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AI'S IMPACT ON GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL SECURITY

1680 Capital One Drive, C2:Auditorium/Atrium
Tysons Corner, VA 22102

The 2026 ACG NEXT Conference will explore how autonomous, agentic AI systems are transforming the defense, government, and national security technology ecosystem.

The conference will examine how the United States and its partners are integrating AI-driven capabilities to enhance mission readiness, decision-making, and operational advantage in an increasingly complex global security environment. From accelerating mission execution to shaping the next-generation battlefield, these technologies are emerging as critical tools to maintain strategic advantage.

Conference panels will focus on:

- **Building the Agentic Ecosystem:** Policy, infrastructure, and trust
- **Decision Advantage at Machine Speed:** Command, control, and cognitive dominance
- **Autonomy in the Physical World:** Multi-domain unmanned systems, robotics, and battlefield agents
- **Bridging the Valley of Death:** Defense technology from startup to deployment

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▶ **Featured Speakers**



GENERAL STANLEY MCCRYSTAL

General Stanley McChrystal, retired United States Army General, Former Commander of U.S. and International Forces in Afghanistan & Former Leader of Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) and currently CEO and Chairman of McChrystal Group.



GENERAL RAYMOND "TONY" THOMAS

General Raymond "Tony" Thomas, retired United States Army General and former Commander of U.S. Special Operations Command.



RICHARD DANZIG

Richard Danzig is a former U.S. Secretary of the Navy and a leading advisor on national security and defense innovation. He currently chairs the Department of the Navy Advisory Committee on Science and Technology.



JOEL B. PREDD

Joel B. Predd is the director of the Center for the Geopolitics of AGI, part of the RAND Global and Emerging Risks division, and a senior engineer at RAND.

Conference Registration & Lunch	11:00 AM
Welcome to ACG NEXT Andy McEnroe, GRVTY; Matt Robinson, Razor's Edge; Morgan Higgins, Blue Delta Capital Partners	12:00 PM
Introduction to AI & National Security Joel B. Predd, Director, Center for the Geopolitics of AGI; Senior Engineer, RAND	12:05 PM (15 mins)
State of the Debt Capital Markets Carolyne Pelton, Pinnacle Financial Partners	12:20 PM (15 mins)
State of the M&A Market Ryan Hoffman, Lincoln International	12:35 PM (15 mins)
BREAK	12:50 PM (10 mins)
Fireside Chat: The Fierce Urgency of Now: AI and Cyber A discussion between Phil Root CTO, GRVTY and Richard Danzig, former Sec of Navy, Senior Fellow at JHU Applied Physics Lab	1:00 PM (45 mins)
Building the Agentic Ecosystem: Policy, Infrastructure, and Trust Panelists: Mike Pantsky, Agile Defense; Bryce Petty, Dark Wolf; Ali Reza Manouchehri, Metrostar; David Spirk, Palantir Moderated by: Morgan Higgins, Blue Delta Capital Partners	1:45 PM (40 mins)
Fireside Chat: The new reality of AI in decision making and its impact on the battlefield A discussion with General Stan McChrystal, introduction by Aidis Zunde, Cydecor Moderated by: Katie Selbe, CEO, GRVTY	2:30 PM (45 mins)
Decision Advantage at Machine Speed: Command, Control & Cognitive Dominance Panelists: Michael Davenport, Booz Allen Hamilton; Greg Stephens, Expedition Technology; Josh Wilson, LMI; Rich Briggs, RII Moderated by: Andy McEnroe, GRVTY	3:15 PM (40 mins)
Autonomy in the Physical World: Multi-domain unmanned systems, robotics, and battlefield agents Panelists: Bob Pudney, BlackSea Technologies; Paul Benfield, Forterra; Josh Knight, Integer Technologies Moderated by: Michael Robbins, Association for Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI)	3:55 PM (40 mins)
BREAK	4:25 PM (15 mins)
Fireside Chat: The Adoption of Applied Artificial Intelligence and Unmanned Capabilities A discussion with General Tony Thomas Moderated by: Jason Rigoli, Partner, Enlightenment Capital	4:40 PM (45 mins)
Bridging the Valley of Death - Defense technology from startup to deployment Panelists: Patrick Zeitouni, Hawkeye360; Tim Newberry, Razor's Edge; JD Parkes, Parry Labs; Mike Stoffregen, TurbineOne Moderated by: Andy Lustig, Cooley	5:25 PM (40 mins)
Networking Reception	6:05 PM
Main Chapter Networking Reception Closes	7:30 PM

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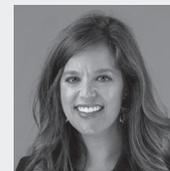
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