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**AFHF SYMPOSIUM PANELS, AFA HQ, PENTAGON CITY, 0800-1700**

1201 S. JOYCE STREET  
C6, SECOND FLOOR  
ARLINGTON, VA 22202

**0800-0810 ADMIN and INSTRUCTIONS**

Special Thanks to AFA for hosting the Symposium this year

**Keynote/Kickoff 0810-0825**

James "Snake" Clark, 2025 SPAATZ AWARD RECIPIENT  
***LEGACY OF THE PREDATOR***

**0830-0930**

**The Early History of Unmanned Aircraft (1910-1975)**

Dik Daso, The Early Days: Flying Bomb and Radio Dog to WW II  
"DOC" Bish Whitmore, USAF, WW II thru VIETNAM (AQM-34)

**0940-1045**

**Transitioning to CCA (2017-2027)**

Jared DelOrfano, ANG and the MQ-9  
Jackson Lingane, Anduril

**1100-1200**

**UNUSUAL UNMANNED MUSEUM OBJECTS**

Roger Connor, NASM, Operation Crossroads HELLCAT  
Jacob Jones, Grissom Air Museum, The D-21 Supersonic Unmanned Concepts  
James D. Outzen, Director, Center for the Study of Reconnaissance, NRO and the D-21

**Working Lunch 1215-1300**

**So, You Want to be an Editor...**

**Book Prize Recipients PLUS**

David Arnold, ed. Space Force Pioneers  
John Andreas Olsen, ed. Airpower Pioneers  
Abbie Hoffman, ed. A Few Great Captains (tentative)  
Phil Meilinger, AFHF Publisher

**1300-1420**

**Operation MIDNIGHT HAMMER and BEYOND**

Dee Gullikson, Wing Historian

Col Joshua Wiitala, current 509th Bomb Wing Commander

Col (Retired) Keith Butler, former 509th Bomb Wing Commander

Col Matthew Howard, current 131st Bomb Wing Commander (131st Deputy Commander during OMH)

BG Jared Kennish, former 131st Bomb Wing Commander

**1430-1530**

**Space and Unmanned Operations**

Stu Pettis Fireside Chat with

**Lieutenant General Douglas A. Schiess**

Lt. Gen. Douglas A. Schiess is the Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Operations, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. Lt. Gen. Schiess has overall responsibility for the development and implementation of policy for all U.S. Space Force global operations, sustainment, training and readiness. He serves as the Space Force Operations Deputy to the Chief of Space Operations for all Joint Chiefs of Staff matters.

**1545-1645**

**The BIRTH of the UNMANNED MINDSET--EARLY MODERN UAVs**

***Mitchell Institute Participants***

Lt Gen Dave Deptula, USAF (ret) 2024 AFHF Spaatz Award Recipient

Brig Gen Houston Cantwell, USAF (Ret)

Maj Heather Penny, ANG (ret)

**1650-1700**

**Summary and Sendoff**