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Colonel Charles A. Wells began his military career as an Infantryman, serving in the Illinois National Guard from 1985-1987 in C Company, 1/123 Infantry in Danville, Illinois. In 1987 he graduated from the University of Illinois as a Distinguished Military Graduate and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Air Defense Artillery. He served as a Platoon Leader and Assistant S-3 with 1-1 Air Defense Artillery Battalion (HAWK) in Spangdahlem, Germany from 1988-1991. In 1992, he completed the Military Intelligence Officer Advanced Course, returning to Germany from 1993-1997, where he served as an Intelligence Staff Officer on the U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR) Staff in Heidelberg, and later as a Battalion S-4 and Company Commander with the 302nd Military Intelligence Battalion in Wiesbaden.

COL Wells' first Acquisition Corps assignment was with the Office of the Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications, and Computer Systems (DISC4) in the Pentagon; from 1997 – 2000 he was the first project officer for Army Knowledge Online (AKO) – now the world's largest Intranet Portal with over 2 million users. From 2001 – 2004, he was assigned to the Army Space Program Office at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where he was the assistant Product Manager for space-based Blue Force Tracking systems in direct support of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command. From 2005-2007 he served as the Product Manager for Defense Communications Systems – Europe / Southwest Asia, where he was responsible for the modernization of U.S. Army voice and data networks in Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Italy, Iraq, Kuwait, and Afghanistan. On 1 July 2010, Colonel Wells assumed duties as the Project Manager for the Distributed Common Ground System - Army (DCGS-A), the Army's cornerstone system for intelligence processing, analysis, and dissemination.

COL Wells has a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (*Distinguished Graduate*), a Master of Arts degree from Webster University in Computer Resources and Information Management (*Outstanding Graduate Student, Ft. Leavenworth Campus*), and is a Federal 100 Award Winner (*Federal Computer Week – Year 2000*). His military awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with two oak leaf clusters,) and the Army Achievement Medal (with three oak leaf clusters). He is authorized to wear the Joint Staff Badge, the Army Staff Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge in Gold. He is a member of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, a member of the General Society of the War of 1812, and a Professional Member of the Association for Computing Machinery.

COL Wells is married to the former Martha S. James of Oak Park, Illinois, and they have four children: Mary (18), Charles (13), Jonathan (11), and Mark (7).