

BIOGRAPHY

LTC DOUGLAS KELLY SMITH

Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Kelly Smith began his military career in 1990 as an enlisted soldier in the Regular Army. He graduated from Basic Training in October 1990 and completed Advanced Individual Training in January 1991. During that same month, he deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Storm with the 24th Infantry Division. At the end of Desert Storm, LTC Smith was assigned to Ft. Stewart, Georgia and then later to Ft. Knox Kentucky. In 1993 he left the Regular Army and transferred to the Kentucky Army National Guard. He immediately enrolled at Kentucky State University where he pursued a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, became a member of the Tennis team, and joined Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. LTC Smith graduated in May of 1997. He reenlisted in the Kentucky National Guard in October of 2001 and was selected to attend Officer Candidate School. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 2003.

As a Commissioned Officer, he has served as an Assistant Communications Officer for the 63rd Theater Aviation Brigade, a rifle platoon leader for Alpha CO 1/149th Infantry Battalion during the Iraq Troop Surge of 2007, he has served as Company Commander of the 149th Signal Company, and as a Battalion Operations Officer, Support Operations Officer, and Executive Officer for the 149th Brigade Support Battalion. In addition, he has served as a Primary staff Officer of the 149th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade by serving as the Brigade S6. He has served on the General's personal and primary staff as the Deputy Command Inspector General and the Assistant Chief of Staff-Army. He was later selected for command of the 103rd Brigade Support Battalion and is now the Deputy Directory of Intelligence at Joint Force Headquarters of the Kentucky National Guard.

LTC Smith is a graduate of the Officer Basic Course, the Captain's Career Course, the Ordnance Officer Qualification Course, the Support Operations Officer Course, the Command and General Staff Officer Course, as well as the Advanced Operations Course. His awards and decorations include the Combat Action Badge, The Inspector General Badge, Bronze Star Medal for combat operations during Operation Iraqi Freedom, two Meritorious Service Medals, five Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, the Good Conduct Medal, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon, two Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal.

LTC Smith currently resides in Frankfort, KY and has a daughter, Alexandra (20).