

2026 AUSA

ANNUAL MEETING & EXPOSITION
12-14 OCTOBER | WASHINGTON, DC



Key Information on Registration, Invitations, Ticket Requests, and Badge Pick Up International Military Delegations

The 2026 AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition will be held 12-14 October at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. USA. The procedures for registration, ticket requests and badge pick up are outlined below.

BADGE REGISTRATION and PICK UP:

Delegations are asked to submit a list of all anticipated attendees within their delegation to AUSA. Badges will be produced based off this list. There is no cost associated with registration. Upon submission of the registration list each delegation is asked to reserve a time slot to pick up their entire delegation's badges and tickets. Appointments can be made [HERE](#).

Tickets and Badges must be picked up on-site at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center during registration hours. Badges will not be pre-printed or distributed prior to registration opening. Please visit the International Military Counter in the East Registration area to retrieve your badges and tickets.

INVITATION TO SOCIAL FUNCTIONS:

Principals receive a formal invitation to the Annual Meeting, including various social events. Should the Principal not be able to attend, they may appoint an appropriately ranked designee. There is a certain allotment for tickets for each event, these are listed below.

MG ROBERT MOORHEAD GUARD/RESERVE BREAKFAST

Monday, 12 October 2026 | 0700 – 0830
Marriot Marquis | Independence Ballroom (M4)

AUSA's outstanding chapter efforts in support of Reserve Component Soldiers and families are recognized at this breakfast. The 2026 Walter T. Kerwin Readiness Award will be presented to the outstanding US Army National Guard and Reserve units.

Ticket Allotment: Complementary tickets will be applied to OCAR invited delegates; no delegation action is required. Additional tickets must be purchased for this event.

OPENING CEREMONY

Monday, 12 October 2026 | 0930 - 1115
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The Opening Ceremony celebrates the U.S. Army through pageantry and music, along with AUSA National Award Presentations. Opening remarks: President and CEO, AUSA; Keynote: Secretary of the Army. The awards ceremony will follow the Secretary's address.

Ticket Allotment: Two (2) tickets for reserved seating section provided complimentary. Chiefs of Army will be given by name seating, AUSA will reach out to individual delegations for coordination.

BEST SQUAD, NCO, AND SOLDIER OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON

Monday, 12 October 2026 | 1230 – 1430
Marriott Marquis | Salons 1-10 (M2)

The Best Squad will be announced as well as the NCO and Soldier of the Year and the Honorary SMA.

Ticket Allotment: One (1) ticket provided complimentary intended for Sergeant Major of the Army counterparts only.

SMA'S INTERNATIONAL RECEPTION

Monday, 12 October 2026 | 1600 - 1700
Walter E. Washington Convention Center | Room 209C

The Sergeant Major of the Army hosts a reception for international military senior enlisted personnel (SMA equivalent).

Ticket Allotment: One (1) ticket provided complimentary intended for Sergeant Major of the Army counterparts only.

INTERNATIONAL RECEPTION

Monday, 12 October 2026 | 1700 - 1800
Walter E. Washington Convention Center | Ballroom Pre-function Area

Hosted by the President and CEO, AUSA to honor our International Military Guests and facilitate networking between Senior Army Officials, International Military Guests, and AUSA National Partners. The U.S. Army Chief of Staff gives remarks.

Ticket Allotment: Ten (10) Complimentary tickets.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

Monday, 12 October 2026 | 1830 – 2015
Walter E. Washington Convention Center | Ballroom

The President's Reception honors the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff, the United States Army, and the Sergeant Major of the Army and affords everyone a chance to socialize with colleagues and see old friends. Additional tickets for the President's Reception are available for purchase in advance or at the AUSA Ticket Sales desk on-site.

Ticket Allotment: Four (4) Complimentary tickets. Additional tickets can be purchased.

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NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER AWARDS BREAKFAST

Tuesday, 13 October 2026 | 0730 – 0900
Marriott Marquis | Salons 5-6 (M2)

The Sergeant Major of the Army presents enlisted soldier awards for the following: Unit awards and Drill Sergeant of the Year, Recruiters of the Year, and Career Counselors of the Year.

Ticket Allotment: One (1) ticket provided complimentary intended for Sergeant Major of the Army counterparts only.

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY AND INDUSTRY NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Tuesday, 13 October 2026 | 0800 – 0900
Marriott Marquis | Independence Ballroom (M4)

This is a networking event to facilitate conversation with Defense Industry representatives and exhibitors.

Ticket Allotment: Four (4) Complimentary tickets. Additional tickets are not available for purchase.

DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER LUNCHEON

Tuesday, 13 October 2026 | 1230 – 1430
Walter E. Washington Convention Center | Ballroom

Keynote speaker, the Chief of Staff of the Army, will deliver a State of the Army Address. Unit awards and Drill Sergeant of the Year, Recruiters of the Year, and Career Counselors of the Year will be presented.

Ticket Allotment: One (1) Complimentary ticket. *Please reach out to Intentional Program team to inquire about purchasing additional tickets.*

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE RECEPTION

Tuesday, 13 October 2026 | 1730 – 1930
Walter E. Washington Convention Center | Room 145AB

Reception to honor the Reserve Components.

Ticket Allotment: Complimentary tickets will be applied to OCAR invited delegates; no delegation action is required.

GEORGE CATLETT MARSHALL RECEPTION AND DINNER

Wednesday, 14 October 2026 | Reception: 1830 – 1930 | Dinner: 1930 – 2100
Walter E. Washington Convention Center | Ballroom Pre-function Area and Ballroom

This black-tie reception and dinner honor the recipient of AUSA's most prestigious award, the George C. Marshall Memorial Medal.

Ticket Allotment: Two (2) Complimentary tickets intended for Principal + partner. *Please reach out to Intentional Program team to inquire about purchasing additional tickets.*

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INTERNATIONAL LOUNGE

Walter E. Washington Convention Center | Room 204BC

All International Military are welcome to use this room as your “home base” while attending the Annual Meeting. Light Refreshments will be available daily.

Lounge Hours:

Monday 12-Oct-26 0800 – 1700

Tuesday 13-Oct-26 0800 – 1700

Wednesday 14-Oct-26 0800 – 1700

2026 EXHIBIT HALL HOURS*

Exhibits are in Halls A, B and C on the lower level and Halls D and E on the upper level.

Monday 12-Oct-26 0900* – 1700

Tuesday 13-Oct-26 0900* – 1700

Wednesday 14-Oct-26 0900* – 1700

*Booth staff with an Exhibitor badge may enter the exhibit hall at 0800 each morning.

Plan your time on the exhibit floor with the interactive map/list [HERE](#).

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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ADA REQUIREMENTS:

Special needs of registrants under the American Disabilities Act will be met to the extent possible. Please notify us of any special needs.