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Mr. Keith Bentley is the Senior Naval Intelligence Manager (SNIM) for Iran and the Near East at the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI). As the mission manager for the region, he oversees the collection, analysis, production, and dissemination of intelligence for maritime issues related to Iran and the Near East.

Mr. Bentley was appointed to the Defense Intelligence Senior Level in November 2019. Prior to his current position, Mr. Bentley served as the Deputy SNIM for Iran and the Near East from September 2016 to October 2019. He completed a Joint Duty Assignment at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), serving as a Program Mission Manager on the National Intelligence Manager for Iran staff in 2015 and 2016. From 2008 to 2015 he held several positions as a Senior Intelligence Analyst for Iran and the Near East within the Nimitz Operational Intelligence Center at ONI.

Prior to entering civilian service, Mr. Bentley served as an active duty Navy surface warfare officer from 2001 to 2008. He served as the Fire Control Officer on *USS Hawes* (FFG-53) and deployed in support of *Operation Iraqi Freedom*. His second division officer tour was as the Gunnery Officer on *USS Nitze* (DDG-94). Mr. Bentley's final assignment on active duty was as a Lieutenant in ONI's SABER division where he served as an Iranian naval tactics analyst.

Mr. Bentley graduated from Villanova University in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and from the Naval War College in 2009 with a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies. His awards include the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award (2013), National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation (2011), Navy Commendation Medal (2008, 2006), Navy Achievement Medal (2007, 2005, 2003), and multiple unit and individual service medals and awards.

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