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**Col Herbert C. Kemp, USAF (Ret.), PhD** served on active duty in the United States Air Force from 1973-2001, retiring in the rank of colonel. In his last assignment, he served as the Deputy Director for Surveillance and Reconnaissance, Headquarters USAF, from 1997 to 2001. He led an Air Staff organization providing the functional and programmatic management of operational Air Force surveillance and reconnaissance programs worldwide. Key accomplishments during this period included major sensor upgrades to the U-2 fleet, new jet engines for the RC-135 Rivet Joint fleet, transitioning the Predator UAV to the operational force, instantiation of the Distributed Common Ground System as a worldwide network centric system, and the modernization and sustainment of an array of technical sensors such as Cobra Dane, Cobra Judy, Cobra Ball plus various space systems. Previous assignments included Commander, 612th Air Intelligence Group; Assistant Air Attaché, US Embassy Tel Aviv; other global intelligence assignments.

After his military service Kemp first served as Vice President and Manager, C4ISR Operations Division where he was responsible for leading the largest operating division in Adroit Systems, Inc. He later served as a Vice President at SRA International, first as Director, C4ISR Operations and later as Director, Mission System Services. He was responsible for leading a global business unit responsible for providing C2, ISR, IO, Cyber, Training and R&D support to the Air Force and other DoD clients worldwide. DoD programs supported covered a broad range of activities, extending from Air Force programs such as the Distributed Common Ground System, U-2 Dragon Lady, and associated data links to joint programs including the Joint Tactical Radio System and various Joint Concept Technology Demonstrations. In 2011, Kemp founded OneALPHA Corporation, a defense and national security consulting firm.

Kemp holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Organization and Management from Capella University, a Master of Science in Systems Management from the University of Southern California, a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from West Virginia University. He is a graduate of the Air War College and the Defense Intelligence College (School of Attaché Training). He attended the Foreign Service Institute (Middle East Area Studies) and the Intelligence and Policy Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

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