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U.S. INDO-PACIFIC COMMAND INTERNATIONAL MILITARY LAW AND OPERATIONS CONFERENCE

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## Sunday, 2 August, 2026

**1300-1700** MILOPS Check-In to Conference Collect Security Badge and Welcome Packet

## Monday, 3 August, 2026

<b>0800-0810</b>	MILOPS Introduction	Captain Dustin Wallace, SJA USINDOPACOM
<b>0810-0820</b>	Arrival of the Official Party	<i>*All Rise from seats</i>
<b>0820-0825</b>	Cultural Welcome Dance	Visit Malaysia
<b>0825-0830</b>	MILOPS Opening remarks	Mr. David H. Gamble, Jr. U.S. Chargé D'Affaires to Malaysia
<b>0830-0850</b>	Keynote: Welcome to Malaysia	Dato' Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin Malaysia Minister of Defence
<b>0850-0920</b>	Keynote: ASEAN Centrality in the Context of Maintaining Peace, Security and Prosperity in the Indo-Pacific	The Honorable Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary-General of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)
<b>0920-0950</b>	The Strategy of the Commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command: Prevail	Admiral Samuel Paparo, Commander USINDOPACOM
<b>0950-1020</b>	Philippines Perspectives on Regional Security Threats	The Honorable Gilberto Teodoro Jr., Secretary National Defence Philippines
<b>1020-1100</b>	MILOPS Photo and Morning Tea	
<b>1100-1130</b>	Comprehensive Strategic Partnerships in the Indo-Pacific	Assistant Secretary George DeSombre, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. State Department
<b>1130-1200</b>	Security Perspectives of Malaysia	General Datuk Haji Malek Razak Sulaiman, Chief of Defence Force, Malaysia
<b>1200-1230</b>	Legal Support across Full Spectrum	Mr. Earl Matthews, General Counsel, U.S. Department of War
<b>1230-1330</b>	Provided Buffet Lunch	MILOPS participants
<b>1330-1430</b>	Panel: Operational Commanders Cooperation and Interoperability for Security, Freedom and Prosperity for All	Lieutenant General Dato' Tengku Muhammad Fauzi bin Tengku Ibrahim, Joint Force Commander Malaysian Armed Forces Rear Admiral Weniel A. Azcuna, Commander of the Coast Guard Fleet, Philippines Coast Guard Rear Admiral Justin Jones, Chief Joint Operations Command Australia
<b>1430-1500</b>	Afternoon Tea	
<b>1500-1600</b>	Panel: Advancing Indo-Pacific Security - The U.S. JAG Role in Multi-Domain Deterrence	Major General David J. Bligh, The Judge Advocate General U.S. Navy Major General Bobby Christine, The Judge Advocate General U.S. Army Major General Christopher Eason, The Judge Advocate General U.S. Air Force Major General Christopher Tolar, Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps Captain Travis Emge Acting Judge Advocate General U.S. Coast Guard
<b>1600-1630</b>	Add ASEAN theme here	U.S. Ambassador to ASEAN
<b>1900-2100</b>	No Host Ice Breaker	

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**Tuesday, 4 August, 2026**

**0830-0900** The Criticality of Maritime Domain Awareness: Understanding the Regional Maritime Picture  
Mr. Greg Poling, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative

**0900-0930** Why Should We Care About the Indo-Pacific?  
Mr. Ray Powell, Director SeaLight

**0930-1000** Regional Maritime Dynamics in the Indo-Pacific  
Ms. Jen Parker, UNSW Canberra, National Security Law College, Australian National University

**1000-1030** Morning Tea

**1030-1200** Keynote Panel:  
10th Anniversary of the 2016 Unanimous, Final and Binding South China Sea Arbitral Tribunal Award  
Moderator:  
Mr. Robert B. Harris, U.S. State Department

Mr. Manny Donato Guzman, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs Prof. Lan Ahn Ngyen- Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Mr. Larry Martin, U.S. Senior Counsel for the South China Sea Arbitration

**1230-1330** Provided Buffet Lunch MILOPS participants

**1330-1500** Panel : Coast Guard Cooperation: Maritime Security across the Indo-Pacific  
Moderator:  
CDR Karl Mueller, U.S. Coast Guard

Senior Leader, Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency  
First Admiral Askari , Chief Indonesian Maritime Security Agency  
Rear Admiral Jay Tarriela, Strategic Communications West Philippines Sea, Philippines Coast Guard

**1500-1530**

**1530-1700** Panel:  
Countering Transnational Crime at Sea  
Moderator:  
CAPT George Howell, USN, Joint Interagency Task Force West

Mr. Charlie Brown, United Against Nuclear Iran (Fuel Smuggling in East Asia)  
Brigadier General Emmanuel Boiteau, French Armed Forces (Counter-Narcotics)  
Mr. Allan Rahari, Director Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (Illegal Unregulated Unreported Fishing)  
Malaysia representative

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**Wednesday, 5 August, 2026**

<b>0830-0900</b>	How to avoid War in the Indo-Pacific	Dr. Collin Koh Swee Lean, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore
<b>0900-0930</b>	Cultural Warfare and the Plundering of Marine Resources	Dr. Ian Ralby, Maritime Expert, President, Auxilium Worldwide
<b>0930-1000</b>	Supply Chain Resilience and Cross-Border Strategies	Ms. Apoorba Banerjee, Lowy Institute
<b>1000-1030</b>	Morning Tea	
<b>1030-1200</b>	Panel: The Future Security of the Polar Regions	Moderator: Professor Kate Friedman, Ted Stevens Centre for Arctic Security Studies
	Dr. Elizabeth Buchanan, Australian Strategic Policy Institute Professor Anne Marie Brady, University of Canterbury, New Zealand Lieutenant General Derek Macaulay, Indo-Pacific Regional Representative to Chief of Defence Staff, Canadian Armed Forces	
<b>1200-1300</b>	Provided Buffet Lunch	MILOPS participants
<b>1300-1430</b>	Pacific Island Security and Prosperity: Perspectives of the 'Big Ocean States'	Moderator: Dame Meg Taylor, Papua New Guinea, Former Secretary General Pacific Island Forum and Member of Pacific Island Voice
	The Honorable Jennifer S. Olegeriil, Minister of Justice, Palau Mr. Douveri Henao, Geopolitical Analyst and Foreign Policy Advisor, Papua New Guinea Mr. Viliame Bovororo, Director, Pacific Fusion Centre, Pacific Island Forum Mr. Benedict Philip, Lead Analyst, Office of the National Security Advisor, Vanuatu	
<b>1430-1500</b>	Afternoon Tea	
<b>1500-1530</b>	Contested Logistics in the Indo-Pacific	Mr. Jose Cora, General Counsel, Defence Logistics Agency
<b>1530-1600</b>	Information Operations, Digital Authoritarianism and the Rule of Law	Ms. Anthena Tong, University Tokyo and Pacific Forum
<b>1600-1630</b>	Cognitive Warfare: Countering Coercion, Interference and legal warfare	Dr. Joanna Siekiera, Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies

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**Thursday, 6 August, 2026**

**0830-0900** Modern Application of the Geneva Conventions International Committee Red Cross

**0900-0930** The Law of Armed Conflict and Advanced Technology Professor Masahiro Kurosaki, Tohoku University School of Law

**0930-1000** The Evolution of Space Law Major Steve Garman, United States Space Command

**1000-1030** The Wayfarer Manual Professor Dale Stephens, University of Adelaide

**1030-1100** Morning Tea

**1100-1230** Panel: Senior Regional JAGs—Contemporary Legal Challenges and Opportunities in the Indo-Pacific Moderator: Captain Ian Santicola, USINDOPACOM

Air Commodore Chris Taylor, Director General Military Legal Service  
Major General Robin Holman, Judge Advocate General, Canadian Armed Forces  
Colonel Kitone 'Tui' Tunaosara, Director Legal, Royal Fijian Military Forces  
Commander Alban Merlin-Aubert, Head of Law Enforcement at Sea, French Armed Forces  
Captain Isamu Kaji, Legal Affairs General, Japan Joint Staff and Japan Joint Operations Command  
Brigadier General James Kennedy-Good, Head Legal Services, New Zealand Armed Forces  
Colonel Saturnino S. Diaron Jr., Chief, International Law & Special Projects, Armed Forces Philippines  
Brigadier General Ji-Young Ahn, Chief of Ministry of National Defense Prosecution Agency, Republic of Korea  
Air Commodore Kevin Sanders, Deputy Director Legal Service, Royal Air Force, United Kingdom

**1230-1300** Identifying Actions to Advance Indo-Pacific Security and Closing Remarks  
MILOPS26 in Review: Captain Dustin Wallace  
Staff Judge Advocate, USINDOPACOM

**1300** Collect MILOPS Group Photo, Coin and Certificate

**1315-1400** Provided Buffet Lunch MILOPS participants

**1430-1700** Multilateral Counter-Lawfare Working Group All welcome

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