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# What is the MORS Symposium?

The MORS Symposium (MORSS) is the premier event for the national security operations research community! This is a great opportunity to exchange information, examine research, and discuss critical topics amongst a welcoming community. If accepted to present, you gain value focused feedback, exercise your ability to public speak, and gain new professional relationships with individuals working on similar projects. MORSS holds unclassified and classified presentations.

#### **Reasons to Attend**



Find people with whom you could collaborate in the future Develop communication skills and build confidence





Stay abreast of the latest trends and emerging techniques

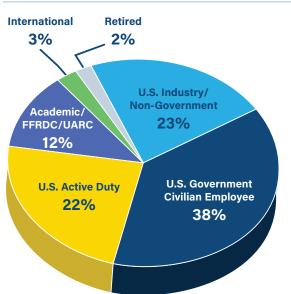
Seek inspiration and ideas





Present your research in front of your peers to receive valuable feedback

## Attendance by Source (91st MORSS)



I made my first-ever public presentation at the MORS Symposium in 1993. Not only was I an inexperienced speaker, but my academic background was in Computer Science, not Operations Research. Unsurprisingly, I could not have been more nervous. As it turned out, though, it was an extraordinarily positive experience. Those who sat through my session and the other symposium attendees were both very gracious and were clearly open to hearing from different perspectives. I came away from that experience with increased confidence in my public speaking ability. Confidence that I drew upon repeatedly over the past three decades during the course of 100+ subsequent public presentations. I owe a great debt of gratitude to my colleagues in the MORS community.

- Daniel J. Ragsdale, Ph.D.















#### **Notable Past Speakers**



The Honorable Susanna V. Blume



Dr. Julie Swann



Vice Admiral Michael McAllister



Lieutenant General Karsten S. Heckl



Dr. Jill Crisman

Attending MORSS for me is like coming home. I love seeing all my former Air Force OR colleagues in the summer MORSS. Just this past MORSS at West Point, I saw at least 5 old friends that I haven't seen since my retirement in 2014—good times. This year was also my first time to Co-Chair a Working Group. It was a great experience and I'm definitely continuing this MORSS volunteer activity in the future. Looking forward to MORSS 2024 at Monterey next year!

- Dr. June "JRod" Rodriguez

My experiences with the Symposium have been profound. It is the single best way for military analysts to simultaneously learn about new methods and applications, expose their work to peer review, and gain a broader understanding of how analyses mesh with military decision makers. I started as a brand new analyst showing off a new model that I'd built. Audiences gave me ideas that I could readily implement. Over time, I found myself concentrating in one particular working group. So I built relationships with other analysts across DoD and among our allies who worked on similar problems. I eventually volunteered to chair that working group at a Symposium. Today, I try to never miss a Symposium, and I send as many of my team as I can. I once was asked to serve as an expert witness at a Federal trial. When the opposing counsel challenged my credentials, the judge asked me about my memberships in professional societies and what I do to maintain my expertise. I told him that I am a long-standing member of MORS, I attend and present at the annual Symposium, and that I subscribe to the MOR Journal. He said, "Objection overrules. He's an expert."

- Dr. Steve Stoddard

### **Hot Topics Include**





On average, attendees go through 5.8 cups of coffee per Symposium



# The 92<sup>nd</sup> MORS Symposium *Advancing Analytical Leadership*

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