

Mr Christopher Smith is a native of Philadelphia Pennsylvania and is a veteran of 26 years uniformed and 18 years civil service. After graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1985, he held numerous logistical and tactical assignments in the operational Army, to include combat flying assignments Operations Just Cause, Shield/Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. His previous assignments include: Senior Deputy Director, USATA; Deputy Director, AMCOM G3; Deputy Director AMCOM G5; Director, Strategic Integration Office, AMCOM Logistics Center; Director, AMCOM Condition Based Maintenance; Deputy Director, Aviation

Systems Integration Facility, AMRDEC; Product Director, T700 Series Engine, PEO Aviation; Commander and Attack Division Chief, Flight Test Directorate, Army Aviation Technical Test Center and Chief Engineer, US Army Safety Center.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star medal, Air medal, four awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, three awards of the Army Commendation Medal, the Superior Civilian Service Award, Meritorious Civilian Service Award and the Civilian Service Commendation Medal and numerous campaign, operational and honorary ribbons. He is a founding member of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment and is a graduate of the US Naval Test Pilot School at Patuxent River NAS MD with over 2500 hrs in over 45 rotary wing, fixed wing and high-performance aircraft. Prior to the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia in 2003, he was an Army nominee for NASA's manned space flight program.

His education includes a Bachelor's Degree in Aerospace Engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point; Master of Science Degrees in Aerospace Engineering and Aviation Systems from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville TN; a Masters of Arts in Business Administration from the Webster University School of Business in St Louis MO and a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks PA.

Mr Smith is a member of the Acquisition Corps and holds level III certifications in Program Management, Science and Technology, Engineering and Test and Evaluation. He has two daughters, Winter, currently serving in the USCG, and Rory, currently a senior at Auburn.