

Demystifying Quantum

MANDATES, CAPABILITIES, AND WARFIGHTER READINESS

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

8 AM EST
1 HR

Registration & Networking

Enjoy some breakfast and networking with your peers before the program begins at 9am!

9 AM EST
5 MINS

Opening Remarks

Set the stage on why quantum is an urgent operational topic for naval and expeditionary leaders today.

9:05 AM EST
50 MINS

Demystifying Quantum - Reality, Mandates, & Infrastructure



Aaron Heffron
President for Insights and Strategy
GovExec

This session delivers a grounded, plain-language overview of quantum technologies, separating industry hype from operational realities. It breaks down the three primary pillars—Quantum Computing, Quantum Sensing, and Quantum Networking—explaining their foundational mechanics and how they differ from classical architectures.

9:55 AM EST
15 MINS

Coffee Break

10:10 AM EST
50 MINS

From Classical to Quantum: Preparing for What’s Next



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Jack Sears, Jr.
Vice President
overnment Business Solutions

This panel will explore how quantum technologies are shaping cybersecurity, government modernization, and next-generation computing. The discussion will connect near-term priorities with emerging opportunities, highlighting how organizations can prepare for increasing complexity while identifying practical applications for quantum technology today.

11 AM EST
5 MINS

Closing Remarks

Thank you for joining us!