



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. – 10:00 a.m.

Warfighter Strong: Medical & Human Performance Needs of the Fighting Force

Speakers: 44th Medical Brigade; US Navy Reserves; US Army Reserve Command; and more to come

**Colonel Christina M. Buchner, Commander and Command Sergeant Major Scott Dinse,
44th Medical Brigade, Fort Bragg**

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

From Requirement to Reality: Industry on the Front Lines

*Speakers: Sean Siler, CEO, VIGILINT; Jason Cook, MD, Co-Founder & CMO, Olfax Medical;
Galen Robertson, CEO, VQ Biomedical; Byron Carroll, President, Carroll International; Joy Parr Drach, President & CEO, Ad
Astra Diagnostics; Kevin Gehsmann, Co-Founder & CEO, Protect3D*

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Break

**Sponsor Expo and
Networking**

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 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*

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch and Keynote Remarks

Dr. Mike McGinnis, Navy Medicine Executive Director, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Senior Executive Leadership in Medical Acquisition

Ronald Miller, D.M., Chief Officer of Support Operations, Veterans Health Administration, US Department of Veterans Affairs

Brett Scheideman, Acting Deputy Assistant Director for Acquisition and Sustainment / Acting Deputy Component Acquisition
Executive, Defense Health Agency, Defense Health Agency (invited)

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Break

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 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*

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Networking**

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*Business Opportunities with the
Department of Veterans Affairs*

*Innovation Opportunities in Chemical,
Biological, Radiological & Nuclear Defense*

5:00 p.m.

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