



# BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



## COLONEL MATTHEW T SMITH

Colonel Matthew T. Smith is Commander, 505th Test and Evaluation Group, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. As commander, Colonel Smith is responsible for developing operational to tactical level tactics, techniques and procedures supporting air, space and cyber integration, conducting advanced training for air and space operations center personnel, conducting operational test for elements of the Theater Air Control System and selected intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance weapons systems. In addition his group provides responsive worldwide radar-centric planning, optimization and constant evaluation to create the most operationally effective integrated radar picture. The 505th TEG includes more than 600 personnel in four active duty squadrons, two detachments and 12 operating locations. The group is a subordinate unit of the 505th Command and Control Wing located at Hurlburt Field.



Colonel Smith entered the Air Force in 1992 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, a DARPA Service Chief Fellow, and on HQ Air Staff. 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, N.H.
- 1997 USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- 1998 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1998 Master of Arts in Human Relations, University of Oklahoma, Okla.
- 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, Penn.
- 2012 DARPA Service Chiefs' Fellowship Program, Washington D.C.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 1993 - August 1993, Student, Undergraduate Controller Training, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
2. August 1993 - April 1996, Deputy Chief, Weapons & Tactics; Asst Flt/CC Training, 729th ACS, Hill AFB, Utah
3. May 1996 - June 1997, Chief, Weapons & Tactics, 621st ACS, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
4. July 1997 - December 1997, Distinguished Graduate, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
5. January 1998 - January 2000, Assistant Director Operations, 606th ACS, Spangdahlem AB, Germany

6. Jan 2000 - May 2000, Distinguished Graduate, Initial AWACS Qualification Training, 552d TRS, Tinker AFB, Okla.
7. May 2003 - June 2003, Chief of Tactics, 964th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
7. Jun 2003 - Jul 2004, Chief, Wing Weapons & Tactics, 552d Operational Support Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
8. Aug 2004 - Jun 05, Student, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, Norfolk, Va.
9. Jul 05 - Jun 08, Chief, AEW & Control Branch, Joint Air Power Competence Centre, (NATO) Kalkar, Germany
10. Jun 08 - Jul 10, Commander, 603d Air Control Squadron, Aviano AB, Italy
11. Jan 10 - May 10, Commander, 71st Expeditionary Air Control Squadron, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
12. Aug 10 - Jun 11, Student, US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Penn.
13. Jun 11 - Jun 13, Deputy Chief, Command & Control ISR Requirements Division, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
14. Jun 13 - Present, Commander, 505th Test & Evaluation Group, Nellis AFB, Nev.

#### FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Air Battle Manager

Hours: 1300+

Aircraft: E-3B/C

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two 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/CC's Trophy, Outstanding Direct Support to Flying Squadron

#### 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 August 2013)