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Unveiling Knowledge and Power at the 2003 SPAWAR Industry Conference

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SAN DIEGO—To the excitement of nearly 600 attendees, the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) unveiled a FORCENet demonstration at this year's highest attended SPAWAR / Industry Conference, entitled "Architecting and Implementing FORCENet."



Nearly 600 Military, Industry, and Civil Service employees attended this year's SPAWAR / Industry Conference.

The event was co-sponsored by SPAWAR and the San Diego Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) on October 22-24 at the Bahia Hotel on Mission Bay.

The FORCENet demonstration at this year's conference illustrated the warfighter's ability to access information as the scenario is changing, and provide a roadmap for transferring day-to-day military information to implemented knowledge by using network-centric capability and broadcast bandwidth power.

"It was a great demonstration of the road ahead; it looked fairly easy, intuitive and provides a great framework of where the Navy would like to go," said retired RADM George Wagner, Northrop Grumman.

Mr. Mike Reilley, SPAWAR Systems Center San Diego (SSC-SD), presented the web-based, seamless demonstration on what the warfighter is able to do with FORCENet applications. The presentation showed how information management, developed according to SPAWAR's architecture, can provide highly accurate data where it's needed; while at the same time, eliminating any duplicated information.

According to SPAWAR leadership, FORCENet is part of a conceptual framework and IT architecture that links all elements of the globally distributed combat force, enabling more effective battlefield strategies between the command structures, the warfighter and support elements. SPAWAR is the lead systems command for engineering and assessing FORCENet.

The conference began with briefings on the historical originations of FORCENet and continued with presentations on current acquisition strategies, implementation roles and operational commanders' requirements.



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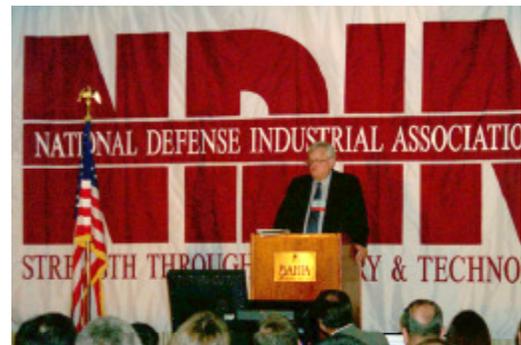


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The keynote speaker, Hon. John Stenbit, Assistant Secretary of Defense Networks and Information Integration / DoD Chief Information Officer, emphasized the importance of building systems that allow multiple users to input information onto broadcast bandwidth. Additionally, he discussed the power of integrating current information systems.

The conference concluded Friday evening with the annual NDIA Fleet Support Awards Banquet, which featured a total of \$10,000 in awards to technical and management personnel that have made significant contributions to fleet readiness and support.

“A lot of planning and effort went into the success of this year’s conference, and the committee consisted of about 50 volunteers who each brought this conference to a highly successful conclusion,” said Mr. Jim Lasswell, NDIA Executive Vice President.



Keynote speaker, Hon. John Stenbit, discussed the importance of getting information on a broadcast bandwidth at the 2003 SPAWAR Industry Conference.

Some additional presenters included the following: RADM Dave Antanitus, FORCENet Architecture; RADM Thomas Zelibor, FORCENet and the Planning, Programming, Budgeting System (PPBS); LtGen Tom Hobbins, USAF Information Initiatives; RADM Charles L. Munns, Navy/Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) and FORCENet; Mr. Andrew Cox, Reusable Application Integration Development Standards (RAPIDS); Mr. Dennis Bauman, PEO C4I & Space; and CAPT Bob Kopas, Commander, Naval Surface Force, US Pacific Fleet (COMNAVSURFPAC).

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