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LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT “CHRIS” SMITH

Lt Col Robert “Chris” Smith is the Commander at the 36th Maintenance Squadron, Andersen Air Force Base Guam. Lt Col Smith leads 76 assigned and up to 120 deployed active duty, reserve component and contractor personnel across eleven Air Force Specialties. He is responsible for en-route, intermediate and off-equipment maintenance in support of ISR, Strike, Fighter, Mobility, and Transient aircraft. Additionally, he oversees the readiness of Pacific Air Forces’ largest Aerospace Ground Equipment War Reserve Materiel fleet as well as the planning, reception, and employment of back-shop maintenance personnel during Indo-Pacific Command exercises and operations for regional and global events.

Chris grew up in Vincennes, Indiana before entering the Air Force in 2009 through the United States Air Force Academy. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Social Science and a second lieutenant commission as a maintenance officer. After graduation, he completed his maintenance officer training in 2010 and since then has had a variety of logistical and non-logistical positions from the squadron and wing levels. His duty assignments include stops at Travis, Tinker, Creech and Maxwell AFBs. Also, during his career, he deployed to Al Dhafra Air Base, UAE and AFCENT A4 Rear, directly supporting Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, ODYSSEY DAWN, NEW DAWN, INHERENT RESOLVE and FREEDOM’S SENTINAL. Prior to his current position, he was the Director of Operations for the 4th Reconnaissance Squadron at Andersen AFB.



EDUCATION

2009 Bachelor of Science in Social Sciences, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO
2009 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
2010 Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course, Sheppard Air Force Base, TX
2010 Jet Engine Mishap Investigation Course, Sheppard Air Force Base, TX
2013 Squadron Officer School (in Residence), Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
2014 Masters of Arts in Teaching, Kaplan University
2015 Maintenance Officer Intermediate Course, Sheppard Air Force Base, TX
2020 AFCOMAC Senior Officer Orientation Course, Beale Air Force Base, CA
2021 Air Command and Staff College (in Correspondence), Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
2023 Master of Science in Military Leadership, ACSC/Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
2024 Leadership Development Course for Squadron Command, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2009 – October 2010, Assistant AMU OIC, 660th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, CA
2. October 2010 – January 2011, Support Flight Commander, 660th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, CA
3. January 2011 – May 2011, Expeditionary Assistant AMU OIC, 380th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Al Dhafra Air Base, UAE
4. May 2011 – March 2012, Global Support Flt Commander, 573rd Global Support Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, CA





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5. March 2012 – May 2012, Assistant Chief, Wing Training, 573rd Global Support Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, CA
6. May 2012 – January 2013, Maintenance Flt Commander, 571st Global Mobility Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, CA
7. January 2013 – August 2013, SQ Executive Officer, 571st Global Mobility Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, CA
8. August 2013 – April 2016, Red AMU OIC, 552nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Tinker Air Force Base, OK
9. July 2014 – February 2015, Sentry AMU OIC, 380th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Al Dhafra Air Base, UAE
10. April 2016 – February 2017, Maintenance Operations Officer, 552d Maintenance Squadron, Tinker Air Force Base, OK
11. February 2017 – September 2017, Maintenance Operations Officer, 552d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Tinker Air Force Base, OK
12. September 2017 – May 2019, Maintenance Operations Officer, 432d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Creech Air Force Base, NV
13. May 2019 – May 2021, Maintenance Operations Officer, 432d Maintenance Group, Creech Air Force Base, NV
14. January 2020 – July 2020, Deputy Chief, Logistics Readiness Cell, AFCENT A4, AFCENT Headquarters Shaw Air Force Base, SC
15. March 2021 – July 2022, Inspector General Director of Exercises, 432d Wing, Creech Air Force Base, NV
16. July 2022 – June 2023, ACSC Student, 38th Student Squadron, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
17. June 2023 – May 2024, Director of Operations/Maintenance, 4th Reconnaissance Squadron, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam
18. May 2024 – PRESENT, Commander, 36th Maintenance Squadron, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air and Space Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster
Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters
Air and Space Organizational Excellence Award
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air and Space Expeditionary Service Ribbon
Air and Space Longevity Service Award with three oak leaf clusters
Air and Space Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 27, 2009

First Lieutenant May 27, 2011

Captain May 27, 2013

Major February 01, 2019

Lieutenant Colonel May 01, 2025

(Current as of May 2025)

