

Lieutenant Colonel Samuel D. Smith Sr.

Professor of Military Science

A native of Indianapolis, IN LTC Samuel D. Smith enlisted into the U.S. Army in 1999 as a Construction Engineer 62E, assigned to 618th Engineer Company, 307th Engineer Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division. He received his commission in May 2001, upon graduation from Officer Candidate School (OCS).

Second Lieutenant Smith graduated from Quartermaster Officer Basic Course in September 2001, and reported to 5th Maintenance Company, 51st Maintenance Battalion in Kaiserslautern Germany, where he served as the SSA Platoon Leader, and Executive Officer. In 2003, he was reassigned as the Battalion S4 of the Troop Support Battalion (TSB) 21st TSC.



September 2004, 1LT(P) Smith was reassigned to Ft. Lee, VA where he attended the Combined Captains Career Course. In May 2005, CPT Smith deployed to Falujah, Iraq where he served on a Military Transition Team (MiTT) as BDE S4. May 2006, he redeployed and was assigned to 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3ID.

September 2006, CPT Smith assumed command of Echo Company 1-3 AVN ATK Battalion 3rd CAB. He deployed his unit to Camp Stryker, Iraq for 15 months during the surge 2007-2008. Upon redeployment, he relinquished command Nov 2008. Following command, he attended Graduate School at Webster University and received his Master of Business Administration Degree 2010.

September 2010, MAJ Smith was assigned as BDE Service and Supply (S&S) Officer, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, 3ID. He deployed to Joint Base Balad, Iraq 2010-2011. Upon redeployment, was reassigned as Battalion Support Operations Officer (SPO), 87th CSSB, 3rd SBDE, 3ID; Jun 2011- Jun 2012.

July 2012-2013, he attended Command and General Staff College (CGSC), Ft. Leavenworth KS. Upon completion, Major Smith was assigned to 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2ID Camp Humphreys, Korea where he served as the Support Operations Officer 2013-2014. He served as Executive Officer of 602nd ASB, May 2014-Jun 2015.

MAJ Smith's previous assignment he served as DLA Troop Support Pacific, Chief Korea Area Office Jul 2015 – Jul 2017.

August 28, 2017, MAJ(P) Smith assumed Command as PMS, Army ROTC Tiger Battalion at The University of Memphis.

His military awards include the Bronze Star Medal (1OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (2OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal (1OLC), the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, the Army Service Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon (3OLC), and Parachute Badge.

LTC Smith is married to the former Latassha Miller and has three children: Samuel D. Smith Jr., Desteny, and Diamond.

