

Congressional M&S Leadership Summit 2026

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

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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 Jack Bergman (invited)
U.S. Congress, 1st District of Michigan

The Honorable Maxwell Frost (invited)
U.S. Congress, 10th District of Florida

The Honorable John Rutherford (invited)
U.S. Congress, 4th District of Florida

The Honorable Darren Soto (invited)
U.S. Congress, 9th 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, U. S. Army Capability Program Executive Simulation, Training, Test and Threat (CPE ST3)

Col Wyndee 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

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

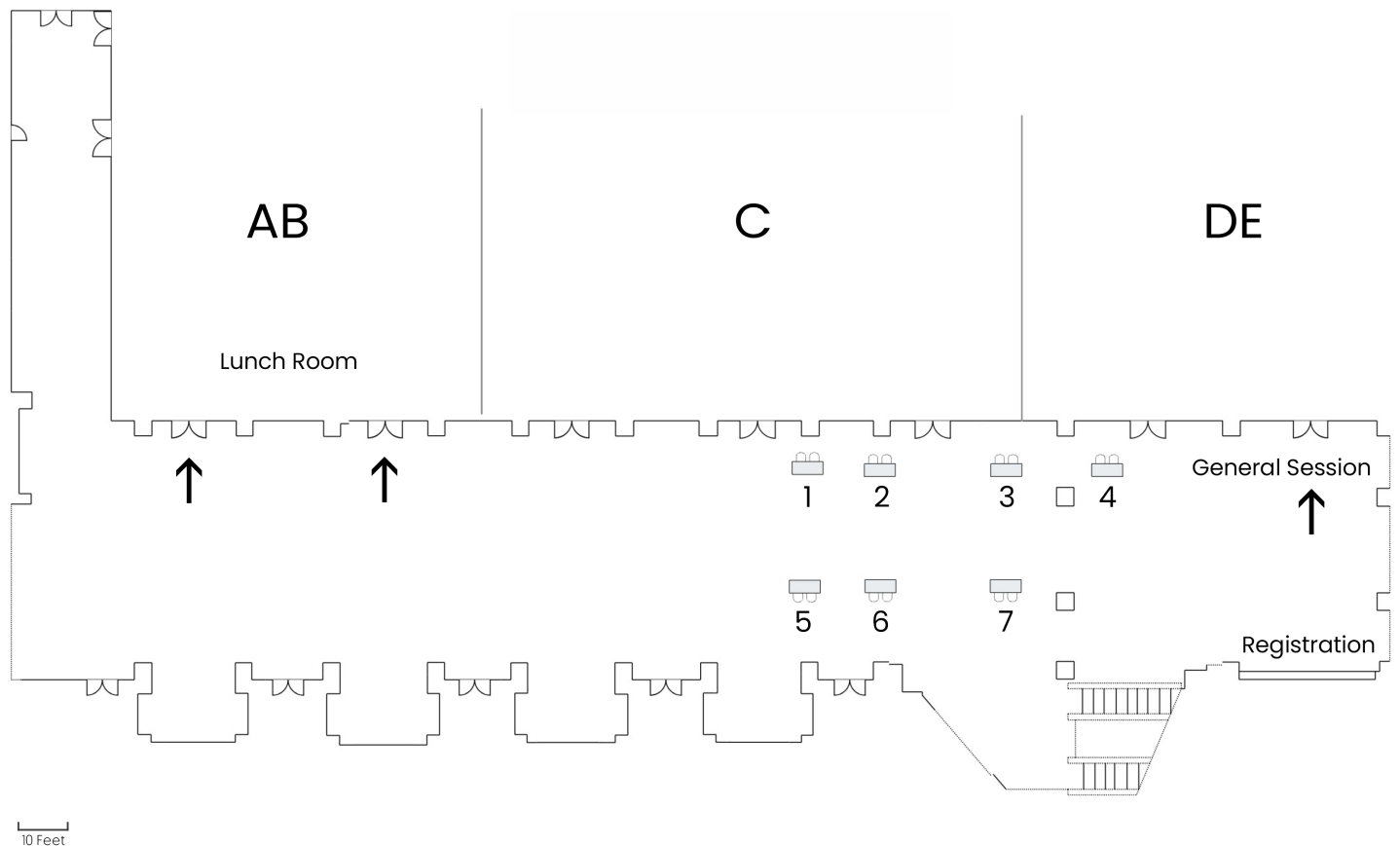
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Darren Soto* 9th District, Florida	Ken Calvert 41st District, California	Brett Guthrie 2nd District, Kentucky	Robert Wittman 1st District, Virginia
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