mike Sfraga, Director, Polar Institute and Global Risk and Resilience Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars  
Mr. Will Pomeranz, Deputy Director, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars  
Mr. Robert Daly, Director, Kissinger Institute on China and the United States, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars  
Dr. Robert S. Litwak, Senior Vice President and Director of International Security Studies, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars  
The Right Honourable Baroness Catherine Ashton, Bank of America Distinguished Fellow

**9:15 AM - 9:30 AM** **Refining the US Arctic Strategy in a Changing Climate**  
Raina Thiele, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Alaska Affairs and Strategic Priorities, Department of Interior

**9:30 AM - 9:45 AM** Networking Break

**9:45 AM - 10:30 AM** **Framing the Arctic: DoD's Growing Arctic Mission**  
Moderator: Randy "Church" Kee, Maj Gen, USAF (Ret); Commissioner, US Arctic Research Commission  
Lt. Gen. David A. Krumm, Commander, Alaskan Command, US Northern Command, Eleventh Air Force, Pacific Air Forces; Northern American Aerospace Defense Command Region, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

**Alaska Organized Militia's Arctic Strategy**

Moderator: Randy "Church" Kee, Maj Gen, USAF (Ret); Commissioner, US Arctic Research Commission

Maj. Gen. Torrence W. Saxe, Adjutant General, Alaska National Guard; Commissioner, Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

**10:30 AM - 11:00 AM** **Congressional Address**  
Senator Lisa Murkowski  
Senator Dan Sullivan  
Congressman Don Young

**11:00 AM - 11:30 AM** **Alaskans as Strong Partners I: Meeting DoD's Expanding Role in Alaska**  
Moderator: Nils Andreassen, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League  
Bryce Ward, Mayor, Fairbanks North Star Borough  
John Handeland, Mayor, City of Nome  
Dennis Robinson, Vice Mayor, City of Unalaska  
Lucy Nelson, Mayor, Northwest Arctic Borough

Nathan Hadley, Chair, Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly  
Fannie Suvlu, Mayor, City of Utqiagvik

**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM** Lunch

**The Military & Alaska's Economy: Past, Present, & Future**

*The military has shaped Alaska's economy for decades by creating jobs and building infrastructure. What does the future hold?*

Keynote: Nolan Klouda, Executive Director, Center for Economic Development, University of Alaska Anchorage Business Enterprise Institute

Tim Dillon, Executive Director, Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District

Robert Venerables, Executive Director, Southeast Conference

Dr. Alyssa Rodrigues, Director, Alaska MEP Center

Jon Bittner, Director, Alaska Small Business Development Center, University of Alaska

**1:00 PM - 1:15 PM** Networking Break

**1:15 PM - 1:45 PM** **The Future Alaska: Job Readiness & Workforce Development**

Moderator: Kathy Mayo, Principal Manager, Kathy Mayo & Associates

Doug Tansy, President, Fairbanks Central Labor Council

Tiffany Simmons, Executive Director, Doyon Foundation

Dr. Diane O'Brien, University of Alaska Fairbanks

**1:45 PM - 2:15 PM** **Defense Community: A Resilience Planning Framework  
Building Resilience with BRICKs**

Keynote: John Malueg, Manager of Resiliency Programs, Stantec

**2:15 PM - 2:45 PM** **Arctic Infrastructure & Climate Policy**

Moderator: John Malueg, Manager of Resiliency Programs, Stantec

Captain Greg Fuller, Chief of Staff, 17th Coast Guard District

Allison Long, Strategic Planner, Installation of the Future, ASA IE&E, US Army

Steve Ribuffo, Director, Port of Alaska

**2:45 PM - 3:00 PM** Networking Break

**3:00 PM - 3:45 PM** **Alaskans as Strong Partners II: Strengthening Partnerships with DoD**

Moderator: Randy "Church" Kee, Maj Gen, USAF (Ret); Commissioner, US Arctic Research Commission

George Roe, Director, Office of Arctic Energy, Department of Energy

Bruno Grunau, Regional Director, Cold Climate Housing & Research Center, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Eric Velte, Senior Vice President, Chief Technology Officer, ASRC Federal

Ed Slater, Director, Government Aviation, OneWeb

**Making Arctic Elevation Data Available Through the GeoData Cooperative**

Dr. Helena Buurman, Ph.D, UAF Alaska Satellite Facility

Cathleen Williamson, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

Evan Newman, Mission Engagement Lead, Geodata Cooperative

**3:45 PM - 4:15 PM** **Supporting Military Families in the Arctic: The Role of military Community & Family Policy**

*Military Families are critical to force readiness. The Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy (MC&FP) is directly responsible for programs and policies establishing and supporting community quality of life programs for active-duty, National Guard and reserve service members, their families and survivors. Learn more about how MC&FP provides direct support and leverages the capacity of federal, state and local governments and nongovernmental entities for military families where they live.*

Keynote: Tammie Perreault, Northwest Regional Liaison, Department of Defense, Military Community & Family Policy

**4:15 PM - 5:00 PM Life in the Last Frontier: Quality of Life for Military Families in Alaska**

Moderator: Jinnel Choiniere, President & CEO, Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce

**Installation**

Catherine Miller, Deputy to the Garrison Commander, US Army Alaska

Captain Greg Fuller, Chief of Staff, 17th Coast Guard District

Colonel Adam Lange, Deputy Commander for Sustainment, US Army Alaska Fort Wainwright

Colonel Stuart A. Williamson, Commander, 354th Mission Support Group, Eielson Air Force Base

Major Amanda Henry, Commander, 354th Force Support Squadron, Eielson Air Force Base

**Community**

Shelly Wade, Principal Owner, Agnew::Beck

Jim Lynch, CEO, Chris Kyle Patriot's Hospital, North Star Behavioral Health

Keith Klaehn, Chair, Colorado Defense Mission Task Force; Board of Directors, Association of Defense Communities

Grier Hopkins, Representative, District 4, Alaska State Legislature

**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Evening Reception**

Alaska Salmon Bake