



Defense Orientation Conference Association
Live: Virtual Conference

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday, January 22, 2021

8:00AM to 12:00PM PST via Microsoft TEAMS

Latin America and U.S. National Security Issues

Guest Speakers

**Dr. Cynthia Watson, Dean of Faculty and Academic Affairs,
National Defense University**

**Colonel Patrick Mathes, U.S Army, Retired; Representative for the William J.
Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies at (USSOUTHCOM)**

**Mr. Douglas “Doug” Farah, President, IBI Consultants;
Senior Visiting Fellow, National Defense University’s Center for Complex Operations**

**Mr. Paul Vaky, Regional Director for Central and Eastern Europe/Near East at
U.S. Department of Justice**

Tentative Conference Schedule

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- 7:00 AM** **Event opens** – Members can connect to Microsoft Teams an hour prior to event.
Please check TEAMS accessibility before 7:45 when IT support is available.
- 8:00 AM** **Welcome Remarks: Mr. Garry Hubert, President, DOCA**
- 8:03 AM** **Opening Remarks and Introductions: Brig Gen Bruce Burda, USAF, Retired (Moderator).**
General Burda had a 29-year Air Force career in which his last assignment was as Commander of the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing and ACCE, JTF-76 at Bagram Air Force Base in Afghanistan.
- 8:05 AM** **National Defense University: Overview of Organization and Mission**
**Remarks: Dr. Cynthia Watson, Dean of Faculty and Academic Affairs,
National Defense University**
- 8:20 AM** **U.S. Southern Command Update and Current Issues**
**Remarks: Colonel Patrick Mathes, U.S Army, Retired; Representative for the
William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies at (USSOUTHCOM)**
Live Member Q & A
Discussion Ends

- 8:55 AM** **Weighing Chinese Involvement in Latin America**
Remarks: Dr. Cynthia Watson, Dean of Faculty and Academic Affairs,
National Defense University
- Live Member Q & A**
Discussion Ends
- 9:45 AM** **Break**
- 9:50 AM** **Central American Drivers for Upheaval and Migration**
Remarks: Mr. Douglas “Doug” Farah, President, IBI Consultants;
Senior Visiting Fellow, National Defense University’s Center for Complex Operations
- Live Member Q & A**
Discussion Ends
- 10:30 AM** **South America Review of Key Issues and Focus Countries**
Remarks: Mr. Paul Vaky, Regional Director for Central and Eastern Europe/Near East
at U.S. Department of Justice and Colleagues
- Live Member Q & A**
Discussion Ends
- 12:00 PM** **Closing Remarks: Mr. Garry Hubert, President, DOCA**
- Conference Concludes**