



## **Lieutenant Colonel Arlon Smith**

Commanding Officer, Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion  
Fort Meade, MD



Lieutenant Colonel Smith was commissioned in December 2001 after graduating from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in Economics. Following completion of The Basic School and the Naval Intelligence Officer Basic Course he reported to Marine Aircraft Group 26.

From August 2003 to August 2005, he served as the Intelligence Officer for Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 167, deploying in 2004 as part of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

In August 2005, he deployed as the Intelligence Officer for Marine Aircraft Group 26 as part of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

From August 2007 to May 2008, he served as the Intelligence Officer for Marine Aircraft Group 13.

From August 2008 to July 2009, he deployed as the Intelligence Advisor for the 7th Iraqi Army Division as part of a Military Transition Team in Al Anbar Province, Iraq.

From August 2009 to June 2012, he served as the Intelligence Officer for the Marine Corps Training and Advisory Group. From September 2010 to March 2011, he served as the Deputy Team Chief and Operations Officer for the Georgia Training Team leading a six-month predeployment training program for the 33rd Georgian Infantry Battalion at the Krtsanisi Training Area near Tbilisi, Georgia.

From June 2013 to March 2014, he served as the Operations Officer for the 2nd Intelligence Battalion.

From March 2014 to July 2016, he served as the Intelligence Officer for the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit. From August 2014 through January 2015, he deployed as the Intelligence Officer for Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force – Crisis Response – Africa in support of U.S. Africa Command.

From October 2015 to May 2016, he deployed as the Intelligence Officer for the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard the USS KEARSARGE Amphibious Ready Group in support of U.S. European Command, U.S. Africa Command, and U.S. Central Command.

From July 2016 to June 2019, he was detailed to the Central Intelligence Agency where he served as a Deputy Group Chief and the Senior Marine Service Representative to CIA.

In June 2019, he assumed command of the Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion.

Lieutenant Colonel Smith is a graduate of the Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course, the MAGTF Intelligence Officers Course, and the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. He holds a Master of Military Studies from Marine Corps University and a Master of Science in Business Administration from Boston University.

Lieutenant Colonel Smith and his wife Julia have two daughters and reside in Vienna, Virginia.