

# Congressional M&S Leadership Summit 2026

**National Resilience: Leveraging the Intersection of Modeling and  
Simulation with Artificial Intelligence**

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## ABOUT THE **Congressional M&S Leadership** Summit 2026

The Congressional Modeling & Simulation (M&S) Leadership Summit is an event sponsored by NTSA in support of the Congressional M&S Caucus. The purpose of the event is to bring the M&S Community of Practice together to discuss important issues related to M&S, and to try to reach consensus on one or two specific, actionable initiatives for the Congressional M&S Caucus to take for action.

The intersection of artificial intelligence (AI) and Modeling and Simulation (M&S) has proven to be a critical element in

securing our nation's future. As we face new challenges around the world and within our borders, our nation's resilience has been a topic of conversation both in Washington, within our Defense community, and across the nation's businesses and academic institutions. The 2026 Congressional M&S Leadership Summit will bring together thought leaders to explore resilience – what that means for our national defense, for the safety and security of our citizens, for our nation's healthcare system, and for our critical national infrastructure. This summit will explore this intersection of AI and M&S within the context of national resilience and the role of federal policy, legislation and regulation.

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# Agenda

0730 – 1700 **Registration Open**  
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0745 – 0845 **Continental Breakfast**  
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0845 – 0850 **Call To Order**  
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**Dr. Linda Brent**  
Strategic Planning, National Training & Simulation Association (NTSA)

0850 – 0900 **Opening Remarks**  
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**VADM Sean Buck, USN (Ret.)**  
President, National Training & Simulation Association (NTSA)

0900 – 0915 **Congressional Keynote Addresses**  
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**The Honorable Darren Soto**  
U.S. Congress, 9th District of Florida

**The Honorable Jack Bergman (Invited)**  
U.S. Congress, 1st District of Michigan

**The Honorable Kat Cammack (Invited)**  
U.S. Congress, 3rd District of Florida

0915 – 1000 **Government Keynote Address**  
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**Dr. Amy Henninger**  
Director, Office of Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of War

1000 – 1015 **Break**  
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1015 – 1100 **Keynote**  
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**Dr. William Roper, Jr.**  
CEO, Istari

1100 – 1200

## Government Keynote Panel Discussion: Trustworthiness – What About The Data?

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### Dr. Jim Blake

Consultant and Senior Mentor, J T Blake, LLC  
*Moderator*

### BG Christine Beeler, USA

Capability Program Executive, US Army Capability Program Executive Simulation, Training, Test and Threat (CPE ST3)

### Col Wynndee Young, USMC

Program Manager, Training Systems

### Mr. Rodney Stevens, SES

Program Executive Officer, Training Directorate, AFLCMC

### Mr. F Schnell

Deputy Portfolio Acquisition Executive, Infrastructure, Operational Test and Training Infrastructure (OTTI)

1200 – 1300

## Lunch

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1300 – 1345

## Industry Keynote

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### Mr. Steven Aberle

CEO, Rohirrim



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1345 – 1400

## Break

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1400 – 1515

## Panel Discussion: Leveraging AI “For Good” – How Legislation Can Support

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### Dr. Brian Stensrud

Technical Fellow, Artificial Intelligence, CAE  
*Moderator*

### Dr. Laura Freeman

Deputy Director, Virginia Tech National Security Institute (NSI)

### Mr. Kevin Roney

Senior Manager, Program Management, Collins Aerospace

### Dr. Kay Stanney

CEO and Founder, Design Interactive

### Dr. Alyssa Tanaka

Director, AI R&D Advent Health

### Dr. Greg Zacharias

Managing Principal, Teleolytics, LLC

1515 – 1615

## Structured Group Discussion

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### Discussion Focus for Small Groups:

- What are the key national security policy issues that drive the application of AI intersecting with M&S?
- What best practices in AI can support legislative guidance?
- What are the critical issues around data that legislation can support?

1615 – 1700

## Out Briefs to Group

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1700 – 1715

## Closing and The Way Ahead

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1715 – 1815

## Closing Reception

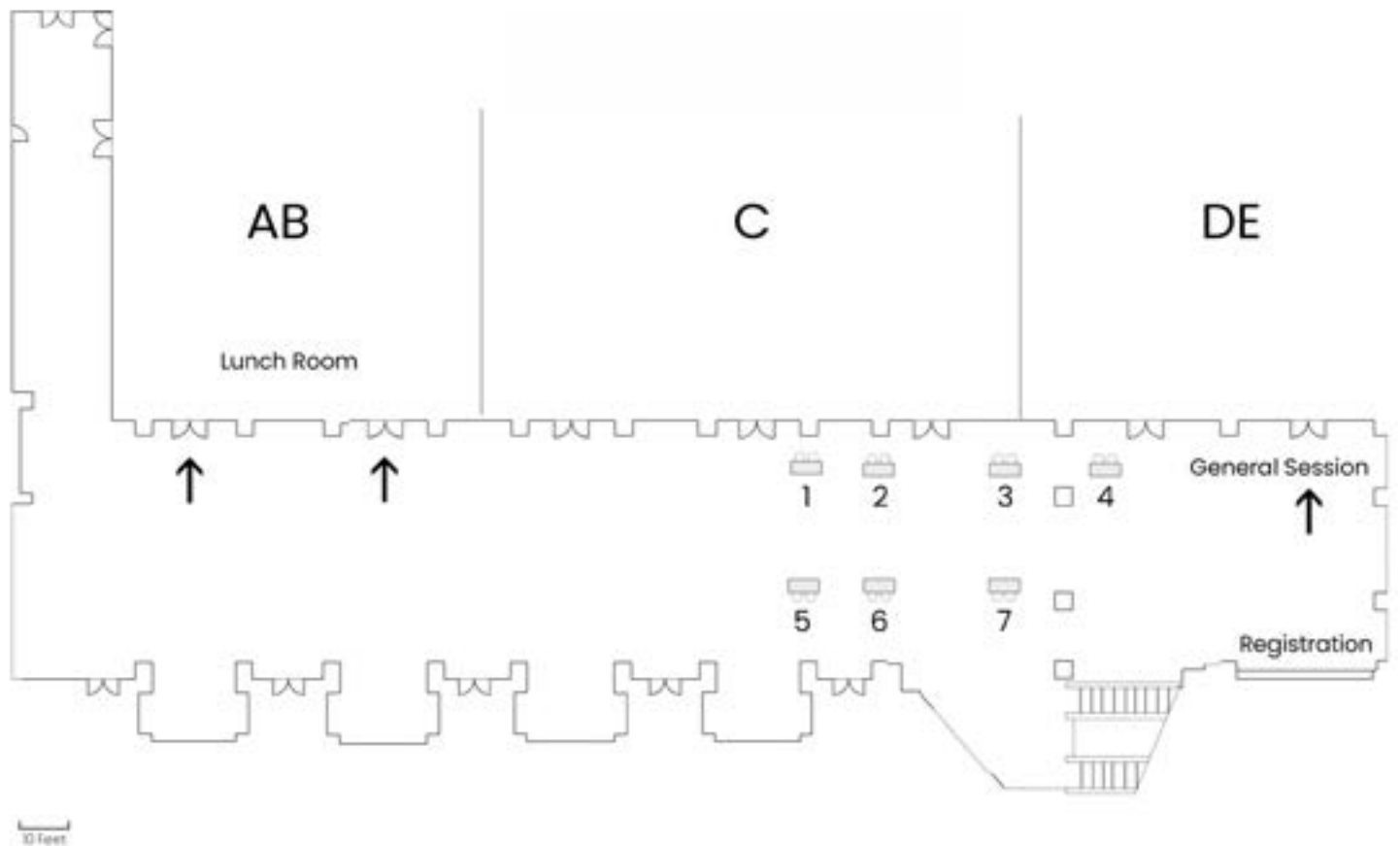
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<b>John Rutherford*</b> 5th District, Florida	<b>Vern Buchanan</b> 16th District, Florida	<b>Maxwell Frost</b> 10th District, Florida	<b>Joe Wilson</b> 2nd District, South Carolina
<b>Darren Soto*</b> 9th District, Florida	<b>Ken Calvert</b> 41st District, California	<b>Brett Guthrie</b> 2nd District, Kentucky	<b>Robert Wittman</b> 1st District, Virginia
<b>Robert Aderholt</b> 4th District, Alabama	<b>Jake Ellzey</b> 6th District, Texas	<i>* Denotes Caucus Co-Chair</i>	

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# Speakers

## Congressional Speakers



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