



# BIOGRAPHY

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL STEPHEN E. SMITH

Lt Col Steve Smith is the commander of the 36th Contingency Response Squadron, Pacific Air Force's only specialized Air Base Opening force. He leads a multi-AFSC unit capable of establishing and operating airfields in austere environments in support of mobility and combat air forces operations. His unit provides the combatant commander dynamic force employment options by enhancing freedom of maneuver during conflicts or humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions.

Lt Col Smith graduated in 2006 from the University of Connecticut's ROTC program as a Distinguished Graduate and attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas thereafter. In addition to flying assignments in the T-1A, the MC-12W, and the C-17A, he has held numerous operational positions at the Squadron, Group, Wing, and Major Command levels, and has deployed in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and INHERENT RESOLVE. Most recently, he served as Chief of Safety for the 36th Wing, Andersen Air Force base, Guam.

Lt Col Smith is a Senior Pilot with over 3,200 flight hours in airlift, tactical intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, and trainer aircraft.



### EDUCATION

- 2006 Bachelor of Arts, University of Connecticut, Mansfield, CT.
- 2006 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 2010 Masters in Business Administration, American Military University, Charles Town, WV.
- 2014 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 2019 Masters in Military Operational Art/Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 2020 Leadership Development Course for Squadron Command, Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 2022 Air War College, Correspondence.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2006-Apr 2007, Operations Group Commander's Liaison, Laughlin AFB, TX.
2. Apr 2007-May 2008, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, TX.
3. Dec 2008-Jan 2012, T-1A Instructor Pilot, Squadron and Operations Group Executive Officer, Laughlin AFB, TX.
4. Apr 2012-Feb 2016, C-17A Evaluator Pilot, Assistant Director of Operations, Flight Commander, JB Charleston, SC.
6. Feb 2016-Jun 2018, Chief, Mobility Test Management Division, Directorate of Test and Evaluation, HQ AMC, Scott AFB, IL.
7. Jun 2018-Jun 2019, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL.
8. Aug 2019-Apr 2021, Operations Officer, 621st Contingency Response Squadron, JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ.
9. May 2021-June 2022, Chief of Safety, 36th Wing, Andersen AFB, GU.
10. June 2022-Present, Commander, 36th Contingency Response Squadron, Andersen Air Force Base, GU

### FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot  
Hours: More than 3,200  
Aircraft Flown: C-17A, MC-12W, and T-1A

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 7, 2006

First Lieutenant May 31, 2008

Captain May 31, 2010

Major July 1, 2016

Lieutenant Colonel January 1, 2021

**(Current as of Jun 22)**