



BIOGRAPHY

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Lieutenant Colonel Mark S. Smith

Lieutenant Colonel Smith was assigned as the Deputy Commander, Operational Support Airlift Agency on 6 September 2005. He has served in OSAA since it stood up as an NGB Field Operating Agency on 1 October 1995. Lieutenant Colonel Smith has served in many positions throughout the agency to include: Commander of the Fort Belvoir Regional Flight Center, Commander of the Fort Hood Regional Flight Center, Standardization Division Chief, Personnel Services Division Chief, Quality Assurance Branch Chief, Scheduling Branch Chief, and S2. Lieutenant Colonel Smith also served a brief, one year exile from OSAA as the Chief of the Individual Training Section, Aviation Division, ARNGRC.

Lieutenant Colonel Smith is a member of the Washington State Army National Guard and was born in Fort Worth, Texas. He graduated from the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington, and received a Regular Army commission as a Second Lieutenant of Aviation in June 1984. Following his graduation from the Aviation Officers Basic Course and Initial Entry Rotary Wing training, Lieutenant Colonel Smith served three years in the 5th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, Frankfurt, Germany flying UH-1s. His positions included Assistant S3, Platoon Leader, and Battalion S2.

Lieutenant Colonel Smith graduated from the Military Intelligence Officer Advanced Course in 1991 and following the Fixed Wing Multiengine Qualification Course served with the 224th Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation) at Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Georgia. He served in a variety of positions with the unit to include Assistant S3 and Company Executive Officer. Lieutenant Colonel Smith also served with the Army Support Element, Allied Land Forces Southeast Europe, Izmir, Turkey flying C-12s and UH-1s prior to joining the Army National Guard in 1995.

Lieutenant Colonel Smith is a Master Army Aviator with over 4,300 flight hours. He is rated in 10 different series of C-12 aircraft, the U-21, RU-21, and the UH-1.

Lieutenant Colonel Smith's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Services Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (4th Oak Leaf Cluster), and the Army Achievement Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), the Master Army Aviator Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and Army Superior Unit Award (1st Oak Leaf Cluster). He also holds the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal (1 Bronze Star).