

2025 UNOLS Annual Meeting

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Embassy Suites
1900 Diagonal Road
Alexandria, VA

Date	Start Time	End Time
Day 1 November 12, 2025	8:30 AM	3:50 PM

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Remote Login Information

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Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Time	Minutes	Topic	Facilitator
8:30 AM	30	Coffee & Arrival	
9:00 AM		Welcome & Introductions	
	5	• Code of Conduct	Bruce Appelgate / SIO
	10	• Participant Introductions	
9:20 AM		Federal Agency Reports	
	10	• NSF	TBD
	10	• Navy/ONR	TBD
	10	• NOAA	LCDR Rachel Pryor
	10	• Department of State (DOS)	Amanda Williams
10:10 AM	10	Fleet Operations in 2025 & Projected 2026	Doug Russell / UNOLS
10:20 AM	10	Break	
10:30 AM		Outreach and Early Career Initiatives	
	5	• DeSSC Early Career Efforts	Andrew Thurber / UCSB
	5	• MSROC Early Career Efforts	Lindsay Lowe-Worthington / UNM
	10	• MATE Internship	Maria Osiadacz / UNOLS
	20	• STEMSEAS	Sharon Cooper / LDEO & TBD
11:20 AM	10	UNOLS Meeting with Ocean Science Board	Bruce Appelgate / SIO, Deb Bronk / Bigelow, Doug Russell / UNOLS
11:30 AM	60	LUNCH catered	
12:30 PM		Facility Updates & Renewal Activities	
	5	• Regional Class Research Vessel - Schedule Update	TBD
	20	• RV Support in the Polar Regions	TBD
	5	• Langseth Continued Service / Replacement	Sean Higgins / LDEO
	5	• California Coastal Research Vessel (CCRV)	TBD
	10	• RV <i>Kilo Moana</i> Update	TBD
	15	• Global Ship Recapitalization Efforts	Kipp Shearman / OSU
1:35 PM	10	Safer Seas Act	Doug Russell / UNOLS
1:45 PM	10	CIWG Update	
1:55 PM	10	Break	
2:05 PM		Committee Updates	
	15	Fleet Improvement Committee Update	Kipp Shearman / OSU
	10	Arctic Marine Research Committee Update	TBD
	15	Research Vessel Technical Enhancement Committee Update	Sara Fuller / WHOI
	10	TBD Committee Update	TBD
3:20 PM	30	UNOLS Year in Review	Doug Russell / UNOLS

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3:50 PM	10	UNOLS Recognitions	Bruce Appelgate / SIO & Doug Russell / UNOLS
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Members • SIKULIAQ Hill 	Brad Moran/ UAF
12:00 AM	60	Featured Presentation	



RADM Kurt J. Rothenhaus

**Chief of Naval Research
For the Office of Naval Research (ONR)**

Rear Admiral Kurt J. Rothenhaus, a native of New York City, was commissioned in 1992 after earning his Bachelor of Science from the University of South Carolina. He holds a Master of Science in Computer Science and a Ph.D. in Software Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School, transitioning to the Engineering Duty Officer community in 2003.

His operational career includes roles as combat systems/C5I officer on USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) and chief engineer on USS O'Brien (DD 975). He also served with Destroyer Squadron 15 and on USS Fife (DD 991), and completed an Individual Augmentee tour in Baghdad, Iraq.

RADM Rothenhaus's extensive acquisition experience includes serving as program manager for the Navy's Tactical Networks Program Office (PMW-160), commanding officer of Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific, and deputy program manager for the Navy Communications and GPS Program Office (PMW/A 170). He also served as Program Executive Officer, Command Control, Computers Communications and Intelligence (PEO C4I).

In June 2023, he assumed command as the 27th Chief of Naval Research for the Office of Naval Research. His commendations include the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal, along with various unit and sea service award.

8:30 AM Meeting Adjourned

Come celebrate a year of UNOLS!

Join us for an evening reception hosted by UNOLS.

Hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine will be served.

Where: TBD

Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM