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Mr. James F. Benn is a native of Birmingham, Alabama, and a 1975 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. While on active duty, his assignments included tours as a platoon leader and battery commander in the 2nd Battalion, 57th Air Defense Artillery, Ansbach, Germany; operations officer in the 205th Aviation Company in Mainz, Germany; staff aviation officer for the 4th Transportation Command, Frankfurt, Germany; company commander, A Company, 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, Schwaebisch-Hall, Germany; aviation officer for Seventh Corps during Operation Desert Storm; director of logistics operations, Aviation and Troop Command, St. Louis, Missouri; and deputy brigade commander, 6th U.S. Cavalry Brigade, Camp Humphreys, Korea.

He retired from the Army in 2000 and became a Department of the Army Civilian employee, serving as the Deputy Director of the Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate, Combined Arms Center, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In this capacity, he has overseen the reengineering of the U.S. Army doctrine program and has also traveled abroad to lead efforts to establish doctrine programs in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Republic of Georgia, Albania, Botswana, Kosovo, Germany, South Korea, Singapore, Indonesia, Colombia and Peru. He has recently served as the chairman of the NATO Land Interoperability and Standardization Working Group.

Mr. Benn is a graduate of the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Rotary Wing Aviator Course, and the Army Command and General Staff College. His military awards and decorations include the Jose Maria Cordova Award for Military Merit from the Colombian Armed Forces, the Order of the Sun of Peru, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement Medal. His civilian awards include the Superior Civilian Service Medal and the Civilian Service Commendation Medal. He holds a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy and a master's degree from Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri.