

**COL James C. Mills**  
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**Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems**



COL James “Chris” Mills, is a native of Bryson City, North Carolina. He entered the Tennessee Army National Guard in 1990 as part of the simultaneous membership program. He was later commissioned into the active Army Aviation Branch in 1993 following graduation from the University of Tennessee. He holds a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. In 2003, he earned a Master’s Degree in Aviation Systems from the University of Tennessee.

His military education includes the Aviation Officer Basic Course, the U.S. Army Rotary Wing Aviator Course, the Army Airborne School, the Army Air Assault School, the Aviation Officer Advanced Course, the UH-60 Qualification and Maintenance Test Pilot Course, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School (CAS<sup>3</sup>), the Army Command and General Staff College and the Program Manager’s Course. COL Mills is a Senior Army Aviator and a member of the Army Acquisition Corps. COL Mills is Level III certified in Program Management.

Prior to serving in the acquisition corps, COL Mills held multiple operational assignments at the Battalion and Brigade Level. These, included service in the 5-501<sup>st</sup> Attack Helicopter Battalion, Republic of Korea as the Class III/V Support Platoon Leader, Flight Platoon Leader; 6-101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Battalion, Assistant S3; 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Brigade, and Company Commander, D/1-214<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Heidelberg Germany.

His acquisition assignments include the Directorate of Combat Developments at the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence, Ft. Rucker; the Army Contracting Command; and the Defense Contract Management Agency. His Program Executive Office, assignments include Assistant Project Manager Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter Program and Product Manager Armed Reconnaissance Helicopters. COL Mills was recently assigned as the Military Deputy in the Aviation and Missile Research and Development Center within RDECOM.

COL Mills’ awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, the Senior Army Aviator Badge, The Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

COL Mills is married to the former Jennifer Killian of Chattanooga, Tennessee. They have an 18 year old daughter, Jordan, and a 14 year old daughter, Emery. They reside in Huntsville, Alabama.