



## **SOUTH 2008: Drugs And The Americas: Challenges And Global Impact, Hosted By AFCEA**

*Conference and Exposition Held in Miami October 7-9*

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FAIRFAX, Va./EWorldWire/Oct. 1, 2008 --- AFCEA International and the U.S. Southern Command will host SOUTH 2008: "Drugs and the Americas: What Are the Challenges and the Global Impact," October 7-9 at the Miami Mart Airport Hotel. Focusing on the critical issues surrounding drugs and the Americas, the conference and exposition brings together the subject matter experts from military, government and industry in an effort to call attention to the problems and initiate solutions.

Five panel sessions will focus on Narco-Trafficking:

- . What is the Nexus with the War on Terror The Global Impact: Where Is the Unity of Effort to Combat Trans-national Threats
- . How Do We Build Capacity for Joint and Combined Counter Narco-Trafficking Operations
- . Narco-Trafficking Technologies/Innovations
- . How Do We Counter the Emerging Threats to National Security
- . How Do We Promote Public-Private Partnerships to Win the Counter Narco-Trafficking Fight

Moderators and panelists include representatives from U.S. Southern Command, Department of Homeland Security, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Defense, Department of State, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Maritime Analysis and Operations Center - Narcotics, Booz Allen Hamilton, Gryphon Technologies, L-1 Identity Solutions, Maersk Lines, and United Parcel Service.

In addition, these keynote speakers will share their perspectives and take attendees' questions:

- . ADM James G. Stavridis, USN, Commander, U.S. Southern Command
- . Gen Victor E. Renuart, USAF, Commander, U.S. Northern Command
- . Lt Gen Glenn F. Spears, USAF, Deputy Commander, U.S. Southern Command
- . VADM Nancy Brown, USN, J6, The Joint Staff
- . The Honorable Sergio Jaramillo Caro, Vice Minister of Defense, Colombia
- . Nicholas Negroponte, Chairman, One Laptop Per Child: "Education: The Ultimate Anti-Drug"

The exposition will feature 30 companies showcasing the latest products and solutions in the war on drugs. Registration for the SOUTH exposition, panel sessions and plenary speakers is free tickets are required for meals and the evening fiesta. On-site registration opens Tuesday, October 7 at noon. For detailed information and online registration visit '<http://www.afcea.org/events/south>'.

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