



**MG Thomas S. James**  
**Assistant Chief of Staff,**  
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Major General Thomas S. James, Jr. and his wife of twenty-eight years, Chelle, have been blessed with three wonderful children: Trey, Zack, and Madison who reside in Austin, TX, and Clemson, SC.

Major James was commissioned as an Armor Officer through The Citadel in 1985. He served as a Tank Platoon Leader and Executive Officer in D/3-37 Armor at Fort Riley, KS. Following the Infantry Advanced Course, he deployed to OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD/ DESERT STORM as the Plans Officer for 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division in Aschaffenburg, Germany, subsequently commanding A/4-66 Armor and C/2-68 Armor. He then served as Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, 1st Armored Division in Bad Kreuznach, Germany. Following attendance at the Command and General Staff College and the School of Advanced Military Studies, he again served with the 3ID (now in Ft. Stewart, Georgia) as Division G-35; S-3 for 1-64 Armor; and S-3 for 2nd Brigade, 3ID. He returned to Germany as the G-35 for V Corps, before commanding 1st Battalion, 37th Armor during its preparation for and deployment to OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM I; while deployed, he also served as the G3, 1AD. Upon completion of the National War College, he served as the Chief of the TRADOC Command Planning Group and subsequently commanded 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 3ID, for nearly three years, including another OIF deployment. Upon departure from Brigade command, he served as the 3ID Chief of Staff and the 3ID Deputy Commander (Maneuver), completing another deployment to OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM AND OPERATION NEW DAWN. Upon appointment as a General Officer, MG James served as the Commandant of the Armor School at Fort Benning GA, the Deputy Commanding General (Maneuver) of 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, TX, the Director of the Mission Command Center of Excellence at Ft. Leavenworth, and the FORSCOM G-3/5/7 at Fort Bragg. He most recently served as the Commanding General of 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington, prior to arriving in Korea to serve as the Director of Operations of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and United States Forces Korea.

MG James' awards and decorations include: Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (four OLC); Bronze Star Medal (four OLC); Meritorious Service Medal (two OLC); Army Commendation Medal (three OLC); Army Achievement Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 4 OLC); Combat Action Badge; Parachutist Badge; and the Ranger Tab.

MG James holds Master of Science degrees from both the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS) and the National Defense University (NDU).