



Defense Orientation Conference Association

Live: Virtual Conference

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday, October 30, 2020

8:00AM to 12:00AM PDT via Microsoft TEAMS

AFGHANISTAN UPDATE AND ITS NATIONAL SECURITY IMPACTS

Guest Speakers

Ambassador Deborah McCarthy, former U.S. Ambassador to Lithuania

Ambassador Hugo Llorens, former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan

Ambassador John Bass, former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan

U.S. Army Brigadier General (Retired) Steven M. Anderson

USCENTCOM Central Command (USCENTCOM) Guest Speaker TBD

Mr. Jim Durso, Managing Director, Corsair LLC

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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. Bob Jans, 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** **J3 or J5 at USCENTCOM to provide overall operations and policy update and status of US forces in the country.**
- Remarks: TBD**
- Live Member Q & A**



- 9:00 AM** **Former U.S Ambassadors panel discussion on diplomatic and Country Team approaches, their roles and responsibilities, and their experiences in Afghanistan. They will also share their thoughts on ongoing peace talks, and long-term plans to stabilize and support security, commerce, social equality, and economic progress in the country.**
- Remarks: Ambassador Deborah McCarthy, former U.S. Ambassador to Lithuania; Ambassador Hugo Llorens and Ambassador John Bass, former U.S. Ambassadors to Afghanistan**
- Live Member Q & A**
- 10:30 AM** **Break**
- 10:40 AM** **Roundtable panel discussion on the current status and future of a US presence in Afghanistan and what it means for the country and region from a commerce perspective.**
- Remarks: U.S. Army Brigadier General (Retired) Steven M. Anderson; Mr. James Durso, Managing Director of Corsair LLC**
- Live Member Q & A**
- 11:50 AM** **Closing Remarks: Mr. Bob Jans, President, DOCA**
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