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Mr. Phillip Brinkley, the Senior Advisor for Information Resources, is a member of the Cherokee Nation of Eastern Oklahoma. Mr. Brinkley was raised in a military family and educated in numerous schools throughout the United States and Europe. He graduated from Cameron University, Lawton, Oklahoma, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and was commissioned as a Distinguished Military Graduate into the US Army as a Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery.

During his twenty-eight year military career, Mr. Brinkley served in a variety of command and staff positions in the United States, Europe, Northeast Asia, the Balkans, the Middle East, Central America, and South America. Some of his key duty positions include: Commander, 2nd Battalion 80th Field Artillery; Deputy Commander, US Army Field Artillery Training School; and Chief, US Army Artillery Initiatives Group. His final assignment was as The Inspector General, United States Army Europe and 7th Army.

Upon his retirement from the US Army, Mr. Brinkley became the Operations Officer for Vinnell-Arabia (an American firm) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, responsible for the training of the Saudi Arabian National Guard Modernization Program. The following year, he became the Chief, War Plans, at the Tank and Automotive Command in Warren, Michigan.

In 2002, Mr. Brinkley joined the Federal Civil Service. His first job was as an Inspector General, US Army Human Resources Command. He later moved as an Inspector General, to join the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). DTRA's missions include safeguarding America and its allies from weapons of mass destruction. From 2009 until 2013, he was the Inspector General of the Defense Media Activity.

Mr. Brinkley holds a Master of Arts Degree from the University of Oklahoma in Human Relations and Master of Military Arts and Science (MMAS) Degree from the United States Army Command and General Staff College. He is a member of the 3rd graduation class of the US Army's School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS). In 2008, he attended the Senior Executive Fellows Programs at Harvard University and in 2010 he graduated from the Federal Executive Institute. Mr. Brinkley's awards include the Legion of Merit, Outstanding Young Men of America, The Society of American Indian Government Employees Meritorious Service Award, and the Department of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

Phil Brinkley currently lives at Fort Belvoir, Virginia with his wife, Lynne. They are the proud parents of two sons, who are both commissioned officers in the Uniformed Services.