It is my distinct pleasure to invite you to attend the 2016 Submarine Technology Symposium (STS) to be held 3 to 5 May 2016, at The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL) in Laurel, Maryland. Jointly sponsored by JHU/APL, the Naval Submarine League, with approval by Commander Submarine Forces, this year's symposium will provide a **classified** forum for examining current, emerging, and future technologies to aid the Undersea Warfare Community and to enhance the current and future availability and operational performance of our submarines and undersea systems. The theme for this year's symposium is ***Innovation for Continued Undersea Superiority and Increased Contributions across the Battlespace from Under the Sea***. The forum will include linkages to critical elements of the U. S. Navy's Undersea Dominance Campaign Plan as presented by Submarine Force leadership, who will be serving as keynote speakers. The introductory remarks for each session will be presented by a Fleet representative who will tie that session's theme to the ***Undersea force's operations and critical challenges***. The sessions that comprise this year's symposium have been designed to focus on ***potential challenges to the U.S. ability to operate freely from under the sea; leveraging off-board vehicles, sensors and payloads to execute challenging missions; aligning theater ASW communities to maximize battlespace awareness; applying design thinking to undersea challenges; and improving submarine operations***.

As in the past, our goal is to stimulate the symposium audience to respond to the Submarine Force's existing, emerging and future requirements.

Additional details concerning the Symposium agenda, technical sessions, local accommodations and points of contact are provided at the STS website.

Secure registration and payment for the Symposium may be accomplished on-line at the STS Registration website. Seating is limited in accordance with local fire and safety regulations. The organizers reserve the right to terminate the registration process at any time if the facility's capacity is exceeded. Symposium attendees must be U.S. citizens and possess a USG SECRET clearance.

I look forward to your participation in this year's Symposium.

Sincerely yours,

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