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Colonel Smith graduated as a Distinguished Military Graduate with a Bachelor of Business Administration from Middle Tennessee State University in 1978. He also received a Masters of Business Administration from Tennessee Technological University in December 1987 and a Masters of Science, National Security Strategy, from the National Defense University in 1998.

Colonel Smith began his military career in 1978 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as Forward Observer, Fire Direction Officer, and then Executive Officer for B Battery, 2d Battalion, 1st Field Artillery (105mm howitzer). He then served as the Battalion S-3 Operations Officer before commanding B Battery, 2d Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, later redesignated B Battery, 2d Battalion, 2d Field Artillery. Next, he served simultaneously as the Deputy Commander, US Army Garrison, Camp Page, Korea, and Commander, Headquarters Detachment, Camp Page. Colonel Smith then moved to Cookeville, Tennessee, as Assistant Professor of Military Science at Tennessee Technological University.

Colonel Smith later served as an Assistant Inspector General at VII Corps Headquarters, Stuttgart, Germany from 1988 to 1990. In Swabach, Germany, Colonel Smith was the Battalion S-3 Operations Officer and Executive Officer for the 3d Battalion, 5th Field Artillery (203mm howitzer). Colonel Smith then served as the Chief, Cannon Division, Gunnery Department, US Army Field Artillery School.

Colonel Smith assumed command of 2d Battalion, 2d Field Artillery, in September 1994. Following battalion command, Colonel Smith was assigned to the Pentagon as the Joint Doctrine Team Chief for the Concept, Doctrine, and Force Policy Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Headquarters, Department of the Army. In June 1998, he became the Chief, Nuclear Treaties Branch, Nuclear Arms Control Division, J-5, The Joint Staff, in the Pentagon. Colonel Smith's duties involved negotiations and interactions within the international arms control community, in particular the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.

Colonel Smith assumed command of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 91<sup>st</sup> Division (TS) at Travis Air Force Base, California in August 2000. This multi-component unit provided training support for Reserve Component units throughout Arizona, California, and Nevada while also providing the Department of Defense Coordinating Element for disaster relief and homeland security operations in these three states. Following brigade command, Colonel Smith served within Deputy Chief of Staff for Developments, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command. In January 2004, he assumed duty as Director, Futures Center (Forward), U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, following duty as Chief of Staff for the Army's Modularity Focus Area.

Colonel Smith's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Army Staff and Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badges.

Colonel Smith and his wife Margaret share Murfreesboro, Tennessee, as their hometown. They have two children, Daniel, age 24, and Amanda, age 19.