



Gen. Charles Hamilton, commander of Army Materiel Command, speaks during AUSA's 2023 Global Force Symposium and Exposition in Huntsville, Alabama. (AUSA PHOTO)

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Global Force to feature senior leaders

The Association of the U.S. Army's Global Force Symposium and Exposition in Huntsville, Alabama, will feature several senior leaders, including Army Undersecretary Gabe Camarillo, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Weimer and leaders from Army Materiel Command, Army Futures Command and Army Training and Doctrine Command.

The three-day event will take place March 26–28 at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville, home to Materiel Command and Redstone Arsenal.

This year's theme is "Continuous Transformation to Deliver Ready Combat Formations," with keynote speeches, panel discussions and Warriors Corner talks focused on the continued transformation of the Army as the force prepares for a complex future battlefield.

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Global Force opens March 26 with a keynote presentation by Camarillo, followed by a panel titled "Delivering Precision Sustainment in Support of Ready Combat Formations."

The panel will feature Maj. Gen. Michelle Donahue, commander of Army Combined Arms Support Command; Col. Shane Upton, director of Futures Command's Contested Logistics Cross-Functional Team; Christopher Hill, director of Army Materiel Command's Analysis Group and chief data and analytic officer; and Shon Manasco, senior counselor at Palantir Technologies.

There also will be two fireside chats, one with Weimer and another with Maj. Gen. Eric Shirley, com-

mander of the 1st Theater Sustainment Command.

In the afternoon, a panel titled "NCO Sustainment Training with Industry, Force Structure and Professional Military Education" will feature the senior enlisted leaders from Materiel Command, Futures Command, Army Forces Command and Training and Doctrine Command.

On March 27, the day will start with a keynote presentation by Gen. James Rainey, commander of Futures Command, followed by a panel titled "Transformational Capabilities Enabling Ready Combat Formations" featuring Douglas Bush, assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology, Rainey and Jeremy Tondreault of BAE Systems.

There will be a fireside chat on

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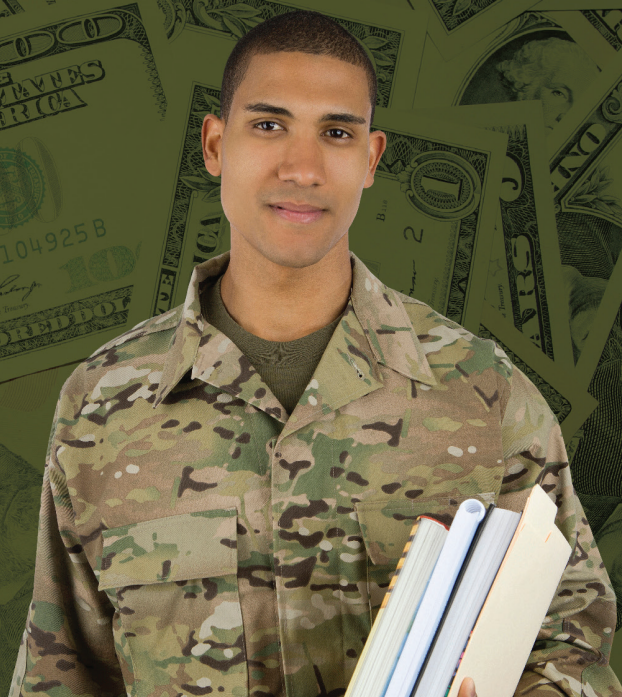
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Lombardo: Army Reserve in ‘strong position’ for future

The Army Reserve is building to compete with its adversaries and prepare for a complex future battlefield, the component’s senior enlisted leader said.

“I’m pretty confident that the Army Reserve is in a strong position and ready to meet the challenges of the future,” Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Lombardo said Wednesday during an Association of the U.S. Army Noon Report webinar.

A native New Yorker, Lombardo is a deputy inspector with the New York City Police Department in his civilian life. During an Army career that has spanned over 33 years, Lombardo has served over six overseas deployments, including operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, in Bosnia and Kosovo, and in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Today, about 6,000 Army Reserve soldiers are deployed in support of Army operations throughout 23 countries and about 2,000 are mobilized domestically, Lombardo said.



Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Lombardo, senior enlisted leader of the Army Reserve, addresses senior NCOs from the 377th Theater Sustainment Command during a summit at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. (U.S. ARMY/SGT. 1ST CLASS JEFF VANWEY)

Lombardo expressed support for the Army Reserve’s “E-5 in 5” initiative, which aims to get soldiers promoted to sergeant within five years. The initiative, led by Army Reserve Chief Lt. Gen. Jody Daniels and Lombardo, was spurred by an “excess of specialists” in the ranks, Lombardo said. The component also has been chronically understrength in key NCO ranks.

“We realized that we ... needed to change, that our noncommissioned officers were looking in to see if you were ready for promotion versus demonstrating the potential to be promoted,” Lombardo said.

The program has seen success, he said. The Army Reserve went from having not enough sergeants to “achieving 100% of our sergeant strength,” he said.

As soldiers train to meet the challenges of the future, the Army Reserve will not have the luxury of time when it is asked to respond to contingencies, Lombardo said.

“The global commons have changed,” he said. “We have near-peer threats, so we can’t rely on a model where we spend 90 days to six months getting ready after we’re mobilized. The way you can help is by preparing your people before they’re mobilized.”

Throughout his career, Lombardo said his leadership philosophy has been guided by the values of transparency, fairness and a passion for training soldiers. Following his term as the Army Reserve command sergeant major, Lombardo said he would like to be remembered for his passion for ensuring soldiers received tough, realistic training.

“I would like to be remembered [as] somebody that had passion for tough training and getting us ... back to training with a focus on being able to be supportive of the total force with multidomain operations,” he said.



Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Lombardo, left, senior enlisted leader of the Army Reserve, speaks with retired Gen. Bob Brown, AUSA president and CEO, during a visit Wednesday to the association’s headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. (AUSA PHOTO)

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Despite some progress, much work remains for defense funding bills



A full-year stopgap funding measure, known as a continuing resolution, would be unprecedented for DoD and very damaging to the Total Army. (ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL PHOTO)

Congress will be busy for the next few weeks as the situation on Capitol Hill remains quite uncertain.

The appropriations process continues to consume significant time and energy for lawmakers. Most notably, stopgap funding was extended through Friday for the military construction, veterans affairs and related agencies bill, and March 22 for the defense appropriations bill—averting a government shutdown for the time being. These short-term measures, or continuing resolutions, keep funding at the previous year's levels and prohibit new program starts.

The Association of the U.S. Army's Government Affairs team is encouraged that progress has been made, with the release last Sunday of a bipartisan agreement on funding amounts for each of the first six bills. Those bills passed the House on Wednesday, but much work remains.

Because of the many challenges in the appropriations process, a full or partial government shutdown or a full-year continuing resolution could occur in March. A full-year stopgap measure would be unprecedented for

DoD and very damaging to national security and the Total Army.

Additionally, the administration's fiscal year 2025 budget request is expected to be released March 11. This helps inform the authorization and appropriations processes.

Major Richard Star Act

On Tuesday, AUSA's Government Affairs team participated in an advocacy day in support of the Major Richard Star Act, in conjunction with other organizations in The Military Coalition. If enacted, the Major Richard Star Act would allow certain combat-wounded veterans to receive their earned retirement pay along with their disability compensation. This legislation is a longstanding priority for AUSA.

You can help build momentum for the Major Richard Star Act, the National Defense Authorization Act and appropriations bills by contacting your representatives and senators.

We will continue to monitor these and other developments closely as we advocate for the Total Army with Congress.

Mark Haaland is AUSA's Government Affairs director.

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rapid innovation with Lt. Gen. Ross Coffman, deputy commander of Futures Command, and Lt. Gen. Robert Rasch, director of the rapid capabilities and critical technologies office.

To open the third and final day of Global Force, Gen. Charles Hamilton, commander of Materiel Command, will give a keynote presentation. It will be followed by a fireside chat with Gen. Gary Brito, commander of Training and Doctrine Command, who will focus on the command's core missions.

A panel in the morning will focus on synchronizing modernization and future capabilities, featuring Lt. Gen. Milford Beagle, commander of the Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Richard Creed, director of the Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate; and Paul Reese, director of the Fielded Force



Soldiers, defense industry representatives, AUSA members and more gather on the exhibit floor during the association's 2023 Global Force Symposium and Exposition. (AUSA PHOTO)

Integration Directorate.

Throughout all three days of Global Force, the Army will offer presentations at the Warriors Corner from its booth in the South Hall, and AUSA will host its inaugural Generation Next Forum, an AUSA Young Professionals meeting focused on personal and professional development.

Additionally, an AUSA Family Pavilion will be featured for the first time at Global Force, extending the organization's reach in supporting soldiers and their families.

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According to a 2022 report from the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center, Americans lose four times more to digital crime than to home burglaries.

Active-duty service members, veterans and their families are at higher risk for identity theft and fraud than other adults. According to the Federal Trade Commission, they are three times more likely to report debit card misuse or other electronic theft of money directly from bank accounts, and 22% more likely to report fraudulent accounts were opened using stolen information.

One in five active-duty service



AUSA has partnered with Aura, a top provider of intelligent digital safety, to provide members up to 68% off its award-winning digital security plans. (COURTESY PHOTO)

members have experienced two or more types of identity theft, and military consumers reported total losses of \$414 million to the Federal Trade Commission in 2022.

AUSA has partnered with Aura, a top provider of intelligent digital safety, to provide members up to 68% off its award-winning digital security plans, starting with a two-week free trial. Choose from individual, couple or family coverage (which can cover up to 5 people, including parents).

Aura is rated A+ with the Better Business Bureau, has 4.7 stars on Trustpilot and holds the No. 1 ranking on "Tom's Guide" as the best identity theft protection service in 2023. Aura's customer service representatives are 100% U.S.-based.

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Chapter leader recognized by 20th CBRNE command

A volunteer leader with the Association of the U.S. Army's MG Harry Greene-Aberdeen chapter was honored for his contributions to the 20th Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives Command in a ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Graham was selected as the command's 2023 Defender of Liberty—the first enlisted leader to receive the award. Graham serves as the AUSA chapter's vice president for NCO and Soldier Programs.

"I'm proud to stand next to the former recipients of this Defender of Liberty award," Graham said, according to an Army news release. "I look forward to continuing to serve this organization."

The award, established in 2019, is presented to leaders who have had

**MG Harry
Greene,
Aberdeen**

a significant impact on the unique Army command, which holds 75% of active-duty chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear specialists and explosive ordnance disposal technicians. Graham served as the unit's senior enlisted leader prior to his retirement in 2019.

A native of Warren, Ohio, Graham served in leadership positions from squad leader to command sergeant major during his 31 years of Army service. He deployed for Operation Desert Storm and Operation Joint Endeavor, and to Iraq three times for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Talk to anyone who served under him or beside him and then you will be inspired," said Command Sgt. Maj. Dave Silva, a master EOD technician who is now the senior enlisted leader of 20th CBRNE Command.

"He gave me the opportunity to lead, and that gave me the opportunity to stand here and sing his praises from the position he proudly held before me," Silva said, according to the Army news release.



Maj. Gen. Daryl Hood, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Dave Silva, right, command team for the 20th Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives Command, present the command's 2023 Defender of Liberty award to retired Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Graham and a certificate of appreciation to his wife, Melony. (U.S. ARMY/SGT. GREGORY HAZELTINE)

Retired Col. Robert Gutjahr, the AUSA chapter president, was joined by retired Maj. Gen. John Doesburg, the 2020 recipient of the Defender of Liberty award, and retired Brig. Gen. William King, former commander of the 20th CBRNE Command, in

praising Graham for his leadership and commitment to soldiers.

Other Defender of Liberty recipients include retired Gen. Richard Cody, a former Army vice chief of staff who was the first recipient of the award in 2019 for authoring the memo that led to the creation of the 20th CBRNE Command; Maj. Gen. Keith Wendel in 2021; and retired Lt. Gen. Leslie Smith, who is AUSA's vice president for Leadership and Education, in 2022.

Mary Jane Jernigan, AUSA's Maryland state president and civilian aide to the secretary of the Army for northern Maryland, presented a coin and commendation letter to Graham during the event.

Graham is an example of the kind of leadership that has made the 20th the premier CBRNE command in the U.S. military, Silva said. "It's my pleasure to welcome you into this prestigious and small group. It is neat that he is the first enlisted [recipient] of this title and this award," Silva said, according to the Army. "I can't think of a better leader than retired Command Sgt. Maj. Ken Graham."



Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Graham, left, receives a coin and commendation letter from Mary Jane Jernigan, AUSA's Maryland state president, during the 2023 Defender of Liberty award ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. (U.S. ARMY/SGT. GREGORY HAZELTINE)

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