

The Aerospace & Defense Forum

The Aerospace & Defense Forum is a group of over 440 industry senior executives and professionals who meet monthly to share news, information, and analysis relevant to the business of the aerospace, commercial space and defense industries. Membership consists of:

- 38% aerospace and defense company executives and entrepreneurs
- 33% senior business service providers and other professionals
- 18% financially oriented organizations, such as private equity groups, banks, commercial lenders, and investment bankers
- 11% government agencies, non-profit and professional associations, and other interested parties

Membership and meeting attendance is free and open to all. A monthly e-mail newsletter describes the upcoming meeting presentation and other aerospace-related events. Each monthly meeting consists of one or two presentations by industry leaders, followed by discussion and networking. About twice a year meetings are at an A&D company.

Started in May 2010, there are currently two chapters. Los Angeles chapter meetings are in Century City on the 3rd Friday of each month, 7:30–9:00am. Orange County chapter meetings are in Costa Mesa on the 1st Thursday, 7:30–9:00am. At each monthly meeting there are typically 45-55 attendees, the meeting room capacity, requiring RSVPs in advance.

Discussion and presentation topics have included:

- Presentations by the Deputy Director of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and CEOs of Sea-Launch, aerospace fabricators, and launch vehicle and satellite manufacturers
- Visits to and presentations by SpaceX and The Columbia Memorial Space Center.
- Lean Manufacturing
- Cyber security
- The emerging commercial space industry
- Civil and defense space activities
- The impact of composites on design and manufacturing
- The state of A&D mergers and acquisitions
- Focusing on defense systems' life-cycle costs

Any topic that relates to something that lifts off the ground is appropriate for the A&D Forum.

The A&D Forum website, open only to members, provides announcements, a calendar of aerospace-related activities, downloadable audio recordings and slides of presentations, and released member contact information.

For further information, to become a member, or to RSVP for a meeting, please contact Ivan Rosenberg at irosenberg@frontier-assoc.com or 818-505-9915.

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