

Undersea Tech: August 2024

Amplifying Innovative Voices



Defense Innovation Days

Each year, Defense Innovation Days is an opportunity for national security leaders, policymakers and industry changemakers to collaborate, share insights, and discuss current defense industry goals and challenges. UTIC was proud to be a platinum sponsor of SENEDIA's 10th anniversary event, and many UTIC member companies attended to connect with industry, military and government partners. Keep reading to see event photos and discussion highlights.



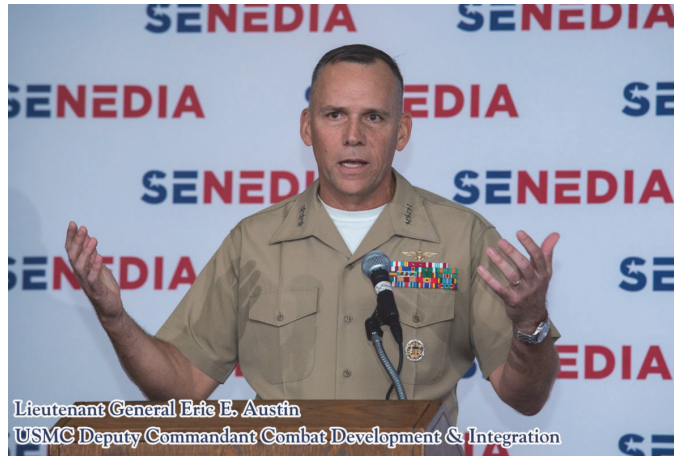
Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro

The threats to American interests and democracy are diverse and ever changing. These threats come from a range of sources and will require a multi-faceted approach.



CAPT Colin Corbin, Navy Disruptive Capabilities Office, formerly Commander, Task Force 59, Unmanned and A&I Integration
Mr. Michael Stewart - Director, Navy Disruptive Capabilities Office
CAPT Joseph Baggett - Commanding Officer, Surface Warfare Officers School, former Maritime Operations Director in 5th Fleet
CAPT (Ret) Michael Brasseur - Chief Strategy Officer for Sub line; former JTF59 Commander

These threats have led to remarkable opportunities for collaboration with both longstanding and new allies, as demonstrated by our initiatives with AUKUS and efforts to safeguard a free Indo-Pacific.



Lieutenant General Eric E. Austin
USMC Deputy Commandant Combat Development & Integration

UTIC's [Conversations on National Security: AUKUS](#), event last April, and our recent [partnership with SENEDIA and the Defence Teaming Centre](#) in Adelaide Australia highlight the potential of these collaborative opportunities.



It is critical to maintain our momentum in innovation. To keep America competitive and preserve military dominance, we must continually seek new technological advancements, and rely on industry innovators to drive these developments.



The defense industry is driven by people, which is why it is vital to invest in recruitment, training, and workforce development to attract and retain the highly skilled, purpose-driven professionals ready to meet existing demands while also expanding our capabilities.



Speakers discussed a variety of topics relevant to US defense, including foreign challenges such as China's influence and Houthi aggression in the Red Sea. To address these challenges, the US military will need to rely on manufactures, developers, academic institutions and innovators to provide advanced technology and machinery.

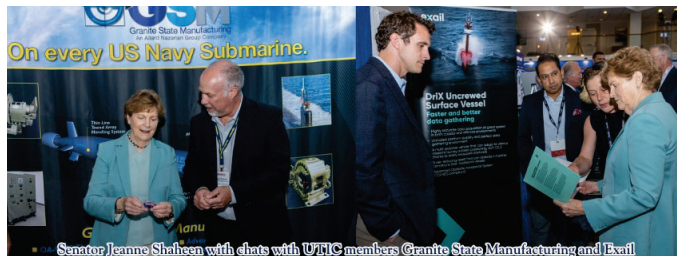


UTIC members continue to work with Navy leadership to deliver cutting-edge solutions to the Navy's most pressing challenges.





Our member companies, both large and small not only provide our military with the tools they need to protect American interests, they also provide countless jobs and enhance economic output across the country.



"The defense economy in New England employs over 400,000 people. It has an economic output of over \$119 billion annually. We have innovation, we have these wonderful universities...we have to showcase what we have, and that's what SENEDIA does," said New Hampshire Senator Jeanne Shaheen.



UTIC is committed to collaborating with our members, partner organizations and Naval leadership to foster technological innovation and workforce development. The 10th Annual Defense Innovation Days was an inspiring and encouraging forum on the future of the defense industry, and the opportunities that can be found in the challenges that lay ahead.

Undersea Technology Innovation Consortium

Two Corporate Place – Suite 203
Middletown, RI 02842
(401) 378 8485
undersea@underseatech.org

