



GLOBAL EXPEDITIONARY LOGISTICS SYMPOSIUM 2025

THE LITTORALS

Christopher Newport University
August 5-7 2025

All Events Will Take Place in the Gaines Theatre in Christopher Newport University's Freeman Center unless otherwise noted

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

7:00-8:00 am **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
Rotunda

8:00-8:45 am **Opening Ceremonies - State of the Association of Marine Corps Logisticians**

Main Stage

Speakers:

- Kirk Spangenberg, President, Association of Marine Corps Logisticians (AMCL)
- Mayor of Newport News, Maj Phil Jones, USMC
- Dr. Nathan E. Busch, Co-Director, Center for American Studies, Christopher Newport University

8:45-9:45 am **Fireside Chat: State of Logistics**

Main Stage

Moderator: Kirk Spangenberg, President, AMCL

- LtGen Stephen Sklenka, Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps for Installations & Logistics

9:45-10:00 am **Networking Break - Exhibition Hall**

10:00-10:50 am **Panel: Building and Securing Resilient Supply Chains in Contested Littorals**

Main Stage

Moderator: Kevin Sampels, National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) Logistics Management Division

- Carrie Wibben, President, Exiger
- Louis Bergeron, Senior Vice President, Govini
- SES Richard Martin, Executive Director, Army Supply Chain Management

10:00-11:10 am **Networking Break - Exhibition Hall**

11:10-12:00 pm **Panel: Data and Artificial Intelligence**

Main Stage

Moderator: Peter Goldsborough, Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer, RENE Technologies

- BGen Michael McWilliams, Commander, Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, U.S. Transportation Command
- Col Joe Garaux, Commanding Officer, Combat Logistics Regiment 2
- Scott Sanders, Chief Growth Officer, Forterra

12:00-1:00 pm Lunch & Networking Break

David Student Union Ball Room - Second Floor

1:00-1:50 pm Fireside Chat: Future Proofing Contracting for Innovation, Agility, and Impact

Main Stage

Moderator: Scott Stalker, Chief Executive Officer, S2 - Stalker Solutions LLC

- Bonnie Evangelista, Senior Strategic Advisor, GSA

2:00-2:50 pm Panel: Logistics Wargaming & Modeling/Simulation

Main Stage

Moderator: Curtis Hudson, Principal Wargaming and Mission Systems Engineer, MITRE

- Dr. Lesley Wilhelm, Navy Operational Energy Office (Invited)
- Col Thomas Dono, Marine Corps Systems Command (Invited)
- Ms. Sandra Roshonda Thomas, Thomas Strategy Consulting
- Dr. Maegen Nix, Director - Decision Science Division, Virginia Tech Applied Research Corporation

2:50-3:20 pm Networking Break - Exhibition Hall

3:20-4:20 pm Fireside Chat: Economic Statecraft and Lawfare in the Supply Chain Fight

Main Stage

Moderator: Dr. Joanna Siekiera, Assistant Professor of International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict, War Studies University in Warsaw, Poland

- HON Erik Bethel, Co-Founder and General Partner, Mare Liberum; former U.S. Ambassador to Panama; former U.S. Representative to the World Bank

4:20-4:30 pm Closing Comments

Main Stage

4:30-6:00 pm President's Social

Freeman Center Second Floor

Wednesday, August 6

7:00-8:00 am Breakfast & Networking

Freeman Center

8:00-8:15 am Opening Comments

Main Stage

Kirk Spangenberg, President, AMCL

8:15 -9:15 am Keynote - Logistics as Deterrence

Main Stage

Patrick Kelleher, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Materiel Readiness, U.S. Department of Defense

9:15-9:45 am Networking Break - Exhibition Hall

- 9:45-10:45 pm**
Main Stage
- Panel: Advanced Manufacturing for Littoral Sustainment**
Moderator: CWO3 Matthew Pine, 2d Maintenance Battalion
- Dr. Paul L. Hartman, Executive Vice President, RGBSI Federal
 - Abhai Kumar, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering
 - Vincent H. Bridgeman, Vice President, Red Horse
 - Boniface “Gavin” McGhee, Project Manager, NCMS
- 10:45-11:45 pm**
Main Stage
- Panel: Littoral Mobility: Closing the Last Tactical 200 Miles**
Moderator: RDML Mark Melson, (USN, ret.) Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific, CTF-73
- Col Ben Mathews (USMC, ret.), Director of Government, REGENT
 - CAPT Lance Flood, Chief of Staff, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (Invited)
 - LTC Audrey Woo, Army Command and General Staff College
 - Col John Sattely (USMC, ret), Executive Director for Contested Logistics, ManTech
 - LtCol Tim Smith, Marine Corps Warfighting Lab
- 12:00-1:00 pm** **Lunch/Networking Break**
David Student Union Ball Room, Second Floor
- 1:00-2:00 pm**
Main Stage
- Panel: Energy Protecting Contested Littoral Zones**
Moderator: Rob Cranston, CEO, CANA
- Phil Voss, Senior Project Leader, Accelerated Deployment & Decision Support Center, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)
 - Mark Chung, Group Manager, Decision Support Analyst, Center for Integrated Mobility Sciences, NREL
- 2:00-2:15 pm** **Networking Break - Exhibition Hall**
- 2:15-3:15 pm**
Main Stage
- Panel: OnRamping the Future of Logistics and Manufacturing**
Moderator: Trish Martinelli, CEO, The Difference
- Maj Gen Ed “Hertz” Vaughan, Executive Director, Joint Rapid Acquisition Cell
 - Bonnie Evangelista, Federal Acquisition Expert, Currently Supporting the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul Team
 - Aniza Butler, Head of Air Force Logistics Programs, Red Horse Corporation, and CEO, The Rosie Project
 - Wilbert Williams, DoD Mentor-Protege Program
 - Kylie Gaskins, Deputy Director, Enabling Future Capabilities Transition, OSUD A&S
- 3:15-3:45 pm** **Networking Break - Exhibition Hall**
- 3:45-4:45 pm**
Main Stage
- Keynote: Global Logistics, Digital, and Industry**
Major General Karl D. Pierson, Director for Reserve Affairs Division, Manpower & Reserve Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps
- 4:45-5:15 pm** **Networking Break - Exhibition Hall**
- 5:15-6:00 pm**
Main Stage
- Awards Ceremony**

6:00-7:30 pm Reception
Freeman Center Second Floor

Thursday, August 7

7:00-8:00 am Breakfast & Networking
Rotunda

8:00-8:15 am Introductory Address: Christopher Newport University President
Main Stage RADM William Kelly (US Coast Guard, retired)

8:15-9:15 am Keynote:
Main Stage LtGen Frank Donovan, Vice Commander, US Special Operations Command

9:15-10:15 am Panel: Marine Corps Logistics Modernization
Main Stage **Moderator:** Col Aaron Angell, Director, Logistics Combat Element Capabilities Development Directorate, Concepts, Development & Integration, HQMC

- LtCol Brian Geisen, Operations Officer, 2nd Marine Logistics Group
- Capt Rachel Carmichael, 2d Maintenance Battalion
- Capt Tyler Womack, Concepts Development & Integration
- CWO3 Matthew Pine, 2d Maintenance Battalion
- CWO2 Zachary Gates, 2d Maintenance Battalion

10:45-11:45 pm Panel: Army Contested Logistics and Joint Innovations
Main Stage **Moderator:** Col Howard Marotto, Marine Corps Additive Manufacturing Subject Matter Expert / Liaison to the Office of Naval Research, Code 33

- MG (ret) Edward Dorman, Executive Vice President and COO, S10 Consulting, Chair of the NDIA Contested Logistics Subcommittee
- Austin Gray, Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer, Blue Water Autonomy

11:45-12:00 pm Closing Remarks
Main Stage Kirk Spangenberg (Col, USMC, retired), President of AMCL