



Joseph Adams Becomes Fellow of the Military Operations Research Society

ALEXANDRIA, VA (July 2021) — Joseph Adams, a research staff member at IDA, was installed as a fellow of the Military Operations Research Society (MORS) at the 89th Symposium. Adams works in the Strategy, Forces and Resources Division within the Systems and Analyses Center, one of three Federally Funded Research and Development Centers that IDA operates.

Being selected as a MORS fellow is the highest honor bestowed by the organization, recognizing significant contributions to the society and its members. Adams became a MORS member in 1995. He served in roles such as working group chairs and co-chairs, and Strategy, Forces and Resources composite group chair before being elected as a member of the board of directors. Ultimately, he was elected to vice president for finance and management, and then as the 52nd MORS president from 2017 to 2018.

“I am extremely humbled to be a MORS Fellow,” says Adams. “I look forward to continued service, not only to just MORS, but to IDA and the broader national and homeland security analytical community.”

As a former MORS president, Adams was a mentor to the current president, president-elect, and also board members and those considering to run for election to the board.

MORS enhances the quality of analysis that informs national and homeland security decisions. As a national research partner with MORS, IDA helps shape the agenda by working with government sponsors and MORS volunteer leadership so that strategic topics of interest, requiring analytical support are brought to the forefront of discussions, collaboration and solutions.

Adams remains committed to strengthening the relationship between IDA and MORS while also supporting the professional involvement of IDA analysts. “I regularly inform IDA research divisions of various MORS opportunities for leadership and research presentation,” he says. “If they are interested, I connect them with the appropriate MORS volunteer leadership.”

Adams currently serves as an advisory director to the MORS board, advising the Readiness Working Group. “I represent IDA and serve as a conduit for IDA researchers, MORS working groups and special meetings. Through MORS, IDA can present research results and interact with current and potential government sponsors,” he says.

For the past 12 years, Adams has worked on a broad portfolio of projects that require quantitative, qualitative and hybrid methodologies. “My advice to early career professionals in the field is to find good mentors and don’t be afraid to present your research to the larger analytical community via symposia, workshops and publishing.”

Adams earned a bachelor’s in engineering management from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He holds a master’s in mathematical and computer science from Colorado School of Mines and a master’s in strategic studies from the United States Army War College.

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