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Congressional, Defense and Innovation Leaders to Speak in Newport at Defense Innovation Days

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Committee, will speak at the Opening Reception***

Newport, R.I. (27 June 2019)— Congressional and other Defense leaders are set to speak at the Southeastern New England Defense Industry Alliance’s (SENEAIA) Sixth Annual Defense Innovation Days event at the Newport Marriot on 26 – 28 August 2019.

Defense Innovation Days is SENEAIA’s annual three-day event highlighting innovation and technology in the defense arena – from undersea technology and cybersecurity, to the warfighter’s perspectives.

“Industry leaders look forward to this event each year, as it provides a forum where policymakers and business leaders can engage and learn from one another,” said Molly Donohue Magee, SENEAIA Executive Director.

Several prominent Department of Defense leaders will be participating including: James “Hondo” Guerts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development & Acquisition (ASN RDA) and Vice Admiral Nancy Norton, Director, Defense Information Systems Agency. “We look forward to hearing these innovation influencers’ insights at Defense Innovation Days,” added Magee.

Platinum Sponsors for the event are Raytheon and General Dynamics. Gold Sponsor for the event is L3 Harris. “These companies are leaders in the Defense sector. Their participation in Defense Innovation Days helps to highlight Rhode Island as a leader in Defense and Undersea Technology Innovation,” said Magee.

Congressional leaders speaking include: U.S. Senator Jack Reed (RI), Ranking Member Senate Armed Services Committee; U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (RI); U.S. Congressman Jim Langevin (RI); U.S. Congressman David Cicilline (RI); U.S. Congressman Joe Courtney (CT); and U.S. Congressman Bill Keating (MA).

“The Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts Congressional leaders provide meaningful discussions that elaborate on Defense topics from the policy perspective,” said Magee. “Having their input is essential to solidifying relationships between key innovators in the industry.”

This year SENEDIA is again collaborating with the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Newport’s Advanced Naval Technology Exercise (ANTX) 2019. ANTX demonstrates future Navy technologies and provides a low-risk environment in which scientists and engineers can evaluate their technological innovations at the research and development level. The opening session of ANTX will be in the afternoon on 28 August, just after the closing session of Defense Innovation Days.

Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin and Mercury Systems are Silver Sponsors for the event. Bronze Sponsors include: Evans Capacitor Company; Globe Composite Systems, Huntington Ingalls; iXblue Defense Systems; Kraken Robotic Systems; Leidos; National Institute for Undersea Vehicle Technology; ORBIS; Progeny Systems; Rite-Solutions; SAIC; and TE Connectivity.

About SENEDIA:

The Southeastern New England Defense Industry Alliance is a catalyst for thought leadership and innovation in undersea technology, cybersecurity and defense technologies. The organization is focused on growing regional opportunities in the defense and homeland security sectors and facilitates associated workforce development efforts.

For more information on Defense Innovation Days including registration, please visit: www.defenseinnovationdays.com.

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