



**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Task Force 21 Nuclear Triad Symposium**  
Sustaining Credible Nuclear Deterrence Amidst Growing Challenges

**September 15, 2023**  
**Capitol Hill Club | Washington, D.C.**

- 7:00 a.m. Check-in | Continental Breakfast
- 7:40 a.m. Welcome and Introduction: **Mark J. Jantzer and Brekka Kramer**, Task Force 21 Minot
- 7:45 a.m. **Gen Thomas A. Bussiere**, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command and Commander, Air Forces Strategic – Air, U.S. Strategic Command, Barksdale Air Force Base  
*The ICBM and Bomber Transition*
- 8:45 a.m. **Representative Kelly Armstrong**, (R-ND) Perspectives on The Nuclear Deterrent
- 9:00 a.m. **Dr. Stephen Blank**, Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Research Institute  
*Russia's Nuclear Policy and Threat After Ukraine*
- 9:20 a.m. Networking Break
- 9:45 a.m. **Senator John Hoeven**, (R-ND), The State of the US Nuclear Deterrent
- 10:05 a.m. **Maj Gen Jason Armagost**, USAF, Commander, 8<sup>th</sup> AF and J-GSOC  
*Operationalization of Modernization*
- 10:35 a.m. **Vice Admiral Johnny Wolfe**, U.S. Navy Director of Strategic Systems Programs  
**Rear Admiral Scott Pappano**, U.S. Navy Program Executive Officer, Strategic Submarines  
*Some Navy Perspectives on the Nuclear Challenges*
- 11:05 a.m. **Brig Gen Stacy Jo Huser**, USAF, Special Assistant to the 20<sup>th</sup> Air Force Commander  
*Overcoming Challenges to Modernization*
- 11:35 a.m. **Mike Pillsbury**, Senior Fellow, China Strategy, The Heritage Foundation  
*What is the China Debate in the United States About?*
- 11:55 a.m. **Dr. Brooke Taylor**, Founder and CEO of Defending Our Country  
*Educating the Next Generation in Strategic Deterrence*
- 12:15 a.m. Buffet Luncheon Served | Networking
- 12:45 p.m. **Thomas Troyano**, Vice President, Systems Planning and Analysis  
*The Imperative of Nuclear Modernization*
- 1:05 p.m. **Maj Gen John J. Nichols**, USAF, Director of Global Operations, US Strategic Command  
*USSTRATCOM Global Operations Perspective*
- 1:35 p.m. **Matthew Costlow**, Senior Analyst at the National Institute for Public Policy  
*Hair Triggers, Sponges and Strange Myths: The Real Story of ICBMs*  
*Followed by Discussion with Peter Huessy*
- 1:55 p.m. **Honorable Franklin C. Miller**, Principal the Scowcroft Group  
*The View from 40,000 Feet: U.S. Nuclear Deterrent Strategy*
- 2:15 p.m. **Mark J. Jantzer**, Task Force 21 Minot, Concluding Remarks

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