



The Irregular Warfare COI Symposium

Amplify. Illuminate. Address.

Agenda

Description: The Irregular Warfare Center (IWC) is hosting a three-day symposium in which Irregular Warfare (IW) practitioners and representatives from the interagency, industry and academia gather to expand the IW-focused community of interest. The symposium begins with a keynote address, followed by a series of panels focused on the IWC's three lines of effort: Illuminate, Amplify, and Address. Day one illuminates the IW efforts of Department organizations, with special attention to the TRIAD, operations in the information environment, and IW sustainment. Day two illuminates lessons learned and emerging trends in Europe, Asia, and Africa. Day three explores emerging interests that are playing a key role in global security challenges.

Vision: Facilitate the congregation of IW communities of interest, broadly defined, with the goal of illuminating emerging IW threats, opportunities, and amplifying current efforts. Provide visualization of how the Irregular Warfare Center's Functional Area Networks (FANs) can interact to collaboratively problem solve global, complex IW challenges.

Date & Location: March 11-13, 2024; Hyatt Regency, 7901 Tysons One Place, Mclean, VA 22102.

- All panels will be held in the general assembly hall.
- Breakout room will be used for networking and available workspace if needed.
- Agenda is subject to change.

Success Criteria:

- Interconnecting various IW communities to create a collaborative network to solve complex problems.
- Amplify IW community successes and introduce the concept of IW global networks as a strategic approach to complex problem solving.
- Illuminate emerging trends and threat trends to focus education and training to better prepare strategists and practitioners to address irregular activities that threaten national security and allies and partners.
- Improve integrated deterrence and capabilities with ally and partner nations, industry, academia, and nongovernmental organizations.
- Explain the evolutionary concept of empowered Functional Area Networks (FANs) and solicit feedback on the concept.

Day 1 – Focus: Government

0800 - 0815 Welcome and Symposium Introduction

Presenter: BG(R) Chris Burns, IWC

0815 - 0845 Opening Remarks An overview of the IWC and recent efforts around the globe; how the IWC can facilitate integration across IW community stakeholders; introduce the 'empowered' FAN concept and set it apart from other COIs.

Presenter: Dr. Dennis Walters, IWC Director (Acting)

0845 - 0915 Keynote Speaker

Presenter: Ms. Maren Brooks, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Irregular Warfare and Counterterrorism

0915 - 0930 Scene Setter - Introduce the Three LOEs of the IWC and Discuss Amplify and its Importance

Presenter: BG(R) Chris Burns, IWC



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Day 1 – Focus: Government (Continued)

0930 - 1100 TRIAD (SOF/SPACE/CYBER) Discussion surrounding Irregular Warfare in Special Operations Forces/Space/Cyber.

Moderator: Dr. Robert Redding, IWC
FAN: SOF/SPACE/CYBER
Panelists: RDML Tracey Hines, US Space Command
BG(R) Adam Silvers

1100 - 1230 Lunch/Networking

1230 - 1400 Operations in the Information Environment (OIE) Discussion of new ways of examining operations in the information environment, from innovative modeling to proactive approaches.

Moderator: J.D. Maddox, IWC
FAN: OIE
Panelists: RDML Mike Brown, OIE Division Director, N2/N6, in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
Dr. Darren Linville, Clemson University
Dr. Brian Kettler, Defense Threat Reduction Agency

1400 - 1430 Break/Networking

1430 - 1600 Intel Support to IW Discussion on understanding how current functions of intelligence supports Irregular Warfare and its role in strategic competition.

Moderator: Mohamad Mirghahari, IWC
FAN: Intel Support to IW
Panelists: Ricardo Coleman, Director-Counterintelligence and Security Integration OUSD(R&E), NCITF
Harold Ingram, Director, Office of Analysis S. Asian Affairs, Bureau of I&R, US State Department
Tony Gilgis, Gray Zone Consulting

1600 - 1630 Closeout

Presenter: BG(R) Chris Burns, IWC

Day 2 – Focus: Illuminating IW Across Regions

0800 - 0830 Scene Setter - Explain what Illuminate is and How it's Leveraged as an IWC LOE

Presenter: BG(R) Chris Burns, IWC

0830 - 0945 IW Assessments, Doctrine, and Lessons Learned Fireside Chat

Moderator: Dr. Dennis Walters, IWC Director (Acting)
Guest: Mr. Richard Tilley, Director, Office of Irregular Warfare and Competition, JS, J7

0945 - 1000 Break/Networking



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Day 2 – Focus: Illuminating IW Across Regions (Continued)

1000 - 1130 IW Education What are institutions doing to further IW education.

Moderator: BG(R) Chris Burns, IWC
FAN: IW Educators
Panelists: David Brown, COL USA (Retired), Naval War College
LTC Paul Amis, Joint Staff, J7, Office of Irregular Warfare and Strategic Competition
LTC Tim Murphy, IW Academy, US Special Warfare Center and School

1130 - 1300 Lunch/Networking

1300 - 1320 Scene Setter- Consilience: Irregular Warfare meets Irregular Science

Presenter: Ms. Carolyn Davidson, Associate Dean, NDU, CISA, Joint Special Operations MA Program, Ft. Liberty, NC

1320-1330 Break/Networking

1330 - 1420 Asia Focus on Chinese irregular activities in the region; illuminate lawfare, economic influence, emerging technology, and disruption.

Moderator: Dr. Joshua Haste, IWC
Panelists: Dr. Jeremiah “Lumpy” Lumbaca, Asia Pacific Center
Dr. Ian Forsyth, National Defense University
Dr. Patricia Blocksome, Joint Special Operations University

1420 - 1430 Break/Networking

1430 - 1520 Europe Illuminate Russian aggression and malign influence activities in the Baltic and Black Sea regions and the use of artificial intelligence as an information operation threat.

Moderator: Dr. Michael McMahon, IWC
Panelists: Shiho Rybski, IWC, Hybrid Center of Excellence (HCoE)
Dr. Tor Bukkvoll, Senior Research Fellow, Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI)
Dr. Sandor Fabian, IWC

1520 - 1530 Break/Networking

1530 - 1620 Africa Discuss Russian and Chinese activities in Africa including political, economic influence and security intervention.

Moderator: Peter Chin, IWC
Panelists: Dr. Sean McFate, National Defense University, College of International Security Affairs; Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs
Dr. Paul Nantulya, Africa Center for Strategic Studies
Dr. Ian Edgerly

1620 - 1700 Closeout

Presenter: BG(R) Chris Burns, IWC



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Day 3 – Focus: Emerging Interests

0800 - 0830 Scene Setter - Discuss how Identified Threats are Addressed Through Countering and Conducting IW (or Being Prepared to Conduct IW to Deter)

Presenter: BG(R) Chris Burns, IWC

0830 - 1020 High North/Arctic Illuminate the unique geographic and logistical challenges of countering Russian revisionist behavior in the high north. Amplify ongoing efforts to address these challenges.

Moderator: Shiho Rybski, IWC, Hybrid Center of Excellence (HCoE)

FAN: Arctic

Panelists: Dr. Njord Wegge, Norway High North
Dr. Marius Kristiansen, Norway High North
Dr. Brian Cole, National Defense University

1020 - 1030 Break/Networking

1030 - 1200 Ahead of the Curve: Addressing New Hybrid Threats through Emerging Tech This panel will discuss integrating advanced technology in countering complex, multi-domain challenges.

Moderator: Nolan Peterson, IWC

FAN: Emerging Technology

Panelists: Dr. Patrick Warren, Clemson University
Ricardo Coleman, Director – Counterintelligence and Security Integration OUSD(R&E)
Jake Dyal, CERTUS Group
Curtis Fox, IWTS&D

1200 - 1330 Lunch/Networking

1330 - 1450 Empowering Resilience at the Local Government Level

Presenter: Dr. Dennis Walters, IWC Director (Acting)

1450 - 1500 Break/Networking

1500 - 1530 Middle East How lessons learned from recent Middle East activities illuminate emerging trends below the threshold of war and significance of violent extremist organizations as proxies.

Presenter: Varsha Koduvayur, IWC

1530 - 1600 Symposium Summary

Presenter: Dr. Dennis Walters, IWC Director (Acting)