



BRIEFING ROOM

Virtual Conference: Global Update

The first ever DOCA Virtual Conference is pleased to provide you with a range of topics relevant to the world we are living in today. Our speakers will have a diverse insight into leadership, National Security, and the US Government. The goal of this conference is to keep you informed from real world leaders on topics you will not hear in the news.

Speakers

Below you will find a brief agenda for each speaker and their bio.

1st Speaker - Congressman Chris Stewart

Agenda

COVID-19 Outbreak and the Impact to National Security

Chris Stewart is the Congressman from Utah's Second Congressional District. He is a No. 1 New York Times best-selling and national award-winning author, world-record-setting Air Force pilot, and the former owner/CEO of a small business.

Chris is one of ten children and grew up on a dairy farm in Cache Valley. He graduated from Utah State University, where he earned his degree in economics. Upon graduation, Chris joined the United States Air Force where he was the Distinguished Graduate (top of his class) in both Officer Training School and Undergraduate Pilot Training. He served for fourteen years as a pilot in the Air Force, flying both rescue helicopters and the B-1B bomber. He holds three world speed records, including the world's record for the fastest non-stop flight around the world.

Chris is a prolific author having written 18 books, several of which have become national best-sellers, and have been published in six different countries.

Before being elected to Congress, Chris served as president and CEO of the Shipley Group, a nationally recognized firm for consulting expertise in energy and the environment. He and his wife, Evie, are the parents of six children.

Chris serves as a senior member on three of the most important committees in Congress: House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, House Appropriations Committee, and the House Budget Committee.

2nd Speaker - Chief Master Sergeant Robert Walker

Agenda

To be an Airmen in today's world

*Leading in a crisis: Trust, Transparency, Compassion, Creativity
Way Ahead*

Chief Master Sgt. Robert Walker is the Command Chief Master Sergeant of the 480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia. Walker advises the commander on all aspects of the worldwide intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance operations of six ISR groups, supporting nine Numbered Air Force commanders, including more than 6,000 military, civilian and contractor personnel, and a total enterprise valued at more than \$5 billion.

Walker joined the United States Air Force Sep. 11, 1996. He has served and led at the squadron, group, wing and headquarters levels within two distinct Air Force specialties. He has filled positions ranging from noncommissioned officer in charge, to first sergeant and superintendent during his diverse career. Additionally, Walker has operational experience in South and Central America as well as combat tours in Operations Desert Fox, Northern Watch and Enduring Freedom. He has displayed consistent, superior performance at the tactical, operational and strategic levels of enlisted leadership and development. Walker completed three tours at the Pentagon where he served as Superintendent of the Headquarters Air Force, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Directorate, Special Access Programs Division, the Air Force Enlisted Legislative Fellow, working in the office of U.S. Senator John Boozman, and as Deputy Chief of Strategic Basing and Force Structure for the Secretary of the Air Force, Legislative Liaison.

Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Superintendent, 6th Operations Group, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, and chief enlisted advisor to the group commander.

3rd Speaker - Lt. Gen. Mike Minihan, USAF

Agenda

Impacts of the DoD Stop Move,

Impacts to the DoD Budget Process,

Coordination with Allies and Partners,

Lessons Learned for the Business/Civic Community, etc.

Lt. Gen. Mike Minihan is the Deputy Commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii. He directs and enables activities and operations that support the Combatant Commander's priorities and promotes U.S. interests in the Indo-Pacific region through peace, crisis and war.

General Minihan entered the Air Force in April 1990 after receiving his commission through the ROTC program at Auburn University. He completed undergraduate pilot training in 1991 and served as an aircraft commander, instructor pilot and evaluator pilot in the C-130 Hercules. He has commanded in garrison, crisis and combat and at the squadron, wing and task force levels. He also held staff assignments at Headquarters Air Force, U.S. Transportation Command and Pacific Air Forces. Most recently, General Minihan served as Chief of Staff for United Nations Command, U.S. Forces Korea, and then U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

General Minihan is a command pilot with more than 3,400 flying hours and qualifications in C-130, KC-10, and C-32 aircraft.

4th Speaker - Maj. Gen. Rafael A. Ribas

Agenda

SOUTHCOM Command Brief

Major General Rafael A. Ribas serves as the Deputy Commander for Mobilization and Reserve Affairs, U.S. Southern Command, Doral, Florida. He is the principal advisor for reserve matters to the commander providing oversight on manpower, personnel and administrative functions to maximize the effective integration of the Reserve Component in support of the Combatant Commander's theater campaign plan.

Major General Ribas was commissioned through the University of Miami Reserve Officer Training Corps program in 1987. His education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from the University of Miami. He has a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College and is also a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Air War College.

Major General Ribas has served in various key leadership, command, and operational assignments in the 53rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT), the Florida Joint Force Headquarters, and the Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning, Georgia. In August of 2007 he took command of 2nd Battalion, 124th Infantry Regiment while concurrently serving as the State Partnership Program Coordinator for U.S. Southern Command. In November 2011 he was assigned as Executive Officer of the IBCT and served as the Chief of Staff of Task Force Republican National Convention in Tampa in August 2012. In March of 2013 he was assigned as Deputy Commander and subsequently in January 2015 as the Commander of the 53rd IBCT, the State's largest Major Subordinate Command.

In March 2016, he was assigned as the Director of the Joint Staff - Florida National Guard, responsible for directing the activities of the Army and Air Joint Staff and serving as the principal advisor to the Adjutant General on domestic operations. During Hurricanes Matthew (2016), Irma (2017), and Michael (2018) he was nominated by the Governor and appointed by the Secretary of Defense to serve as the Dual Status Commander for hurricane response operations within Florida. During Hurricane Irma, he commanded over 10,500 Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine personnel. From January 2018 to May 2019, he concurrently served as the Deputy Commanding General-ARNG, United States Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, Fort Benning, Georgia.

Major General Ribas is a veteran of two deployments to Iraq, in 2003-2004 as the Executive Officer of the 1-124th IN (Ramadi, Iraq) and in 2010 as Commander of the 2-124th IN (Kuwait/Iraq). His personal decorations include the Combat Infantryman Badge, Bronze Star with "V" Device and 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Florida Cross, and German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Gold). He is also a Level III designated Joint Qualified Officer.