



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL MATTHEW T. SMITH

Colonel Matthew T. Smith is the Commander and Professor of Aerospace, Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment, at Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont. In this capacity, he leads a team of 8 active duty Airmen responsible for the recruitment, education, and professional development of over 250 Airmen cadets aspiring to become commissioned officers in the USAF.

Colonel Smith entered the Air Force in 1993 after earning his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of New Hampshire. He has served as an Air Battle Manager Weapons Officer in the CRC and AWACS, in NATO's Joint Air Power Competence Centre, commanded two Air Control Squadrons and the 505<sup>th</sup> Test and Evaluation Group, a DARPA Service Chief Fellow, Headquarters Air Staff, and HQ NATO AWACS in Geilenkirchen, Germany. Colonel Smith has participated in Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, AIR DEFENSE OF THE ARABIAN GULF, IRAQI FREEDOM, SOUTHERN WATCH, ALLIED FORCE, DENY FLIGHT, and counter drug operations. He is a Senior Air Battle Manager with 449 Combat and 246 Combat Support hours in the AWACS with 1,000+ hours employing the CRC in combat.



### EDUCATION

- 1992 Bachelor of Science in Business Management, Plymouth State College, Plymouth, NH
- 1997 USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV
- 1998 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1998 Master of Arts in Human Relations, Univ of Oklahoma, OK
- 2005 Master of Science in Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy, National Defense University, Washington D.C.
- 2008 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2011 Master of Arts in Security Studies, Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA
- 2012 DARPA Service Chiefs' Fellowship Program, Washington D.C.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 1993 – August 1993, Student, Undergraduate Controller Training, Tyndall AFB, FL
2. August 1993 – April 1996, Deputy Chief, Weapons & Tactics; Assistant Flight Commander of Training, 729th Air Control Squadron, Hill AFB, UT
3. May 1996 – June 1997, Chief, Weapons & Tactics, 621st Air Control Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
4. July 1997 – December 1997, Distinguished Graduate, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV
5. January 1998 – January 2000, Assistant Director Operations, 606th Air Control Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
6. Jan 2000 – May 2000, Distinguished Graduate, Initial AWACS Qualification Training, 552d Training Squadron, Tinker AFB, OK
7. May 2000 – June 2003, Chief of Tactics, 964th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, OK
8. June 2003 – July 2004, Chief, Wing Weapons & Tactics, 552d Operational Support Squadron, Tinker AFB, OK
9. August 2004 – June 2005, Student, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, Norfolk, VA
10. July 2005 – June 2008, Chief, AEW & Control Branch, Joint Air Power Competence Centre, (NATO) Kalkar, Germany
11. June 2008 – January 2010, Commander, 603d Air Control Squadron, Aviano AB, Italy

12. January 2010 – May 2010, Commander, 71st Expeditionary Air Control Squadron, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
13. August 2010 – June 2011, Student, US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA
14. June 2011 – July 2013, Deputy Chief, Command & Control ISR Requirements Division, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
15. July 2013 – Jun 2015, Commander, 505th Test and Evaluation Group, Nellis AFB, NV
16. July 2015 – August 2018, Division Chief/Assistant Chief of Staff & United States Senior National Representative, NAEW&C Force HQ, NATO Airbase Geilenkirchen, Germany
17. August 2018 – Present, Commander/Professor of Aerospace Studies, AFROTC Detachment 867, Norwich University, Vermont

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Senior Air Battle Manager

Hours: 1400+

Aircraft: NATO E-3A, USAF E-3B/C AWACS, E-8C JSTARS

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Army Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

### **OTHER ACHEIVEMENTS**

1997 USAF Weapons School Mission Support Award

2000 Air Force Association Air Battle Management Crew of the Year

2006 General John P. Jumper Excellence in Warfighting Integration Award, NATO level

2008 USAFE Commander's Trophy, Outstanding Direct Support to Flying Squadron

2018 Awarded NATO Meritorious Service Medal by the NATO Secretary General

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant      23 May 1992

First Lieutenant        12 October 1994

Captain                    12 October 1996

Major                        1 April 2003

Lieutenant Colonel     1 September 2007

Colonel                     1 August 2013

(Current as of October 2018)