

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.*



SCAN TO VIEW
DIGITAL PROGRAM

RETIREMENT CEREMONY

in honor of

LIEUTENANT COLONEL
DEIDRE D. SMITH



JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
WEDNESDAY
25 JUNE 2025
2:00 P.M.



LIEUTENANT COLONEL DEIDRE D. SMITH

Lt. Col. Deidre D. Smith is currently serving as the Director of Public Affairs for the Mississippi National Guard. She is the senior officer responsible for advising the Adjutant General and senior leaders on all Public Affairs matters concerning command information, public information, community relations and media engagement.

Born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Smith has served in the U.S. Army in a variety of positions throughout the United States, Europe, and various overseas locations during contingency operations. Her military fields of service include positions in Human Resources, Public Affairs, Information Operations and Equal Opportunity. She has served on two deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In the Mississippi Army National Guard, she has served as the State Director of Public Affairs, Deputy Human Resources Officer at Joint Force Headquarters; Deputy Chief of Staff - Personnel for 66th Troop Command, MSNG Director of Outreach Services at JFH; the Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center's Director of Personnel and Community Activities; and the Camp Shelby Public Affairs Officer.

Smith's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (3rd award), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3rd award), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award), Army Valorous Unit Citation, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (3rd award), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (1 Campaign Star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (M Device), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO International Security Assistance Force Medal, Mississippi Magnolia Cross, Mississippi Magnolia Medal (2nd award), Mississippi Commendation Medal, Mississippi Longevity Medal, Louisiana Recruiting Ribbon, and the Ancient Order of Saint Gabriel.

Smith holds an Associate of Science Degree in Military Science from Marion Military Institute in Marion, Alabama; a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Broadcast Journalism and Mass Communications from Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond; and a Master of Arts Degree in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma in Norman. Her military education includes the Adjutant General Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Information Operations School, Defense Information School, Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, Command and General Staff College Intermediate Level Education Course, the Command and General Staff College Advanced Operations Course, and the Support Operations Course. She was selected for the Leadership Mississippi class of 2018 and a member of the Mississippi TOP 50 in 2022.

Smith resides in Brandon with her husband Maj. James Kevin Polk, 183rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, 172nd Airlift Wing, Mississippi Air National Guard, and her daughters, Pfc. Harley Smith and Pvt. Lyndi Polk. Both daughters are newly enlisted members of the Mississippi Army National Guard and will attend basic training this summer.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Entrance of the
Official Party

National Anthem

Invocation

Recognition
of Family and
Dignitaries

Service History

Host's Remarks

Awards/Presentations

Spousal Presentation

Retirement

Honoree's Remarks

Benediction

Departure of Official
Party

Reception