

U.S. ARMY SONG

*March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free.
Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory.
We're the Army and proud of our name!
We're the Army and proudly proclaim:*

*First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And the Army goes rolling along.
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army goes rolling along.*

*Then it's hi! hi! hey!
The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong;
For where'er we go,
You will always know
That the Army goes rolling along.*

RETIREMENT CEREMONY

in honor of
COLONEL
JODY MIKE SMITH



JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
FRIDAY
11 JULY
10:00 A.M.

COLONEL JODY MIKE SMITH



Colonel Jody Mike Smith is the Director of Human Resources for the Mississippi National Guard. He is the primary staff advisor to The Adjutant General, staff elements and operating officials on matters pertaining to manpower and human resources management for 2600 Army and Air Force personnel, and federal civilian employees. He is also responsible for labor/employee relations and benefits, the main advisor on matters pertaining to conduct and discipline for the Mississippi National Guard on behalf of the Adjutant General.

Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Smith was the Deputy Commander of 66th Troop Command, a Major Subordinate Command of the Mississippi National Guard. He exercised mission command of over 2500 Soldiers and was responsible for all administrative, logistical and training activities within the command. Troop Command had the primary mission of responding to any Domestic mission within the state or in support of the Southeastern region.

Colonel Smith also served as the Director of Military Support for the Mississippi National Guard, State J3. He was responsible to the Governor and the Adjutant General for all domestic responses involving National Guardsmen within the State of Mississippi. Typical missions included severe weather responses like ice storms, tornados and hurricanes, responses to civil disturbances in support of law enforcement, immediate life threatening responses and pandemics. He oversaw the development and coordination of all policies, plans, and programs of domestic response in concert with the Command and Staff of the Mississippi National Guard.

Colonel Smith began his career upon completion of the Reserve Officer's Training Corps at Mississippi State University. He has served in various command and staff positions in units at every level to include Troop, Battalion, Regiment, Brigade, and Major Subordinate Command in both a traditional and full time National Guard status.

Colonel Smith served with the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team during combat operations in Iraq from 2004-2006. He was responsible for coordinating the training and equipping of the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF), both Army and Police for the Brigade's Area of Operations "AO Biloxi". He worked directly with I and II Marine Expeditionary Forces and numerous coalition support forces in his coordination efforts to ensure a trained and equipped Iraqi Security Force.



His military awards and decorations include; the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Mississippi Emergency Response Medal, the Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Mississippi Magnolia Medal, the Mississippi Magnolia Cross, the Order of Saint George Medallion for excellence in Armor and the Combat Action Badge.

Colonel Smith received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Mississippi State University and his Master of Science in Leadership Degree from Belhaven University. He is a graduate of the United States Army Armor Officer's Basic and Advance Courses, the Scout Platoon Leader's Course, the Command and General Staff Officer's Course, the Strategic Planning and Operations Course, the Domestic Support to Civil Authorities Courses I, II and III and is a graduate of the Department of Homeland Security Basic Emergency Management Academy. He has also been awarded a certificate of completion for the Leadership in Homeland Security Program, John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Colonel Smith is married to the former Amanda McGlothin. They have four children; one daughter, Hayden and triplet sons, Danner, Mason and Paxton. They are members of First Baptist Church Brandon in Brandon, MS.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

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Recognition of Family
and Distinguished
Guests

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Benediction

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