



MEDICAL BIOMEDICAL BIODEFENSE Symposium

SUPPORT TO AMERICA'S WARFIGHTERS AND VETERANS

SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2026

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

Symposium Venue: University of North Carolina, The Friday Center, 100 Friday Center Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Venue Legend: Grumman Auditorium Dogwood AB Redbud AB Trillium AB Atrium Magnolia Lounge

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Registration and Check-In

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Welcome Social: University of North Carolina, The Friday Center, 100 Friday Center Drive, Chapel Hill, NC

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Registration, Check-In and Light Refreshments

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Welcome and Orientation: Scott Dorney, Executive Director, North Carolina Military Business Center

8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Medical and Medical Logistics Challenges for Expeditionary Forces on the Modern Battlefield
Speakers: TBA

Colonel Caryn R. Vernon, Commander, 44th Medical Brigade, Fort Bragg (invited)

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

From Requirement to Reality: Industry on the Front Lines
Speakers: TBA

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Break

Sponsor Expo and Networking

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Business Opportunities with the Department of War, Defense Health Agency & Defense Logistics Agency

Medical Innovation Opportunities with Consortia and Federal Agencies

Department of Veterans Affairs One-On-One Meetings

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch and Keynote Remarks

Rear Admiral Rick Freedman, Acting Surgeon General; Acting Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (invited)

Senior Executive Leadership in Medical Acquisition

Brigadier General Sean P. Kelly, Commander, Defense Logistics Agency, Troop Support (invited)

Christopher D. Parker, Deputy Principal Executive Director, Office of Acquisition, Logistics and Construction, US Department of Veterans Affairs (invited)

Kathleen L. Berst, Acting Assistant Director Support/Component Acquisition Executive, Defense Health Agency (invited)

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Break

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Business Opportunities in Operational & Medical Logistics with Military Service Medical Commands

AI Enabled Healthcare: "Doc in a Box"

Department of Veterans Affairs One-On-One Meetings

Sponsor Expo and Networking

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Business Opportunities with the Department of Veterans Affairs

Innovation Opportunities in Chemical, Biological, Radiological & Nuclear Defense

4:45 p.m.

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