Fellow MORS Members and National & Homeland Security Analysts,

This Call for Abstracts kicks off our formal preparations for the 88th Military Operations Research Society Symposium (MORSS). The 88th MORSS will be hosted by the United States Coast Guard in New London, CT, from 15-18 June 2020. I want to express my thanks to our MORS Homeland Security Sponsor, Dr. John Dargan, Deputy Director, Operations and Requirements Analysis Division, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Science and Technology Directorate. Dr. Dargan’s support is invaluable in helping us coordinate with the U.S. Coast Guard Academy’s leadership and in our planning for the 88th MORSS.

The Military Operations Research Society (MORS) comprises uniform, civilian, industry, and academic analysts with diverse expertise and skillsets committed to helping our MORS sponsors and other senior government leaders make the best decisions possible with a variety of analytic methods and disciplines. Appropriately, the theme for this year’s Symposium is, “Multi-Discipline Analysis in National Security.” This aligns the Symposium focus with our community efforts to support multifaceted analysis as well as the emerging operational concept on Multi-Domain Operations. Our sponsors depend on the MORS Symposium to serve as the annual venue at which operations research analysts solving national security problems can exchange information, collaborate in a joint, coalition, and multi-agency setting, and participate in professional development opportunities. The success of the MORS Symposium is attributable to our committed government sponsors, our industry and organizational partners, our national research partners, the excellent MORS professional staff, our many volunteers, and our Symposium’s presenters.

Please consider now the analysis you would like to present at the 88th MORSS. Symposium sessions are organized around the seven composite groups and 35 working groups listed on our Symposium’s website. This year we inaugurate two new working groups. The first new working group on “AI and Autonomous Systems,” reflects our sponsors’ needs for both AI systems and for Autonomous Systems to expedite operations and strive towards a third offset strategy. Our second new working group is on Military Assessments, an interdisciplinary tool used by our sponsors to check on their strategic progress in many domains. We will also hold a plenary session, hear from our MORS sponsors, provide networking opportunities, and offer a variety of tutorials and continuing education courses. I invite you to submit abstracts to one or more of these individual groups and showcase your material this spring.

To better accommodate the needs of our national security community, this year’s presentations will also include material with a Law Enforcement Sensitive designation.

Wherever you are in your professional career, the 88th MORSS will provide you with a tremendous opportunity to showcase your work, collaborate, network, learn, and grow professionally.

I look forward to seeing you at the 88th MORSS in June!

Respectfully,

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2019-2020 MORS President