

NUCLEAR ENERGY AND NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM OF EVENTS

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FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2026

0900 Introduction, PNWC Welcome, and Keynote

- **CAPT Andrea H. Cameron**, Permanent Military Professor, U.S. Naval War College
- **RADM Darryl L. Walker**, President, U.S. Naval War College
- **Dr. Jeff L. Waksman**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (PDASA) Installations, Energy and Environment (IE&E)

0935 Panel 1: Pentagon Response to Executive Orders

- **Dr. Rian Bahran**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Reactors, Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy
- **Ms. Susan Call**, Director for Installation Energy Optimization, Office of the Assistant Secretary of War for Energy, Installations and Environment
- **Colonel Jeffrey Kendellen**, Senior Nuclear Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Energy and Sustainability, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Energy and Environment)

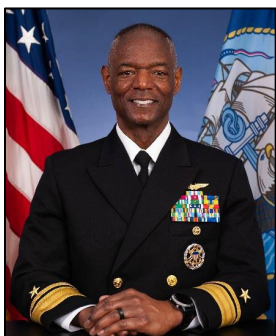
1025 Coffee Break

1035 Panel 2: Service Perspectives on Nuclear Energy

- **Mr. David Schurr**, Director, Project Pele, Strategic Capabilities Office, Department of War
- **Dr. Annie M. Kammerer**, PE, Chief, Nuclear Power Branch, Office of the Chief of Engineers (OCE), Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA)
- **Ms. Corey L. Chance**, P.E., PMP, LEED AP, Technical Director, Installation Energy Policy and Programs, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Infrastructure, Energy, and Environment)
- **CDR Ben Kalish**, Director, Installation Nuclear Power, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment)

1145 Closing Remarks

KEY SPEAKERS



President, U.S. Naval War College

Rear Admiral Darryl “D-Day” Walker, U.S. Navy, is the 59th President of the U.S. Naval War College and a career naval aviator. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1985 as an Air Traffic Controller and graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics. Walker received his commission in the U.S. Navy through the Naval Aviation Officer Candidate School and was designated a naval flight officer in 1992. He graduated from the U.S. Naval War College in 2002 with a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies. Prior to the Naval War College, Walker served as Deputy Commander of Joint Force Headquarters-Cyber (Navy), U.S. 10th Fleet.



Keynote Speaker

Dr. Jeff Waksman serves as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment. As the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, he is the principal deputy advisor to the Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff of the Army on all matters tied to policy and oversight for installation modernization, military construction and housing, energy dominance and sustainability, real estate, safety and occupational health, and all environmental matters.

Dr. Waksman has a broad range of technical and government experience. Most recently he was a Program Manager at the Strategic Capabilities Office of the Office of the Secretary of Defense. There he led Project Pele, a transportable nuclear reactor and the first Generation IV reactor to begin construction in the United States, as well as Project Triso. In the first Trump Administration he served as a Policy Advisory to the NASA Administrator. He also served as a Science & Technology Fellow in the office of Representative David Schweikert (R-AZ).

Prior to his federal service, Dr. Waksman was on the research staff at IBM’s Thomas J. Watson Research Center where he focused on quantum computing and heterogeneous chip integration. As part of his academic career, he performed scientific research at Columbia University, NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. For this work he was published eleven times and was co-inventor on two patents.

Dr. Waksman is a member of the American Nuclear Society. He received a PhD in Physics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison as well as Masters Degrees in both Nuclear Engineering and Physics. His Bachelor’s Degree was from Columbia University, with a Major of Applied Physics. He lives with his wife, Judit and son, Daniel

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