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MANAGEMENT**

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BORDER MANAGEMENT

Threats to the United States come from many places and in many manners. Protecting our country's borders is a non-stop job and the policies and procedures and tools used must constantly evolve with the changing threat environment.

The [Border Management Summit 2015](#) will bring together key leaders from federal, state and local agencies to discuss and debate the latest challenges facing the border management and protection industry in the United States. Detailed in the subsequent pages are the backgrounds and biographies of those leaders who will join us at the Summit so that you can get to know them a little bit better before meeting them in person.

At the Summit, we will discuss issues such as:

- Best Practices From Foreign Borders
- Examining Manners to Eradicate Transnational Criminal Violence
- Utilizing Biometric Identification Technologies
- Improving Border & Maritime Protection Through Technology
- Delivering Effective Entry-Exit Systems, and more

I look forward to seeing you this February in Washington, D.C.

Kind regards,



Hannah Hager
Online Content Director
IDGA

[Michael Fisher](#)

Chief, U.S. Border Patrol Customs and Border Protection



Featured Session

February 24 at 9 a.m.

[State of the Border: Where are We Now vs. Where We Want to Be](#)

Michael J. Fisher is the Chief of the U.S. Border Patrol and a member of the Senior Executive Service. He is responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating, and directing enforcement efforts designed to secure our Nation's borders.

Chief Fisher entered on duty with the U.S. Border Patrol in June 1987 as a member of Class 208. His first duty assignment as a Border Patrol agent was at the Douglas Station in the Tucson Sector. He successfully completed the selection process for the Border Patrol Tactical Unit (BORTAC) in 1990 and was later selected as a Field Operations Supervisor for BORTAC in El Paso, Texas. Over a four-year period, he planned and executed operations throughout the United States and nine foreign countries. Chief Fisher later served as the Deputy Chief Patrol Agent of the Detroit Sector and as an Assistant Chief Patrol Agent in the Tucson Sector.

During the transition to the Department of Homeland Security in March 2003, Chief Fisher was appointed Deputy Director for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Anti-Terrorism in Washington, D.C., where he staffed and directed the office during periods of increased threats and served as the CBP liaison to the inter-agency intelligence community for anti-terrorist planning and operational coordination. Chief Fisher later served at Border Patrol Headquarters as an Associate Chief and in 2004 was promoted to Senior Associate Chief. He returned to the field in February 2006 as the Deputy Chief Patrol Agent of San Diego Sector. He was promoted to Chief Patrol Agent of San Diego Sector in June 2007. He was named Acting Chief of the Border Patrol on January 3, 2010, and assumed his current position on May 9, 2010.

Chief Fisher earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in business administration. He is a graduate of the Senior Executive Fellows Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He also completed the CAPSTONE program at the National Defense University in 2009.

[Wolf Tombe](#)

Chief Technology Officer & Executive
Director Technology Directorate
Office of Information and Technology
U.S. Customs & Border Protection



As the Chief Technology Officer of US Customs & Border Protection, Wolf Tombe is responsible for the proactive formation of cross-cutting integrated technology strategies, architectures and solutions across CBP. He is also responsible for the Agency's Information Transformation initiatives, which includes the CBP Enterprise Technical Architecture, CBP Technology Roadmap, Common Infrastructure, Technology Lifecycle implementation and Customer Transformation Services. Mr. Tombe Chairs both the SOA and Application Working Group and the Technology Review Committee where he provides leadership on technology planning, architecture, standards and adoption of industry best practices for technology management.

As CTO, Mr. Tombe is the liaison for CBP with industry and other government agencies on technology issues and matters. In this capacity, Mr. Tombe founded the first US Government "Federal CTO Forum" in December of 2008. Recognizing both the need and tremendous benefits to be gained by sharing technology best practices and innovations between federal agencies the forum now has regular participation from twenty-six federal civilian and defense agencies.

Mr. Tombe joined US Customs and Border Protection in 2002 and supports CBP with more than 24 years of IT management experience in the Federal Government Sector serving in a variety of Agency's on both the West and East Coast.

Mr. Tombe holds a Masters Certificate in Project Management from George Washington University and is a Certified Project Management Professional (PMP) with the Project Management Institute. Mr. Tombe is a recipient of multiple awards in the areas of Cloud Computing, SOA, Technology Innovation and an accomplished public speaker having presented at numerous public forums on issues pertaining to technology implementation and management in the US Federal Government.

February 25 at 9 a.m.

[Enhancing Border Security through Innovation and Emerging Technology](#)

Kenneth Fletcher

Chief Risk Officer

Transportation Security Administration



Kenneth Fletcher was named Chief Risk Officer in February 2014. In this new position he is responsible for developing and driving the long-range strategic vision and objectives for TSA with respect to risk-based security and risk management activities, and implementing enterprise risk management across all areas of the agency.

Since joining TSA in January 2003, he has held a variety of field and headquarters positions including Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Risk-Based Security, Senior Advisor to the Administrator, Deputy Federal Security Director at Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Assistant Federal Security Director for Screening at Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport and Chief of Staff for the Office of Training and Quality Performance. Before coming to TSA, he worked for five years at Motorola as a senior production supervisor, quality manager and senior program manager for new product introduction.

Fletcher is a veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy for 23 years before retiring in 1997. He is married and has three children and five grandchildren.

[Thomas Homan](#)

**Executive Associate Director
Enforcement and Removal Operations
U.S. Immigration and Customs
Enforcement**



Thomas Homan is Executive Associate Director for Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Washington, D.C.

Mr. Homan oversees an operational budget of nearly \$3 billion and a staff of nearly 8,000 ERO employees assigned to 24 Field Offices, 165 Sub-offices, 12 overseas locations, and ICE Headquarters. As Executive Associate Director of ERO, Mr. Homan has direct oversight of critical ICE programs and operations to identify, arrest, detain, and remove illegal aliens from the United States.

Mr. Homan is a 30 year veteran of law enforcement and has 27 years of immigration enforcement experience. With a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, he began his career as a Police Officer in New York. In 1984, he became a United States Border Patrol Agent assigned within the San Diego Sector, before joining the former U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in 1988 as a Special Agent in Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Homan climbed through the ranks at INS to become Supervisory Special Agent and Deputy Assistant Director for Investigations.

In 1999, Mr. Homan became the Assistant District Director for Investigations (ADDI) in San Antonio, Texas, and three years later transferred to the ADDI position in Dallas, Texas. Upon the creation of ICE, Mr. Homan was named Assistant Special Agent in Charge in Dallas, Texas, and later, Deputy Special Agent in Charge there. In March 2009, Mr. Homan accepted the position of Assistant Director for Enforcement at ICE Headquarters and was subsequently promoted to Deputy Executive Associate Director. In May 2013, Mr. Homan was promoted to Executive Associate Director for ERO. Mr. Homan is a member of the Senior Executive Service.

Featured Session

February 24 at 1:30 PM

[Border Crisis Intervention by ICE: Our Response to the RGV Crisis](#)

Gary Ackerman

Director, Unconventional Weapons and
Technology Program
**National Consortium for the Study of
Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism**



Featured Session

February 25 at 1:30 p.m.

**[Adaptive Analysis for Adaptive Adversaries:
Networks, Risk and Building a Layered Border
Defense](#)**

Gary Ackerman is the director of the Special Projects Division of START and is responsible for integrating and incubating innovative research programs. He is also currently acting director of START's Unconventional Weapons and Technology Research Program, where he manages large research projects, explores new avenues for research and establishes collaborative research relationships. Prior to taking up his current positions, Ackerman held the post of research director at START and the director of the Center for Terrorism and Intelligence Studies, a private research and analysis institute.

He has also served as the Director of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Terrorism Research Program at the Center for Nonproliferation Studies in Monterey, Calif., and chief of operations of the South Africa-based African-Asian Society. Originally hailing from South Africa, Ackerman possesses an eclectic academic background, including past studies in the fields of mathematics, history, law and international relations. His research encompasses various areas relating to terrorism and counterterrorism, including terrorist threat assessment, motivations for using chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) weapons, radicalization, the relationship between terrorism and technology and the modeling and simulation of terrorist behavior.

He is the co-editor of and contributing author to "Jihadists and Weapons of Mass Destruction" (CRC Press, 2009), author of several articles on terrorism-related subjects and has testified on terrorist motivations for using nuclear weapons before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security.

[Brandon Behlendorf](#)

Senior Researcher

National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism



Brandon Behlendorf is a doctoral candidate in criminology at the University of Maryland, where he focuses on violence and victimization within developing countries. Brandon is also a senior researcher at the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), where he applies quantitative geospatial modeling to terrorist targeting strategies, maritime piracy, nuclear trafficking, and transnational criminal activity. He has received funding from the Department of Homeland Security and the National Science Foundation, and has been published in the *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*. Previously, he was a researcher with the Ohio Department of Public Safety, where he coordinated a multi-agency evaluation of a commercial vehicle diversion program and assisted in the creation of risk management programs and assessments for the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Areas of Interest: Terrorism, spatial analysis, organized crime, individual and community responses to violence

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[Adaptive Analysis for Adaptive Adversaries: Networks, Risk and Building a Layered Border Defense](#)

Joseph Campbell

Assistant Director, Criminal
Investigative Division
Federal Bureau of Investigation



Joseph S. Campbell was appointed to serve as assistant director of the FBI's Criminal Investigative Division at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C. in May 2014. Campbell most recently served as deputy assistant director of the division, where he oversaw investigations into complex financial crime, public corruption and civil rights violations.

Campbell began his career as an FBI special agent in August 1990 and reported to the Chicago Field Office, where he investigated white-collar crime, public corruption, organized crime and drug matters. In 1998, he was promoted to supervisory special agent in the Counterterrorism Division, Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Operations Unit at FBI Headquarters. In February 2001, he transferred to the Denver Field Office, where he supervised the Joint Terrorism Task Force, directing intelligence collection and the investigation of terrorist activity.

He was promoted in 2004 to serve as an assistant inspector in the Inspection Division at FBI Headquarters. In 2005, he was promoted to assistant special agent in charge of the Denver Field Office, where he coordinated the intelligence, WMD, counterterrorism, counterintelligence and cyber programs.

In 2008, Mr. Campbell returned to FBI Headquarters as a section chief in the Weapons of Mass Destruction Directorate. In 2009, he transferred to the Inspection Division at FBI Headquarters, where he served as an inspector. In September 2011, Mr. Campbell was selected to serve as special agent in charge of the San Juan Field Office, where he led all FBI criminal and national security investigations in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In 2012, Mr. Campbell was promoted to deputy assistant director of the Criminal Investigative Division.

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[Border Corruption -- The FBI's Role](#)

[Mark J. Dannels](#)

Sheriff

Cochise County



Mark J. Dannels was elected Cochise County Sheriff in 2012. He is a 29 year veteran of law enforcement and holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Management from Aspen University and is a Certified Public Manager from Arizona State University.

He began his law enforcement career in 1984 after serving a successful tour in the U.S. Army. He was previously Deputy Commander and was instrumental in the creation of the Southeastern Arizona D.U.I. Task Force and the Special Operations Unit. He was instrumental in proposing and being awarded over \$1 million in grant funding to assist the Sheriff's Office. He was appointed by former Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano to the D.U.I. Oversight Commission and later elected to the position of Chairman.

In 2008, he retired from Arizona law enforcement to serve as the Police Chief for the City of Coquille in Oregon. During his tenure as police chief, Sheriff Dannels was instrumental in solving a decade old murder case involving a local teenager that help restore community trust. He returned to Arizona in 2011.

Sheriff Dannels is a long time member of the Fraternal Order of Police, current member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and serves on several community service groups; San Pedro Kiwanis, Just Kids Inc., CASA and instructs at Wayland Baptist University, among others.

Sheriff Dannels has received numerous awards during his tenure that include the Medal of Valor, National Lifesaving award, American Police Hall of Fame Commendation, Deputy of the Year, MADD Recognition for Outstanding Efforts in Drunk Driving Enforcement, Fraternal Order of Police Member of the Year, Distinguished Service Award, Unit Citation Award, Sheriff's Medal, League of United Latin American Citizens and F.B.I. Community Service Award, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Governor's Office of Highway Safety Outstanding Deputy of the Year, Chamber of Commerce Positivity Award, and the Rotary Club Community Service Award.

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February 25 at 2:45 p.m.

[Local Solutions for a Federal Problem](#)
[-- Enhancing Border Security From](#)
[the Local Level](#)

[Paul Hubbard](#)

Portfolio Manager, Border and
Transportation Security
**Defence R&D Canada Centre
for Security Science**

Featured Session

February 25 at 3:45 p.m.

[Maximizing the Return on
Investment on R&D for Border
Applications within the Canada
Safety and Security Program \(CSSP\)](#)

Dr. Paul Hubbard is a defence scientist at Defence Research and Development Canada's Centre for Security Science (DRDC CSS) in Ottawa where he manages a portfolio in the area of border and transportation security. The portfolio includes projects in biometrics, cargo screening, maritime and land domain awareness and geo-spatial intelligence, with project partners drawn from various federal government departments and agencies such as the RCMP, CBSA, DND, CCG, and TC. Prior to his current position, he led a research group at DRDC in Ottawa developing synthetic environments for military experimentation and training, as well as autonomy of computer-generated forces and unmanned systems. He is a previous member of the board of directors for Unmanned Systems Canada and is currently an associate editor for the journal of unmanned vehicle systems. He has worked previously with Lockheed-Martin Canada on electronic counter-measures, with BBN Technologies on DARPA projects in command and control and at Carnegie Mellon University. He received a PhD in Electrical Engineering from McGill University, Montreal, and B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees, both in Mathematics and Engineering, from Queen's University, Kingston.

Kirk Kahoe

Sergeant II -- Assistant Watch Commander
Los Angeles Police Department



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[Specific Scent Search Dogs -- Applications and Deployment](#)

I have over 17 years' experience in the emergency management and response field. During this time I have worked in both planning and support roles for all three (tactical, strategic, and operational) levels of emergency operations. I have worked with and trained public, private and military personnel and organizations. My assignments/experience have included:

Response to emergent and campaign field operations as a first responder, team leader, supervisor, manager and support element. These operations have included criminal, disaster, medical, and fire based incidents.

- Provided management and second tier supervision to field resources and operations.
- Completed and reviewed administrative investigations and projects.
- Conducted disaster response planning and training.
- Responded to field incidents and provided command and control.
- Instructed local, state, and national agencies on incident management (NIMS/ICS) practices.

[Janice Kephart](#)

CEO

Secure Identity & Biometrics Association



Featured Session

February 23 at 2:45 PM

[Will the DHS Testing on Immigration Biometric Exit Finally Make it Happen, 16 Years and 8 Statutes Later?](#)

Ms. Kephart recently returned from a Special Counsel position with the Senate Judiciary Committee, where she advised and supported Senator Jeff Sessions' (R-AL) work during the committee's consideration of immigration legislation.

Ms. Kephart is an internationally recognized border and ID security expert, who served as counsel to the 9/11 Commission and was a key author of the Staff Monograph, [9/11 and Terrorist Travel](#) as well as the immigration-related facts and recommendations in the 9/11 Commission Report.

Prior to 9/11, she was responsible for conducting factual investigations into counter-terrorism issues and conducting oversight of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (before the creation of the Department of Homeland Security) as a counsel to the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Technology and Terrorism, including drafting and passage of the federal identity theft statute used by US attorneys to prosecute identity thieves and support victims. She also put together the only Congressional hearing and record focusing on the foreign terrorist threat on our homeland prior to 9/11. More recently, she took a leave of absence to serve as a Special Counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee for the purpose of working on the Gang of Eight immigration bill.

Her focus as a CIS Fellow is on assuring implementation of 9/11 Commission border recommendations, as her extensive work on the REAL ID Act demonstrates. Ms. Kephart speaks regularly at conferences, to international media, publishes articles and opeds around the world, and has testified before Congress 15 times on issues of border and ID security. She attended Duke University and Villanova Law School. Ms. Kephart has been featured by Duke University as one of the most [influential alums of the 1980s](#).

Ms. Kephart is the host of "The Homeland Security Show with Janice Kephart" on [VIPInternetRadio.com](#) at 7pm EST on Mondays. The show is archived every week for convenient listening.

[Jim Youker](#)

Director

BAE Systems



Featured Session

February 25 at 2:15 p.m.

[UAV GEOINT Processing,
Exploitation & Dissemination \(PED\)
– A Case Study](#)

As Director of Business Development at BAE Systems GXP, Jim Youker's goal is to advance the understanding of geospatial technologies and the use of software and solutions that are mission essential in the achievement of National Security objectives.

He specializes in geospatial technologies & GEOINT production workflows, cyber threat situational awareness and program management. He manages the sales and business development efforts for the EMEA region and selected agencies within the US Defense and Intelligence Community market segment for BAE Systems Geospatial eXploitation Products. He also leads the deployment of products to support USMC MCISR-E and Navy ISR Programs.

Youker retired a U.S. Army Colonel after 26 years during which he had an interservice transfer from USAF to Army, Engineer, commanded at Company, Battalion and Brigade level, served in staff positions at Regional Support Command, USARPAC and the Pentagon.

[Sylvia Longmire](#)

Owner

Longmire Consulting



Featured Session

February 24 at 10 a.m.

[The Myths and Realities of
Terrorism and Our Southwest
Border](#)

Ms. Longmire is a [medically] retired Air Force captain and former Special Agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. During her eight years with AFOSI, she conducted numerous criminal investigations and worked extensively in the fields of counterintelligence, counterespionage, and force protection. During her last assignment, Ms. Longmire worked at HQ AFOSI as the Latin America desk officer, analyzing issues in the US Southern Command area of responsibility that might affect the security of deployed Air Force personnel. From Dec 2005-Jul 2009, Sylvia worked as a senior intelligence analyst for the California state fusion center and the California Emergency Management Agency's Situational Awareness Unit, focusing almost exclusively on Mexican drug trafficking organizations and southwest border violence issues. Between 2004 and 2011, she regularly lectured on terrorism in Latin America at the Air Force Special Operations School's Dynamics of International Terrorism course. She holds a Master of Arts degree from the University of South Florida in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, with a focus on the Cuban and Guatemalan revolutions.

Ms. Longmire is currently an independent consultant and freelance writer, and is an ASBPE award-winning contributing editor for *Homeland Security Today* magazine and Breitbart Texas. She is also on the Board of Advisors for Stanford University's non-profit organization *Love Thy Neighbor, Mexico*, the Editorial Board for Norwich University's Transnational Crime program, and a *Small Wars Journal* El Centro Fellow.

Her first book, *Cartel: The Coming Invasion of Mexico's Drug Wars* (Palgrave Macmillan), was published in September 2011, and was nominated for a *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize. She was also a contributor to Glenn Beck's *Cowards: What Politicians, Radicals, and the Media Refuse to Say* (Threshold Editions). Her most recent book, *Border Insecurity: Why Big Money, Fences, and Drones Aren't Making Us Safer* (Palgrave Macmillan) was published in April 2014 with critical acclaim. Ms. Longmire regularly provides services as an expert witness for Mexican immigration cases.

[Nadav Morag](#)

Dean & Faculty Member,
Center for Homeland
Defense and Security
Naval Postgraduate School



Featured Session

February 24 at 4 p.m.

[Border Security and
Immigration Policies and
Challenges: Lessons from
Overseas](#)

Nadav Morag is a faculty member and Deputy Director for Policy Research at the Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS), United States Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. He teaches senior federal, State and local homeland security officials selected and funded by the Department of Homeland Security within the context of the center's MA in Homeland Security program- this is the only program in the country under the auspices of DHS.

He also serves as a Senior Fellow at the Homeland Security Policy Institute at The George Washington University, is a Senior Fellow at the Homeland Security Management Institute at Long Island University and is a member of the Los Angeles and Orange County Sheriff's Departments' Homeland Security Advisory Council.

In 2001, Nadav took up a position, initially as Senior Director for Domestic Policy and subsequently as Senior Director for Foreign Policy, at Israel's National Security Council, Prime Minister's Office.

At the Israeli NSC, Nadav worked with a team of ten other senior officials from the Israeli Military, Domestic Security Service, Mossad, Foreign Ministry and Police developing policy recommendations based on intelligence and other sources for then Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on matters of national security including counterterrorism policy, bilateral security relations with a number of regional countries and Europe and the development of a national security policy for the Israeli national police.

He also served as a reserve officer in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) in the areas of education/training and subsequently in the Army Spokesperson's Office as an advisor to the chief spokesperson of the IDF on public affairs, media relations and strategic communications.

He has authored articles and book chapters on terrorism, strategy and the Middle East including: "The Economic and Social Effects of Intensive Terrorism: Israel 2000-2004" (Middle East Review of International Affairs), "Measuring Success in Coping with Terrorism: The Israeli Case" (Studies in Conflict and Terrorism), "The National Military Strategic Plan for the War on Terrorism: An Assessment," (Homeland Security Affairs), "Unambiguous Ambiguity: The Opacity of the Oslo Peace Process" (in Israel: The First Hundred Years, Volume II: From War to Peace?, Frank Cass, 2000), "Foreign Intelligence and Counterterrorism: An Israeli Perspective," forthcoming from Praeger) and is currently writing a book on international homeland security.

[Christopher Piehota](#)

Director

Terrorist Screening Center



Featured Session

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[Protecting Our Borders from Terrorism: What The Terrorist Screening Center \(TSC\) Can do For You](#)

Christopher M. Piehota was appointed director of the Terrorist Screening Center (TSC) in 2013. He most recently served as the special agent in charge of the Buffalo Field Office, where he oversaw FBI personnel and operations in western New York.

Piehota started his career as a special agent in 1995 in the Newark Field Office, where he worked in the international terrorism, domestic terrorism, and weapons of mass destruction programs. In 2002, he was promoted to FBI Headquarters and assigned to the Counterterrorism Division as a program manager for the International Terrorism Operations Section I, which provides oversight for terrorism investigations in the continental U.S. Piehota became unit chief within the Terrorism Reports and Requirements Section in 2003. In this role, he managed the collection and dissemination of FBI intelligence for the U.S. intelligence community.

In 2005, Mr. Piehota was selected as a counterintelligence program squad supervisor at the Washington Field Office (WFO). He became an assistant special agent in charge at WFO in 2007 and provided program oversight for the Northern Virginia Resident Agency and the Security Operations and Technical Services branches. These branches support the field office's counterterrorism, counterintelligence, and criminal divisions' technical operations and activities. In 2010, Mr. Piehota joined the TSC and served as its deputy director for operations. He managed the center's role in the U.S. government's 24-hour consolidated terrorist watchlisting, screening, and world-wide terrorist encounter operations enterprises.

He is a certified FBI intelligence officer and an Office of the Director of National Intelligence recognized senior intelligence officer. He also holds U.S. Intelligence Community Joint Duty Certification.

Mr. Piehota earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Nova Southeastern University and a master's degree in human resource management from Seton Hall University. He has a doctorate in human performance improvement from Capella University. Mr. Piehota served in the U.S. Air Force.

[Hady Salloum](#)

Associate Dean for Research
Stevens Institute of Technology



Featured Session

February 24 at 11:45 a.m.

[Examining Technologies for
Border Security](#)

Hady Salloum, Associate Dean for Research at Stevens Institute of Technology, is a highly skilled and motivated individual with more than 20 years of experience in Network Technology and Operations, Line and Program Management and Business Development. He has substantial technical breadth and depth in Telecom, Broadband and exceptional strength in Program/Project Management, negotiation skills, customer interaction, communications skills and setting and implementing business strategy.

Hady is also Director, Maritime Security Technology Applications and Distinguished Service Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering where he is responsible for working with existing and prospective research users to define specific applications for the Maritime Security Laboratory (MSL) at Stevens. MSL serves the needs of the US Navy and others by leveraging several existing research centers, which are already engaged in Naval Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection work, as well as infrastructure security research.

[Lothar Eckardt](#)

Executive Director

National Air Security Operations



Executive Director for National Air Security Operations, Lothar Eckardt, is responsible for the operational activities, long-range planning and project oversight for the P-3 aircraft and unmanned aircraft systems programs.

Eckardt has been with the CBP since April 2012, previously serving as the direction at the National Air Security Operations Center – Corpus Christi since 2008 where he commanded an aviation unit for U.S. Customs and Border Protection consisting of 8 P-3s and 1 Predator UAS. He was also charged with managing a \$28 million dollar operating budget and 107 employees (190 including contractors).

His responsibilities included executing ONDCP's defense in depth strategy, conducting border security operations with Predator UAS, collaborating with partner agencies in securing the nations borders and infrastructure and developing strategic plans for P-3/Predator operations.

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February 24 at 4:30 p.m.

[The Importance of Maritime Safety and Security](#)

[Guy Torres](#)

Director - IT Contracting U.S. Customs & Border Protection / DHS



Mr. Guy Torres is Director, Information Technology Contracting Division for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security. In this role he manages the largest IT acquisition portfolio within the Department of Homeland Security and is responsible for obligating 40% of CBP's annual budget resulting in procurement actions totaling more than 1000 orders.

Torres supervises three (3) GS-15 senior contracting officers and leads a government and contractor staff of 35 employees in the planning, acquisition and contract execution of IT requirements supporting efforts to protect the nation's borders and facilitating the flow of travel and trade.

He also manages the largest IT acquisition portfolio in the DHS and is responsible for obligating 40% of CBP's total \$2.5B budget, procurement actions totaling more than 1200 orders. Influences innovative and agile workflows for major CBP IT acquisitions and ensures that "best in class" processes such as early industry-government collaboration, the use of strategic sourcing vehicles, and competitive source selection methodologies are exercised for planning and executing IT acquisitions.

Over the course of two years, he has successfully led the re-competition of CBP's ten largest IT infrastructure contracts by implementing procurement best practices which resulted in more than \$100M in negotiated contract savings for CBP along with better defined client deliverables to measure contractor performance. These results were achieved by injecting early pre award, meaningful communication with Industry, developing a strong rapport with program offices, migrating from high risk to low risk contract types, and competitively awarding via best value practices versus sole source actions.

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[Doing Business at CBP: The Small Business Impact at DHS](#)

[Thomas McDaniels](#)

Chief of Staff

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security,
Transportation Security Administration**



As Chief of Staff, Thomas McDaniels serves as a liaison to administration, department and component officials. He provides strategic counsel on matters related to public and legislative affairs, policy matters, planning issues and engages with congressional staff as necessary. Additionally, McDaniels manages the executive secretary function and the assignment, preparation, and final disposition of official documents for concurrence, approval or signature of the Administrator and senior leadership.

Prior to joining TSA, he was Chief of Staff for U.S. House Representative Frederica Wilson. He also served as Chief Policy Advisor and Staff Director. From 2008 to 2011, McDaniels was Staff Director for the Subcommittee on Transportation Security and was the principal policy advisor for aviation security issues. As the Federal and State Legislative Coordinator for the Miami-Dade Aviation Department from 2003 to 2008, he organized federal and state legislative and policy efforts. In 2001 and 2002, McDaniels was Chief of Staff for U.S. House Representative Barbara Lee and he was Director of National Policy for the Legal Action Center from 2000 to 2001.

McDaniels holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Pennsylvania. He received a Master of Business Administration from the University of Miami in 2007.

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**[Improving Transit System Safety
with Integrated Security Solutions](#)**

[Martin Rojas](#)

Vice President, Security
& Operations

American Trucking Associations

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[Decreasing Border Transit Times to
Maximize Cross-Border Trade](#)

Martin Rojas serves as vice president for security and operations at the American Trucking Associations (ATA). He joined ATA in 1996 as its director for international affairs. Established in 1933, ATA is the national trade organization representing the interests of the U.S. trucking industry.

Rojas' primary duties are to coordinate ATA's security related policies and activities impacting the trucking industry, focusing on making the movement of trucks throughout North America as safe, efficient, effective, and secure as possible.

He has been active in the implementation of various security and trade programs including Security Threat Assessment programs for drivers, the Bioterrorism Act, Air Cargo Security, Trade Act requirements, Port Security, and Global Supply Chain Security. Rojas works closely with ATA's counterparts in Canada and Mexico to improve cross-border operations, and to finalize the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Prior to joining ATA, Rojas worked for the U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce. He received a bachelor's in international affairs and a master's in public administration from the George Washington University.

Additional Speakers

[Courtney Liggins](#)

Office of Intelligence and
Investigative Liaison Collections
Division
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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February 24 at 9:45 a.m. [UAV GEOINT
Processing, Exploitation & Dissemination
\(PED\) – A Case Study](#)

[Jonathan McEntee](#)

Deputy Director, Borders and Maritime Security
Division
**Department of Homeland Security, Science
and Technology Directorate**

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[Leveraging R&D to Develop an Integrated Border
Information Sharing Enterprise](#)

[John Novak](#)

Deputy Director, International Information Sharing
Terrorist Screening Center

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[The Importance of Sharing Information with International Partners to Prevent Terrorism](#)



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