



**Chief Warrant Officer 5 Thomas W. (Tommy) Smith** was appointed as the State Command Chief Warrant Officer on April 6, 2018. As the Command Chief Warrant Officer, he serves as the senior advisor to the Adjutant General on all matters relating to Warrant Officers. He is responsible for keeping the Adjutant General informed and making recommendations in matters of recruiting, retention, morale, welfare, schooling, promotions, and assignments of the Warrant Officer cohort. He also oversees a Warrant Officer Advisory Committee as the spokesperson to advise the Adjutant General and the chain of command on Warrant Officer management issues.

Mr. Smith began his military service in October 1986 when he enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard with the Headquarters Company, 106<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion in Monticello. He spent the next 13 years in numerous enlisted positions with the 155<sup>th</sup> Armored Brigade and the Recruiting & Retention Battalion, where he attained the rank of Sergeant First Class.

He received his appointment as a Warrant Officer in May 2000. He is a graduate of the AG Warrant Officer Basic & Advanced, Warrant Officer Staff, and the Warrant Officer Senior Service Education courses. Throughout his career, Smith served as Automation Chief in the G1 Directorate, Human Resources Technician in the 1108<sup>th</sup> TASM-G and 66<sup>th</sup> Troop Command, Warrant Officer Strength Manager and Resource Manager in the Recruiting & Retention Battalion.

Mr. Smith deployed in 2007 to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 1108<sup>th</sup> TASM-G of Gulfport.

He earned his Associate of Arts degree in December 2015 and Bachelor of Science degree from Liberty University in December 2016.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Mississippi Magnolia Warrant Officer Association and the Warrant Officer Association of the United States. He is also a lifetime member of the National Guard Association of Mississippi and the National Guard Association of the United States.

His major awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (2OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (1OLC), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (3OLC), National Defense Service Medal (1OLC), Humanitarian Service Medal ((2OLC), Armed Forces Reserve Medal W/Gold HG & M Device, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Noncommissioned Officers Prof Development Ribbon (3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Silver), Army National Guard Recruiter Badge, Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Mississippi Magnolia Medal (2OLC), Mississippi Commendation Medal, Mississippi Emergency Service Medal (4OLC), Mississippi Medal of Efficiency, Mississippi War Medal (1OLC), Mississippi Longevity Medal (6OLC), Mississippi Service School Medal, Army National Guard Recruiter Badge.