

BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID O. SMITH

Commander, 184th Sustainment Command



Brigadier General David O. Smith was appointed Commander, 184th Sustainment Command on September 1, 2016. He oversees all of the 184th Sustainment Command's internal and external support missions in support of United States Forces, Multinational Forces and Interagency organizations worldwide. General Smith supervises supply, maintenance, and field service units and directs the synchronization of transportation, medical, personnel, finance, and engineer unit activities involved with mission support. He provides technical advice and planning assistance to the Theater Sustainment Command commander on all external support activities. He plans, prepares, rapidly deploys, and executes sustainment logistics within the assigned area of responsibility and ensures that effective command and control is provided for continuous, anticipatory,

and responsive sustainment.

General Smith entered military service on September 9, 1979, as a Cannon Crewman at Decatur, Mississippi. He received his commission through ROTC at the University of Mississippi in 1983, and has held command positions at Company, Battalion, and Brigade levels. He served as the Executive Officer of the Joint Military Commission, Multi-National Division-North in Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brigade Operations Officer for the 155th Brigade Combat Team in Babil, Karbala, and Najaf Provinces in Iraq, and as a Senior Military Advisor in US Embassy, Baghdad Iraq.

COMMISSIONING SOURCE:

Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES:

1985, University of Mississippi, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science/English, Oxford, Mississippi

2000, Mississippi State University, Master of Business Administration, Business Systems Management, Starkville, Mississippi

2008, United States Army War College, Master of Science Degree, Strategic Studies Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED:

2008, United States Army War College, (correspondence), Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania

2010, NATO Senior Officer Policy Course, Oberammergau, Germany
2010, Joint Task Force Commanders Course, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado
2012, Dual Status Commander's Qualification Course, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado
2014, Advanced Joint Professional Military Education II, Joint Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant, 13 May 1983
First Lieutenant, 13 May 1986
Captain, 2 June 1988
Major, 3 September 1996
Lieutenant Colonel, 6 September 2001
Colonel, 9 December 2006
Brigadier General (Line), 1 September 2016

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. May 1983 – May 1984, Fire Support Team Chief, Headquarters & Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 114th Field Artillery Regiment, Newton, Mississippi
2. May 1983 – September 1985, Fire Direction Officer, Battery B, 4th Battalion, 114th Field Artillery Regiment, Newton, Mississippi
3. September 1985 – June 1986, Executive Officer, Battery C, 4th Battalion, 114th Field Artillery Regiment, Newton, Mississippi
4. June 1986 – July 1987, Commander, Battery A, 4th Battalion, 114th Field Artillery Regiment, Newton, Mississippi
5. July 1987 – January 1990, Counter Fire Officer, Headquarters & Headquarters Battery, 631st Field Artillery Brigade, Grenada, Mississippi
6. January 1990 – December 1990, Commander, Headquarters & Headquarters Battery, 631st Field Artillery Brigade, Grenada, Mississippi
7. December 1990 – January 1991, Personnel Officer, Headquarters & Headquarters Battery, 2d Battalion, 114th Field Artillery Regiment, Camp Shelby, Mississippi
8. January 1991 – May 1991, Assistant Operations Officer, Headquarters & Headquarters Battery, 2d Battalion, 114th Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas
9. May 1991 – September 1995, Fire Support Officer, Headquarters & Headquarters Battery, 2d Battalion, 114th Field Artillery Regiment, Starkville, Mississippi
10. September 1995 – June 1996, Intelligence Officer, Headquarters & Headquarters Battery, 2d Battalion, 114th Field Artillery Regiment, Starkville, Mississippi
11. June 1996 – August 1999, Operations Officer, Headquarters & Headquarters Battery, 2d Battalion, 114th Field Artillery Regiment, Starkville, Mississippi
12. August 1999 – August 2000, Deputy Military Personnel Officer, Headquarters, State Area Command, Mississippi Army National Guard, Jackson, Mississippi
13. August 2000 – July 2001, Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment, McComb, Mississippi
14. July 2001 – August 2001, Operations Officer, 631st Field Artillery Brigade, Grenada, Mississippi

15. August 2001 – April 2002, Executive Officer, Joint Military Commission, 29th Infantry Division, Tulza, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)(joint)
16. April 2002 – March 2003, Operations Officer, 631st Field Artillery Brigade, Grenada, Mississippi
17. March 2003 – January 2004, Operations Officer, 155th Armored Brigade, Tupelo, Mississippi
18. January 2004 – July 2004, Executive Officer, 155th Armored Brigade. Tupelo, Mississippi
19. July 2004 – February 2005, Executive Officer, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Kalsu, Iraq (deployment)
20. February 2005 – January 2006, Operations Officer, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Tupelo, Mississippi
21. February 2006 – April 2008, Commander, 2d Battalion, 114th Field Artillery Regiment, Starkville, Mississippi
22. April 2008 – June 2015, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Joint Force Headquarters, Mississippi National Guard, Jackson, Mississippi
23. June 2015 – October 2015, Senior Advisor, Office of Security Cooperation, United States Embassy – Iraq (deployment)
24. October 2015 – August 2016, Chief of Staff, Joint Force Headquarters, Mississippi National Guard, Jackson, Mississippi
25. September 2016 – Present, Commander, 184th Sustainment Command, Laurel, Mississippi

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS:

1. August 2001 – April 2002, Executive Officer, Joint Military Commission, 29th Infantry Division (Multi-National Division – North), Tulza, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)(joint)
2. June 2015 – October 2015, Senior Advisor, Office of Security Cooperation, United States Embassy – Iraq

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Achievement Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with 2 Silver Oak Leaf Clusters)

National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star)

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with “M” device, Numeral “3” and Silver Hourglass)

Iraq Campaign Medal (with 2 Campaign Stars)

Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Overseas Service Ribbon

Army Service Ribbon

Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon

Non-Commissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon (with Numeral "2")
US Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon
NATO Medal
Combat Action Badge
Mississippi Magnolia Cross (with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Mississippi Magnolia Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
Mississippi Commendation Medal (with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Mississippi War Medal (with Bronze Service Star)
Mississippi Emergency Service Medal (with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Mississippi Service School Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)
Mississippi Longevity Medal (with 1 Silver and 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION:

GS-15 DA Civilian serving as Director of Joint Staff for the Mississippi National Guard, responsible for daily operations of almost 12,000 Soldiers and Airmen. Oversees the general staff of the Adjutant General in support of mission requirements. Assists the Adjutant General in generating readiness to provide highly capable units and individuals to support Federal and State requirements, domestically and abroad.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS:

Association of the United States Army
National Guard Association of United States
National Guard Association of Mississippi
US Army Field Artillery Association - Ancient Order of Saint Barbara
US Army Infantry Association - Order of Saint Maurice
American Legion - Post 106
Veterans of Foreign Wars - Post 6809
Military Officers Association of America
US Army War College Alumni Association
University of Mississippi Alumni Association
University of Mississippi ROTC Alumni Association - Board of Directors
Boy Scouts of America - Andrew Jackson Council Executive Board

(Current as of 1 November 2016)