



December 6-7, 2023

Charleston Area Convention Center  
Charleston, SC

## SUMMIT FAQs

**EVENT TITLE:** 2023 Eastern Defense Summit

**EVENT WEBSITE:** <https://www.charlestondca.org/cdca-summit-16>

### EVENT OVERVIEW:

The Eastern Defense Summit, formerly known as the Annual CDCA Defense Summit, is one of the largest defense-focused events on the East Coast, bringing more than 1,800 government, military, academia, and industry leaders together to better understand and address today's challenges and threats within our defense industry. The Eastern Defense Summit serves as a mechanism for defense industry leaders to collaborate on innovative solutions and other focus areas to enhance interoperability across defense assets. By presenting exhibit demos, keynote addresses, innovation spotlights, and high energy tech exchanges, the Summit will provide an opportunity for all representatives to form workforce partnerships that result in achieving a national defense tactical edge no foreign adversary can match.

### DATE(S) AND TIME:

6-7 Dec 2023. "Summit Welcoming Remarks" being at 0900 on 06 Dec 2023.

### LOCATION:

Charleston Area Convention Center, International. Blvd, N. Charleston SC 29418.  
(Five-minute drive from CHS International Airport, adjacent to the Embassy Suites Hotel)

### REGISTRATION FEES: (Registration includes lunch both days of the Summit):

- Early Bird - \$550 (register *before* October 11, 2023)
- Advanced - \$675 (register *between* October 11, 2023 and December 4, 2023)
- On-site - \$775 (register *on or after* December 5, 2023)
- Government and Active Duty – Free

**Important:** Government attendee must meet the [Government Employee Definition](#) and must have a **valid email address** ending in **.MIL** or **.GOV**. ACTIVE Military are free to attend and must meet the following requirements: a) MUST have a Military ID, b) MUST have a valid Government Employee ID. Email address with **.CTR@** (government contractors) or any other email addresses will invalidate registration. Registration will be cancelled if requirements are not met.

- Registration Cancellations received:
  - by October 11, 2023 – 100%, minus \$50 cancellation fee
  - after October 11, 2023 – no refunds

### REGISTRATION/BADGE PICK-UP HOURS:

Tuesday, December 5	8:00 am - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, December 6	7:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday, December 7	8:00 am - 2:00 pm

### BADGE POLICY:

You must present a government-issued photo ID to pick up your badge. Each person must pick up their own badge.

By registering for the 2023 Eastern Defense Summit, you understand that badge sharing is prohibited. Badge sharing means lending your badge to someone else or using someone else's badge to gain access to any Eastern Defense Summit event. Any lost or stolen badges are subject to a reprint fee of \$50.00. Replacement fees are non-refundable.



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**EXHIBIT HALL HOURS:**

Wednesday, December 6      10: 00 am - 5:00 pm  
Thursday, December 7      10: 00 am - 5:00 pm

**HOTELS:**

For hotel options go to: <https://www.charlestdca.org/summit-2023-lodging>

**PARKING:**

Adjacent to Convention Center. Parking is complimentary to all attendees. Parking fees are covered by an Eastern Defense Summit Sponsorship. For more information go to: <https://www.charlestdca.org/summit-2023-parking>

**ATTIRE:**

**Attendees:** Business casual attire is suggested. Military personnel are encouraged to wear the appropriate uniform of the day.

**Speakers:** Active-duty military speakers are encouraged to wear Army Green Service Uniform (USA), Air Force Service Dress Uniform (USAF), Service Dress Blues Uniform (USN), Blue Dress "A" Uniform (USMC) or Service Dress Blue Uniform (USCG). Civilian presenters are encouraged to wear equivalent professional business suits.

**SUMMIT AGENDA AND SPEAKERS:**

The Summit Agenda and speaker list can be found on the CDCA Defense Summit website:  
<https://www.charlestdca.org/cdca-summit-16>

**SECURITY:**

We will have Officers on duty from the North Charleston Police Department throughout the event.

**PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY/AUDIO RECORDING POLICY:**

Attendees are not permitted to photograph, record, or videotape any portion of the Eastern Defense Summit. Working members of the press are required to pre-register and check in with the CDCA PR firm, Judge PR, prior to photographing and/or videotaping at the show.

Exhibit personnel may photograph and/or videotape only their personnel and equipment within the confines of their booth.

Failure to comply with this policy will result in confiscation of devices or material and administrative action under applicable government guidelines.

Attendees understand that CDCA and their authorized representatives may conduct interviews and may take photographs and/or videotape in any part of the Eastern Defense Summit and exhibit hall. These photographs, videos, and recordings are for use by show management in publications or other media material produced for the purposes of conference promotion, including but not limited to brochures, invitations, books, newspapers, magazines, television and websites. Attendee and exhibitor registration grants show management permission and consent for use of this photography and video.



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#### **ATTENDEE LISTS:**

CDCA encourages you to be aware of organizations who claim to have access to the Eastern Defense Summit Attendee List, as they may try to sell this list to you. Please note neither CDCA nor its authorized representatives distribute an attendee list or any attendee information and DOES NOT offer list rental services. Like many successful conferences today, the Eastern Defense Summit is targeted by unethical businesses that scrape email addresses from websites to contact participants about list rentals, hotels and other sales offers.

CDCA takes data security, your privacy, and the privacy of all attendees very seriously.

#### **SUMMIT CONTACTS:**

For general information, registration or sponsorship inquiries, contact us at the emails listed below :

- Summit Information: [summit@charlestdca.org](mailto:summit@charlestdca.org)
- Registration Information: [cdcaregistration@spargoinc.com](mailto:cdcaregistration@spargoinc.com)
- Sponsor/Exhibitor Information: [sponsors@charlestdca.org](mailto:sponsors@charlestdca.org)
- All other questions contact:
  - Paula Callahan, CDCA Executive Director, [paula@charlestdca.org](mailto:paula@charlestdca.org) or
  - Dee Dee Phillips, CDCA Administrative Coordinator, [deedee@charlestdca.org](mailto:deedee@charlestdca.org)