



# Sea-Air-Space, The World's Foremost Maritime Exposition

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Each year, the Navy League of the United States is honored to present Sea-Air-Space, the largest maritime conference in North

America. Sea-Air-Space, held at the beautiful Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland, is where industry, Department of Defense, academic and government leaders come to discover and showcase the newest technologies, network between each group, and discuss our nation's most pressing maritime issues. Sea-Air-Space is without peer and universally considered the world's foremost maritime exposition, connecting the sea services with the maritime industry.

A healthy rapport between the defense industry, military and Congress is a crucial component to America's maritime strength. As America's near-peer competitors and advisories rapidly develop new technologies and strategies that threaten world security, the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard depend on our industry partners to meet their emerging requirements and develop the technology and capabilities that will ensure our nation's continued maritime superiority. Industry's ability to quickly develop unmatched, highly capable ships, airplanes, submarines, unmanned systems and weapons are only a few things that must be done to sustain our nation's competitive edge. When our Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen go into harm's way, we want them to be supplied with the absolute best equipment and technologies available in the world.

To assist in this effort, the Navy League created Sea-Air-Space, providing a collaborative venue for industry partners (both large and small) to highlight and present their technologies, innovative designs and cutting-edge equipment with U.S. and foreign partner defense and government officials. The conference also allows thought leaders and military leadership from across the maritime spectrum to participate in various educational panels and discussions to share their expertise, ideas and perspectives.

Sea-Air-Space is also an excellent opportunity for members of the Navy League and general public to learn directly from experts in the maritime domain. Whether attending one of our many informative speaking events or walking the massive exposition floor, participants are sure to leave with a clearer understanding for the necessity of American sea power to maintain our dominance as a maritime nation.

Building and executing a massive conference like Sea-Air-Space is not something that happens overnight. It takes months of planning, collaboration and coordination with our industry partners and defense officials. It is all thanks to the hard work of our Navy League headquarters' team who makes this event possible every year and I stand in awe of this small but mighty group of Navy League professionals at every Sea-Air-Space.

I highly encourage you to attend Sea-Air-Space and see for yourself the spirit of the Navy League mission in action. Come join us this April 7th to 10th!

Thank you for reading this month's issue of Seapower magazine.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "TOWNY".

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