



Global Force Symposium & Exposition 2026: the field test of the U.S. Army transformation

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From **March 24 to 26, 2026**, the **Von Braun Center in Huntsville, Alabama**, will host the **AUSA Global Force Symposium & Exposition**, a key event to closely follow the evolution of the **U.S. Army** and the dialogue between armed forces, industry, and academia. According to official materials, the symposium is dedicated to advancing the modernization of the **Total Army** and will address topics such as **research and development, acquisitions, contracting, sustainment, and industrial partnerships**.

Huntsville is not a random location. The city, linked to the **Redstone Arsenal** ecosystem, is one of the main technical-industrial hubs of U.S. defense. For this reason, the Global Force is considered much more than a simple exposition: it is a privileged observatory on the operational and industrial priorities of the American Army. AUSA materials for exhibitors also indicate an audience of **over 7,000 participants** among Army leadership, DoD, industry, and

academia.

The 2026 edition seems to fit into a phase where the focus of the U.S. Army is increasingly concentrated on the concrete transformation of units, the speed of capability adoption, and the resilience of the industrial base. A signal also comes from the content anticipated by the **Army Materiel Command**, which has indicated specific discussions for the symposium on the theme of **“Army’s Industrial Might”**, directly linking operational advantage to production capacity, logistical support, and supply chain resilience.

For the industry, the central point is precisely this: Global Force 2026 confirms itself as the place to measure the level of alignment between military needs and industrial capabilities. In a phase where Washington insists on modernization, readiness, and sustainment, the message from Huntsville is clear: it is not enough to develop new technologies; they must also be integrable, sustainable, and available quickly.

For European observers and the defense industrial sector, the AUSA symposium remains an event to follow closely. Not only to understand which programs are at the top of the U.S. Army's agenda but especially to grasp how the relationship between innovation, acquisition, and the ability to sustain land military power over time is changing.

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