

SCWA 2026

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Kevin McCarthy - Thursday General Session Keynote

SCWA is excited to announce our keynote speaker for the 2026 Convention & EXPO will be Kevin McCarthy.

Kevin McCarthy served as the 55th Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

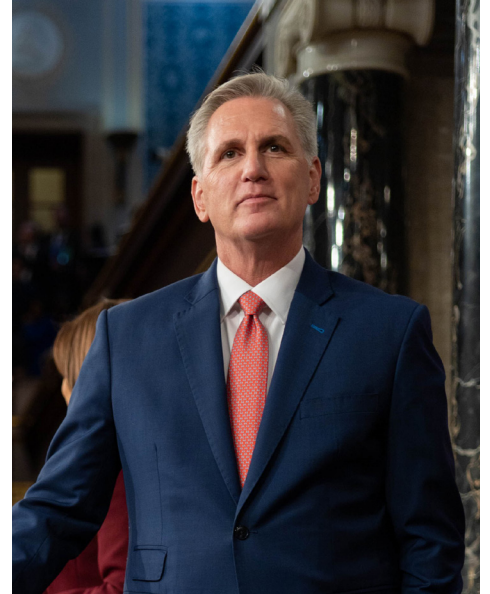
McCarthy will share with SCWA attendees innovative strategies to help your business grow and succeed in these dynamic times. Drawing on his business and political experience, McCarthy will emphasize how to anticipate and meet customer needs now and into the next decade.

Described as a man who exudes “true American grit,” McCarthy’s political and business journey is the quintessential American story. After starting a small business at the age of 21, McCarthy went back to college to earn his bachelor and master degrees in business. He was rejected for an internship to the congressional seat he later held for seventeen years. Prior to being elected to Congress, McCarthy served in the California State Legislature.

McCarthy won the Speakership of the U.S. House after a historic 15 ballots, and went on to secure \$2 trillion in deficit reduction, all while protecting the full faith and credit of the United States, keeping our government open, and making sure our troops were paid. He also refocused Congress on America’s long-term challenges by creating the first-ever Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party.

Kevin McCarthy has moved into the private business arena to help America win a “technological space race” launching the tech and innovation ALFA Institute. The Institute will focus on everything from artificial intelligence to advanced manufacturing.

This is a “must attend Convention Session” that will leave you inspired and informed.



Scott “Intake” Kartvedt - Wednesday CEO Forum

Scott “Intake” Kartvedt will be the keynote speaker for the SCWA 2026 CEO Forum at the Opening Session of the 2026 SCWA Convention & EXPO.

Scott Kartvedt will give the SCWA attendees inspiring and motivational insights on thriving in high-stakes environments. Through his powerful stories, videos and proven strategies, Scott will equip attendees on how to build a strong business culture based on trust, communicating with clarity, and executing with confidence—all when it matters most.



Scott brings SCWA an outstanding military and business record of leadership and building a culture of excellence in organizations including:

- Pilot with the legendary U.S. Navy Blue Angels for three years as the #7, #6 and finally #5 solo pilot.
- Stunt pilot in TOPGUN Maverick bringing high-speed precision to the famous Hollywood movie.
- Aviation safety supervisor in Mission Impossible 8.
- Served as CEO of the Navy’s F35 program at the Pentagon in 2011 and was selected as the Navy’s first stealth fighter squadron commanding officer.
- Commanded large military units in combat.
- Created an outstanding business background.