

MILCOM 2008: 'ASSURING MISSION SUCCESS

Raytheon Company (NYSE: RTN) will host this year's premier military communications conference, MILCOM 2008, at the San Diego Convention Center in California, November 17-19, 2008.

Now in its 27th year, MILCOM is known as one of the largest government/industry conferences in the world, and the premier technical communications, networking and information-sharing event of its kind. More than 6,000 people from 30 countries are expected to attend this annual gathering, which draws professionals from government, scientific, academic and engineering communities, contractors, allies, and top educational institutions from around the world.

MILCOM is co-sponsored by the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Communications Society. The conference's Department of

Defense advisor is Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR).

The conference will focus on "Assuring Mission Success" and will include unclassified and classified sessions, discussion panels, and tutorials focused on strategies, technologies and processes for developing and enhancing technologically advanced military communications. Topics will cover communications and information technologies and capabilities that address 21st century communications challenges related to national defense, homeland security, disaster response, and interoperability. These include:

- Network Architecture, Management, Modeling and Protocols
- Software Defined and Cognitive Radios
- Antenna Technologies and Architectures
- Computer and Network Security.

The conference will also bring together some of the world's brightest technical experts and government/indus-

try leaders. Confirmed featured speakers and forum participants include:

- The Honorable John Grimes, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration and Department of Defense Chief Information Officer
- Mr. Peter Verga, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Americas Security Affairs
- Gen Victor E. Renuart, Jr., USAF, Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command
- LTG Jeffrey Sorenson, USA, Chief Information Officer/G-6, U.S. Army
- VADM H. Denby Starling II, USN, Commander, Naval Network Warfare Command
- LTG Michael Vane, USA, Director, Army Capabilities Integration Center, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command

"For a generation, the MILCOM conference has attracted a unique mix of government, military, academia and industry experts from around the world to collaborate on military communications solutions to the world's pressing problems," said Jerry Powlen, vice president of Raytheon's Network Centric Systems' Integrated Communications Systems.

MILCOM draws decision makers from many areas of the public and private sectors, including the heads of multi-national forces, who influence key technology investments for their agencies and organizations. Attendees have the opportunity to interact with leading communication subject matter experts regarding the latest in technology advancements.

The conference also attracts more than 250 exhibitors who showcase new technologies and promote state-of-the-art products and services that address many mission critical challenges.

The annual Chairman's Banquet will be held Tuesday evening in the exquisite Elizabeth Ballroom at the Manchester Grand Hyatt. Distinguished military representatives will join the much anticipated celebration to recognize this year's award recipients for outstanding achievement and technology advancement in the field of military communications. The evening will also feature dinner, video tributes and lively entertainment.

Conference details and registration are available at <http://www.milcom.org>.