

2025 TAG Senior Leaders Conference



<u>Theme</u>

Service – Standards – Stewardship: Strengthen the Profession of Arms

Morning Speakers

- 1. MG Todd Hunt, The Adjutant General, North Carolina National Guard
- 2. <u>COL Radu Cisleanu</u>, Senior National Security Intelligence Officer, Republic of Moldova
- 3. <u>Dr. Andrew Michta</u>, Director and Senior Fellow of the Atlantic Council's Scowcroft Strategy Initiative

<u>Topics</u>

2040 Vision and Organizational Priorities; Moldova Intelligence / Operational Update; Great Power Competition across Eastern Europe

Afternoon Speakers

- 1. SEA John Raines, Senior Enlisted Advisor to Chief of National Guard Bureau
- 2. <u>MSG (R) Cedric King</u>, Soldier, Leader, Resilency Trainer for Service Members and Families

<u>Topics</u>

Joint NCO Warfighting Fundamentals; Tactical Leader Resiliency and Overcoming Life Challenges

End State

Command Teams gain a better understanding of the Profession of Arms and how to train more effectively to address current and emerging threats at the Tactical level

Start Time	End Time	Event
0700	0800	Check in / Registration
0800	0810	Welcome / Administrative Remarks COL Brian Grey
0810	0815	The Governor of North Carolina GOV Josh Stein (Video)
0815	0900	The Adjutant General of North Carolina MG Todd Hunt
0900	1010	Guest Speaker Moldova Director of Intelligence
1010	1030	BREAK Coffee and Snacks
1030	1145	Guest Speaker Dr. Andrew Mitcha
1145	1300	LUNCH Exhibitors
1300	1410	Guest Speaker SEA John Raines
1410	1425	BREAK Coffee and Snacks
1425	1535	Guest Speaker MSG (R) Cedric King
1535	1545	Closing Comments MG Todd Hunt
1545	UTC	TAG / Retirees Breakout Session
1545	UTC	MSC / AAG Breakout Session

Always Ready – Ready Team!



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MG Marvin T. Hunt



Major General M. Todd Hunt assumed his duties as the adjutant general of the North Carolina National Guard Dec. 1, 2019. As adjutant general, Hunt commands nearly 12,000 citizen soldiers and airmen of the North Carolina Army and Air National Guard and is the governor's principal advisor on military affairs.

MG Hunt received his commission in 1987 through the Reserve Officer Training Program at East Carolina University. His previous assignments include two mobilizations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as detachment commander, then executive officer of the 1st Battalion, 130th Aviation Regiment. Most recently, General Hunt has served as the Land Component Commander of the North Carolina National Guard since September 2017 and the Deputy Commanding General of the Army National Guard-US Army Aviation Center of Excellence in Fort Rucker, Alabama.

MG Hunt received a Bachelor of Science in geology from East Carolina University in 1987, Masters of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

MG Hunt is a Master Army Aviator, and his awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Order of St. Michael Gold Medal.

SEA John Raines



Senior Enlisted Advisor (SEA) John T. Raines III is the SEA to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau. He serves as the Chief's principal military advisor on all enlisted matters affecting training, operations, health of the force, and enlisted professional development. As the highest enlisted leadership level, SEA Raines provides direction for the enlisted force and represents their interests.

He began his military career in August 1989 and has served in the Army National Guard and United States Army for over 35 years. He completed basic military training and advanced individual training at Fort (Ft) Jackson, South Carolina, and Ft. Eisenhower, Georgia, as a 31N Communications Specialist before reclassifying as an 11B Infantryman at Ft. Moore, Georgia.

SEA Raines was promoted to Sergeant Major on 01 May 2008. Before becoming the 7th SEA, Raines held several positions of leadership, including the 13th Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard, the Mississippi Army National Guard State Command Sergeant Major (CSM), Command Senior Enlisted Leader (CSEL) of the Mississippi National Guard, and the Joint Operations (J3) Senior Enlisted Leader for United States Indo-Pacific Command, along with many other key leadership positions.

SEA Raines' deployments include Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was activated in support of Operation Noble Eagle and served in the Republic of Korea. SEA Raines has deployed throughout Asia and the Pacific, coaching and mentoring Joint U.S. forces and numerous foreign partners in the United States Indo-Pacific Command region.

SEA Raines is a native of Alabama and has been married to his wife, Karen, for 35 years. They have a daughter, Stephanie, a son, Richard, a daughter in law, Brittany, and four granddaughters, Aubrey, Natalie, Khloe, and Tilly.





Dr. Andrew Michta



Dr. Andrew A. Michta is Director and Senior Fellow, Scowcroft Strategy Initiative in the Atlantic Council's Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security and the former dean of the College of International and Security Studies at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies.

He holds a PhD in international relations from the Johns Hopkins University. His areas of expertise are international security, NATO, and European politics and security, with a special focus on Central Europe and the Baltic states.

Previously, he was professor of national security affairs at the US Naval War College, an adjunct fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies' Europe Program, and an affiliate of the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies at Harvard University.

He is a published author of multiple books and contributor to multiple strategic level articles. His most recent book with Paal Hilde, The Future of NATO: Regional Defense and Global Security, was published by the University of Michigan Press in 2014. Dr. Michta is fluent in Polish and Russian and proficient in German and French.

COL Radu Cisleanu



Lieutenant Colonel Radu Cisleanu, born on 12 March 1983 in Telenesti, Republic of Moldova, is a distinguished officer in the Moldovan Army, currently serving as Director of the Military Intelligence Agency within the Ministry of Defense. With a military career spanning from 2000 to the present, he has demonstrated a consistent commitment to national defense and intelligence operations.

Lt Col Cisleanu began his military education in Romania, attending the "BASARAB I" and "IOAN VODA" military schools, followed by a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Technical University of Moldova. His academic and professional development includes extensive international training in intelligence, counterterrorism, multinational operations, and security policy, with courses completed in the U.S., Romania, Czech Republic, Sweden, and the Netherlands.

A seasoned intelligence officer, his career includes operational roles in the 22nd Peacekeeping Battalion, progressive leadership positions within the Moldovan Ministry of Defense's Intelligence Department, and a high-profile diplomatic posting as Moldova's Military Representative to NATO at SHAPE. Since 2021, he has led Moldova's Military Intelligence Agency.

Lt Col Cisleanu is fluent in Romanian, English, Russian, and French. He is married with one son and one daughter. His academic contributions include a master's thesis on Black Sea regional security, as well as doctrinal and analytical works on intelligence support and international terrorism. He has been decorated with numerous national and international military honors, including the Eminent Military Insignia, Intelligence Badge (USA), and PSO Badge (Czech Republic).





MSG (R) Cedric King



Retired Master Sergeant Cedric King entered the United States Army in 1995. During his illustrious career, Master Sergeant King served proved himself to be an exemplary soldier graduating from several distinguishing schools in the Army, including but not limited to the United States Army Jumpmaster Course, United States Army Pathfinder course, Air Assault course, The United States Army Ranger Course. He is also the recipient of the Bronze Star, the Purple heart, the Meritorious Service Medal and is a Four-time Best Ranger Competition competitor.

On July 25,2012 during his second tour in Afghanistan, Cedric was severely injured by an Improvised Explosive Device which caused him major internal injuries, permanent damage to his right arm and hand and the amputation of both of his legs.