



## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

### Mission Tours

8:15 AM	Leave Westmark Fairbanks Hotel
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Eielson Air Force Base Mission Brief and Tour
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Lunch at Yukon Club
12:30 PM – 1:15 PM	Transport to Ft. Wainwright
1:15 PM – 3:00 PM	US Army Alaska and Fort Wainwright Mission Brief
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Windshield Tour of Post (Operational & Support Units)
4:15 PM	Return to Westmark Fairbanks Hotel

### University, Community, and Military Partnerships Tour

8:30 AM	Leave Westmark Fairbanks Hotel
9:00 AM – 10:00 PM	Case Studies of Research, Partnerships, and Opportunities in Support of National Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alaska Center for Energy and Power</li> <li>• Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration</li> <li>• Cold Climate Housing Research Center</li> </ul>
10:00 AM – 12:45 PM	Facilities and Labs Tours
12:45 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch & Roundtable discussion
2:30 PM	Return to Westmark Fairbanks Hotel



## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Joint Armed Services Committee Breakfast Meet and Greet <i>(Invite Only)</i>
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Registration Open
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	<p><b>WELCOME/OPENING SESSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Color Guard &amp; National Anthem</li> </ul> <p><b>Welcome:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Keith Klaehn, Association of Defense Communities Board of Directors, Chairman of the Colorado Springs Military Affairs Council</li> <li>• Mayor Bryce J. Ward, Fairbanks North Star Borough</li> <li>• Rep. Geran Tarr, Co-Chair Joint Armed Services Committee, Alaska State Legislature</li> </ul> <p><b>Keynote Address:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Mike Sfraga, Director, Polar Institute and Global Risk and Resilience Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars</li> </ul>
2:00 PM – 2:15 PM	<i>Networking Break</i>
2:15 PM – 3:45 PM	<p><b>ARCTIC AND US NATIONAL SECURITY</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Mike Sfraga, Director, Polar Institute and Global Risk and Resilience Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Jim Townsend, Global Fellow, Polar Institute, Wilson Center, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for NATO and Europe2, US Department of Defense</li> <li>• Dr. Stacy Closson, Global Fellow, Polar Institute and Kennan Institute, Wilson Center, former political-military analyst, US Department of Defense</li> <li>• Major General (Ret.) Randy “Church” Kee, Executive Director, Arctic Domain Awareness Center</li> <li>• Major General Peter B. Andrysiak, Commander, US Army Alaska</li> </ul>
3:45 PM – 4:00 PM	<i>Networking Break</i>
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<p><b>MISSION RESILIENCY: THE ROLE OF DEFENSE COMMUNITIES</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brigadier General Torrence Saxe, Adjutant General, Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor Bryce J. Ward, Fairbanks North Star Borough</li> <li>• Mr. Keith Klaehn, Association of Defense Communities Board of Directors, Chairman of the Colorado Springs Military Affairs Council</li> <li>• Colonel Christopher Ruga, Garrison Commander, US Army Garrison Alaska</li> </ul>



5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	<i>Break / Transportation to Reception</i>
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	<p><b>WELCOME RECEPTION</b>  <i>Morris Thompson Cultural &amp; Visitor Center</i></p> <p>Please join us for a unique opportunity to network with various stakeholders and installations from across the state in a relaxed environment.</p> <p><b>Welcome:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Luke Hopkins, former Mayor, Fairbanks North Star Borough</li> <li>• Brigadier General Torrence Saxe, Adjutant General, Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs</li> <li>• Colonel Benjamin W. Bishop, Commander, 354th Fighter Wing, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska</li> </ul>
<b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4</b>	
7:00 AM – 8:45 AM	State Executive Leadership Breakfast ( <i>Invite Only</i> )
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Registration Open
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	<p><b>ENHANCING A STATE'S MILITARY ECONOMY</b></p> <p><b>Welcome:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senator Lisa Murkowski</li> </ul>
9:15 AM – 10:00 AM	<p>Defense spending enhances local economies across the 50 states and US territories, positively affecting local job growth and business development. Defense dollars extend beyond the fence line of military bases into civilian employment across a range of industries. This panel will discuss the substantial impact of military defense dollars in Alaska and discuss ways defense communities and the state can leverage these opportunities.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major General U.S. Army (Ret) Mark Hamilton, President Emeritus of the University of Alaska System</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Nolan Klouda, Executive Director, Center for Economic Development, University of Alaska Anchorage</li> <li>• Mr. Keith Klaehn, Association of Defense Communities Board of Directors, Chairman of the Colorado Springs Military Affairs Council</li> <li>• Ms. Julie Anderson, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development</li> <li>• Mr. Craig Bond, Defense Logistics Agency Indo-Pacific, Alaska WSR</li> </ul>
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	<i>Networking Break</i>



<p>10:15 AM – 11:15 AM</p>	<p><b>INSTALLATION RESILIENCY: ENERGY, UTILITIES, &amp; INFRASTRUCTURE</b></p> <p>This session will explore how installations and communities need to evolve to support readiness, new missions, and emerging challenges.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• George Roe, Research Professor, Alaska Center for Energy &amp; Power</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Gwen Holdmann, Alaska Center for Energy &amp; Power</li> <li>• Mr. J. E. “Jack” Surash, P.E., Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army Energy &amp; Sustainability</li> <li>• Mr. Frederico Bartels, Policy Analyst for Defense Budgeting, The Heritage Foundation</li> <li>• Ms. Danny Wallace &amp;/or Catherine Miller - partnerships</li> </ul>
<p>11:15 AM – 11:30 AM</p>	<p><i>Networking Break</i></p>
<p>11:50 AM – 12:45 PM</p>	<p><b>Lunch Program</b></p> <p><b>MEETING MARKET EXPECTATIONS FOR MILITARY HOUSING IN THE ARCTIC</b></p> <p>Panelists discuss challenges with housing both on installations and in the communities as well as provide examples of successful methods to develop new housing solutions and existing funding sources for new housing planning and development in local communities.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor Bryce J. Ward, Fairbanks North Star Borough</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shelly Wade, Principal, Agnew::Beck</li> <li>• Jack Hébert, Chief Executive Officer/Founder, Cold Climate Housing Research Center</li> <li>• Lt Col Jim “Snitch” Christensen, Eielson Air Force Base</li> <li>• LTC Joel Johnson, Garrison Commander, USAG Fort Greely</li> </ul>
<p>12:45 PM – 1:00 PM</p>	<p><i>Networking Break</i></p>
<p>1:00 PM – 2:15 PM</p>	<p><b>QUALITY OF LIFE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Sarah Chambers, Division Director, Alaska Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Tammie Perreault, Defense-State Liaison Office, Military Community and Family Policy, Department of Defense</li> <li>• Ms. Magen James, Executive Director, Alaska Coalition for Veterans and Military Families</li> <li>• Ms. Nicole Baldwin, Wing Key Spouse</li> <li>• Ms. Jackie Morton, UAF</li> <li>• Major Shannon Terry, Director, Work for Warriors</li> </ul>



2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	<i>Networking Break</i>
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	<p><b>KEY TAKEAWAYS &amp; NEXT STEPS</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Keith Klaehn, ADC Board of Directors</li></ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayor Bryce J. Ward, Fairbanks North Star Borough</li><li>• Brigadier General Torrence Saxe, Adjutant General, Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs</li><li>• Colonel Benjamin W. Bishop, Commander, 354th Fighter Wing, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska</li><li>• Mr. Steve Lundgren, President and CEO, Denali State Bank</li></ul>