

# Wargaming in the Southern Region Workshop

10-13 February, 2025  
Hilton Garden Inn Miami Airport West



## Meeting Agenda (as of 02/06/25)

### Monday, 10 February

#### Classified Sessions at USSOUTHCOM Headquarters

0745	Registrant Check-In and Badging – USSOUTHCOM HQ, USAG-Miami Building	
0900 to 0910	Welcome and Administrative Remarks – USSOUTHCOM HQ	
0910 to 0915	Opening Comments (GO/SES) – USSOUTHCOM HQ <i>Speaker (Introduction by LTC John W. Barlow)</i>	
	<i>TS-level Conference Room USSOUTHCOM HQ</i>	<i>S//FVEY-level Conference Room USSOUTHCOM HQ</i>
0915 to 0945	Current Southern Region Threats and Global Impacts (Classification: <b>TS//FVEY</b> ) <i>MAJ Chris Weller, USSOUTHCOM</i>	Current Southern Region Threats and Global Impacts (Classification: <b>S//NF</b> ) <i>Presenters TBD</i>
0945 to 1015	Future Joint Operating Environment (Classification: <b>TS//FVEY</b> ) <i>Mr. John Brimm and Mr. Cullen Haselby, Joint Staff J7 (JS J7)</i>	
1015 to 1045	Future Threats (Classification: <b>TS//FVEY</b> ) <i>MAJ Christopher Weller, USSOUTHCOM</i>	SOUTHCOM Operational Overview Topics (Classification: <b>S//FVEY</b> ) – USSOUTHCOM HQ <i>Presenters TBD</i>
Ten Minute Break		
1055 to 1150	Panel: Global Challenges, Threats, Risks to National Security, and Southern Region Implications and Strategic Efforts (Classification: <b>S//FVEY</b> ) – USSOUTHCOM HQ <i>Moderator: LTC John W. Barlow; Panelists: Mr. David Greene SES, Air CDRE Michael Carver, CAPT Aaron Delano-Johnson, Mr. Eric Wolff, Mr. Kevin Staley, Ms. Traci Sluss, Ms. Sahr Muhammedally</i>	
1150 to 1245	Lunch – USSOUTHCOM HQ	
1245 to 1300	Strategic SOUTHCOM Campaign Plan (SCP) Priorities (Classification: <b>S//FVEY</b> ) – USSOUTHCOM HQ <i>LTC Michael Hamilton, USSOUTHCOM</i>	

## Monday, 10 February (Continued)

### Classified Sessions at SOUTHCOM Headquarters

1300 to 1315	Leveraging the SOUTHCOM AOR for S&T, RDT&E, and Requirements Analysis Efforts (Classification: S//FVEY) – USSOUTHCOM HQ	
	Mr. James Stevens and Mr. Sanjay Malkani, USSOUTHCOM	
1315 to 1400	Panel: National Strategic Guidance Changes and Scenario/Gaming Considerations (Classification: S//FVEY) – USSOUTHCOM HQ	
	Moderator: LTC John W. Barlow; Panelists: Mr. David Greene SES, Mr. Kevin Staley, Mr. James Coker, Mr. Eric Wolff, Ms. Sahr Muhammedally, and Mr. Bruce Vitor	
Ten Minute Break		
	TS-level Conference Room USSOUTHCOM HQ	S//FVEY-level Conference Room USSOUTHCOM HQ
1410 to 1440	Presentation by Analytic Advantage (Classification: TS) Mr. Gary D., OGA/AAI	Panel: Future Joint Operating Environment (Classification: S//FVEY) Mr. John Brimm and Mr. Cullen Haselby, Joint Staff J7 (JS J7)
1440 to 1510	CJADC2 Campaign Plan (Classification: TS) Dr. Leslie Perkins, Joint Staff J6 (JS J6) – (Virtual Presenter)	Integrating Data across the Combatant Commands (Classification: S//FVEY) Dr. Jose Angeles and Mr. Christopher Caneda, USSOUTHCOM
1510 to 1600	Panel: Space, CJADC2, and Cyber (Classification: TS) Moderator: LTC John W. Barlow; Panelists: Col John Kolb (US Space Force/SOUTHCOM JIST), Dr. Leslie Perkins (JS J6), and LCDR Kristen Hodge (CO-IPE)	Examining the Effect of Persona Prompting LLMs on a Strategic Wargame (Classification: Confidential) Prof. John Licato, University of South Florida
Ten Minute Break		
1610 to 1730	CCMD Analytic COI and Resourcing, Gaming, and Decision Support COI MTG (Classification: TS) – USSOUTHCOM HQ	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Collaborative Opportunities: SOAR Tools, ASSER4T, S9TINCCAEUI, and Peace and Security LOEs (Classification: TS) LTC John Barlow, USSOUTHCOM</li><li>Assessment of U.S. and Strategic Competitors (Classification: TS//NF) Ms. Tracy Sluss, USSOUTHCOM</li><li>Assessing the Effect of Security Cooperation in Competition (Classification: S//NF) Leisha Schiess, AFOTEC</li></ul>	
1730	Day 1 Closeout LTC John W. Barlow	

## Tuesday, 11 February

### Hilton Garden Inn

0800	<b>Registration – Hibiscus</b>
0900 to 0910	<b>Welcome, Opening Comments, and Admin Remarks – Hibiscus</b> <i>Dr. Ed McGrady and LTC John W. Barlow</i>
0910 to 0920	<b>SOUTHCOM Strategic Environment Area of Interest (AOI) – Hibiscus</b> <i>LTC John W. Barlow, USSOUTHCOM</i>
0920 to 0950	<b>Keynote Address (GO/SES) – Hibiscus</b> <i>Keynote Speaker (Introduction by LTC John W. Barlow)</i>

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### Hilton Garden Inn

#### Ten Minute Break

1000 to 1050	<b>Panel: Southern Region Area Implications on National Security and Global Integrated Deterrence – Hibiscus</b> <i>Moderator: LTC John W. Barlow; Panelists: MG Flavio Moreira Mathias, Air CDRE Michael Carver, Mr. Jonathan Mchado, CAPT Aaron Delano-Johnson, Mr. Shawn Powell, Mr. Harvey Schoonover, Mr. Eric Wolff, Ms. Traci Sluss, Mr. Anthony Batt, and Mr. Kevin Staley</i>	
1050 to 1150	<b>Panel: Africa-Americas Forum Insights and Gaming Implications – Hibiscus</b> <i>Moderator: LTC John Barlow; Panelists: Mr. Leland Lazarus, Mr. Alonso Illueca, Mr. Bob Wekesa, Ms. Christine Calabrese, and Mr. Paul Nantulya</i>	
1150 to 1250	<b>Lunch – Hilton Garden Inn</b>	
1250 to 1350	<b>Panel: Gaming Requirements, Capabilities, and Opportunities – Hibiscus</b> <i>Moderator: Dr. Ed McGrady; Panelists: Mr. Paul Works, Ms. Elizabeth Joslyn, CAPT Aaron Delano-Johnson, and Ms. Cecily Brewer</i>	
1350 to 1430	<b>Integrating Strategic Risk, PPBE, and Resourcing, with Wargaming – Hibiscus</b> <i>LTC John W. Barlow, Mr. William Schmidlin, and Dr. Julie Rockefeller, USSOUTHCOM</i>	
	<b>Hibiscus</b>	<b>Lantana</b>
1430 to 1520	<b>Maritime Fishing Gaming</b> <i>Mr. Daniel Schaeffer, PEW Institute</i>	<b>SOAR Suite of Tools</b> <i>Dr. Alex J. McGlothlin, MITRE</i>
Ten Minute Break		
1530 to 1620	<b>Developments in Seabed Wargaming</b> <i>Prof. David William Manley, University College London</i>	<b>Integrating Data across the Combatant Commands</b> <i>Dr. Jose Angeles and Mr. Christopher Caneda, USSOUTHCOM</i>
Ten Minute Break		
1630 to 1720	<b>Peace and Security Gaming</b> <i>Ms. Cecily Brewer, United States Institute of Peace</i>	
1720	<b>Day 2 Closeout</b> <i>Dr. Ed McGrady and LTC John W. Barlow</i>	

## Wednesday, 12 February

### Hilton Garden Inn

0800	<b>Registration – Hibiscus</b>
0900 to 0910	<b>Opening Comments and Administrative Remarks – Hibiscus</b> <hr/> <i>Dr. Ed McGrady and LTC John W. Barlow</i>
0910 to 1010	<b>Panel: F-WHAC, Interagency, Partner Nation Opportunities, and Gaming Considerations – Hibiscus</b> <hr/> <i>Moderator: LTC John W. Barlow; Panelists: MG Flavio Moreira Mathias, Air CDRE Michael Carver, CAPT Aaron Delano-Johnson, Mr. Shawn Powells, Mr. Jonathan Machado, Mr. Harvey Schoonover, Ms. Sahr Muhammedally, Mr. Kevin Staley, and Mr. Eric Wolff</i>
<b>Ten Minute Break</b>	

## Wednesday, 12 February (Continued)

### Hilton Garden Inn

1020 to 1130	<b>Panel: Emerging Gaming Challenges and Modernization – Hibiscus</b> <i>Moderator: Dr. Ed McGrady; Panelists: Mr. Paul Works, Ms. Kathy Welch, and Ms. Cecily Brewer</i>		
1130 to 1230	<b>Lunch – Hilton Garden Inn</b>		
	<i>Hibiscus</i>	<i>Lantana</i>	<i>Palmetto</i>
1230 to 1320	<b>Enhanced Domain Awareness (EDA)</b> <i>Mr. Norberto Santiago, USSOUTHCOM</i>	<b>Advanced Battery Supply Chain Resilience Wargame</b> <i>Mr. Peter Leveille and Ms. Kimberly Klein, MITRE</i> <b>CUI</b>	
<b>Ten Minute Break</b>			
1330 to 1420	<b>Application of Systems Thinking for Decision Advantage in Complex Environment</b> <i>Mr. John Kichu Pang, MITRE</i>	<b>Security Cooperation/Partner Nation Mil-to-Mil Relationship Maximization</b> <i>LCDR Oscar Barrionuevo, Ecuadorian Navy</i>	<b>An Extensible Synthetic Control Method Framework for Evaluating the Impact of Place-Based Investments</b> <i>Dr. Alex J. McGlothlin, MITRE</i>
<b>Ten Minute Break</b>			
1430 to 1520	<b>Epistemology of Wargames</b> <i>Dr. Ed McGrady, MHM</i>	<b>Assessment of SOUTHCOM Systems for Enterprise Resourcing Tradeoffs</b> <i>Mr. William Leonard, ERDC</i> <b>CUI</b>	
<b>Ten Minute Break</b>			
1530 to 1620	<b>TRAC DIME-PMESII Wargaming – Hibiscus</b> <i>Mr. Paul Works, TRAC</i>		
1620	<b>Day 3 Closeout</b> <i>Dr. Ed McGrady and LTC John W. Barlow</i>		
1700 to 1900	<b>MORS-led No Host Social – Hilton Garden Inn Patio</b>		

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0800	<b>Registration – Hibiscus</b>		
0900 to 0910	<b>Opening Comments and Administrative Remarks – Hibiscus</b> <i>Dr. Ed McGrady and LTC John W. Barlow</i>		
0910 to 1000	<b>Workshop Discussion: Southern Region Gaming Scenarios Development, Concepts, and Data Inputs – Hibiscus</b> <i>Moderator: LTC John W. Barlow; Panelists: Dr. Ed McGrady, MG Flavio Moreira Mathias, Air CDRE Michael Carver, CAPT Aaron Delano-Johnson, Mr. Paul Works, and Ms. Cecily Brewer</i>		

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1000 to 1100	Panel: Gaming and FTO, Counter Narcotics, Terrorist, and Extremist Organizations (JIATF/J2/J3/J7) – Hibiscus			
	Moderator: LTC John W. Barlow; Panelists: CAPT Aaron Delano-Johnson, CDR Paul Stepler, and Mr. John Cobb			
Ten Minute Break				
1110 to 1135	Operationalizing SOUTHCOM Data Using Natural Language Processing and Large Language Models – Hibiscus			
	Mr. Jason Schoch, USSOUTHCOM			
1135 to 1200	Standardizing Exercise Assessment Data Extraction Using Large Language Models – Hibiscus			
	Mr. Jason Schoch, USSOUTHCOM			
1200 to 1300	Lunch – Hilton Garden Inn			
	Hibiscus	Lantana	Palmetto	Doral
1300 to 1350	Wargaming Partner Nation Capabilities and Investments	Wargame: Cyber Microgame (and others)	Shadows: Combat Systems Resilience to Corruption	Peace and Security Game
	Ms. Claudia T. Munoz, IDA	Dr. Ed McGrady, MHM	Mr. Gary D., OGA/AAI	Ms. Cecily Brewer, USIP
Ten Minute Break				
1400 to 1450	Operational Considerations in Scenario Development in the Southern Region Wargame	Wargame: Operation Southern Reach (Venezuela Contingency)	Leadership Camp: PRC vs. US Southern AOR Diplomacy pre-Taiwan Invasion	First Stop Game
	Mr. Charles Marashian		Mr. Gary D., OGA/AAI	JIATF-S
Ten Minute Break				
1500 to 1550	NORAD and USNORTHCOM Homeland Defense Focused Wargames		Shadows: Combat Systems Resilience to Corruption	Games and demos
	Mr. Jack K. Pritchard		Mr. Gary D., OGA/AAI	
Ten Minute Break				
1600 to 1650	Conducting a Strategic Communications Wargame		Leadership Camp: PRC vs. US Southern AOR Diplomacy pre-Taiwan Invasion	Games and demos
	Dr. David L. Raugh, USCENTCOM		Mr. Gary D., OGA/AAI	
1650	Day 4 Closeout, Thanks, and Recognition			
	Dr. Ed McGrady and LTC John W. Barlow			