



Mr. James “Chris” Mills

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Mr. James “Chris” Mills is a native of Bryson City, North Carolina. He attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. He was later commissioned into the Army Aviation Branch in 1993. In 2003, he earned a Master of Science Degree in Aviation Systems from the University of Tennessee Space Institute.

Prior to serving in the Army Acquisition Corps, Mr. Mills held multiple leadership assignments at the Battalion and Brigade Level, to include the 5-501st Attack Helicopter Battalion, Republic of Korea; 6-101st Aviation, 101st Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY; and Company Commander, D/1-214th Aviation Regiment, Heidelberg, Germany.



His acquisition assignments include Assistant Project Manager for the Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter Program and Product Manager for Armed Reconnaissance Helicopters. In June 2015, Mr. Mills was assigned as the Project Manager for Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems managing the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) family of launchers and the MLRS Family of Munitions, including the basic and extended-range free flight rockets, multiple increments of the Guided MLRS rocket, the Army Tactical Missile System, and the Precision Strike Missile. In July 2019, Mr. Mills was assigned as the Project Manager for the Common Hypersonic Glide Body, which is part of the Long-Range Hypersonic Weapon System managed by the Army Rapid Capabilities and Critical Technologies Office. Mr. Mills retired from active duty in 2023 and continues to serve as an Army Civilian. Mr. Mills is currently the Deputy Director (Acting) for the Army Hypersonic Project Office overseeing all facets of the Long-Range Hypersonic Weapon System.

Mr. Mills' awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster and the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters. Mr. Mills is a recipient of both the Honorable Order of Saint Michael and the Ancient Order of St Barbara. In 2020, Mr. Mills was awarded the Air Space and Missile Defense Technical Achievement Award from the Air, Space, and Missile Defense Association.