

# Eric Smith

CAPTAIN ERIC SMITH WAS COMMISSIONED AS A SECOND LIEUTENANT OF INFANTRY IN MAY 2006 FROM THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY. FOLLOWING BASIC OFFICER LEADERSHIP COURSES AT FORT BENNING, GEORGIA, 2LT SMITH WAS ASSIGNED TO 2-502 INFANTRY, 2ND BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIR ASSAULT) AT FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HIS ARRIVAL TO FORT CAMPBELL, 2-502 IN DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 07-08 FROM OCTOBER 2007 TO NOVEMBER 2008 TO ISKANDARIYAH, IRAQ. DURING THIS TIME, LIEUTENANT SMITH PERFORMED DUTIES AS COMPANY INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT OFFICER AND PLATOON LEADER DURING COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATIONS.

IN SEPTEMBER 2009, CPT SMITH RETURNED TO FORT BENNING TO ATTEND THE MANEUVER CAPTAIN'S CAREER COURSE AND MECHANIZED LEADER'S COURSE. CPT SMITH THEN RECEIVED ORDERS FOR FORT RILEY, KANSAS, WHERE HE WAS ASSIGNED TO 1-18 INFANTRY, 2ND HEAVY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION. HE ASSUMED COMMAND OF BRAVO COMPANY, 1-18 IN IN JULY 2010, AND SUBSEQUENTLY DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NEW DAWN TO BAGHDAD, IRAQ, WHERE HIS COMPANY ASSISTED A STABILITY TRANSITION TEAM IN THE CONDUCT OF THEIR ADVISE AND ASSIST MISSION AT JOINT SECURITY STATION OLD MOD ON THE TIGRIS RIVER. FOLLOWING A SUCCESSFUL LINE COMMAND, CPT SMITH WAS SELECTED TO COMMAND HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 1-18 IN, AT CAMP TAJI, IRAQ. IN NOVEMBER 2011, CPT SMITH REDEPLOYED BACK TO FORT RILEY KANSAS, WHERE HE RELINQUISHED COMMAND IN JULY 2012.

CPT SMITH IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO UNITED STATES ARMY STUDENT DETACHMENT PREPARING FOR A FOLLOW-ON ASSIGNMENT AS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MILITARY HISTORY AT THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.

HE IS WORKING ON HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN MILITARY HISTORY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS.

CAPTAIN SMITH HAS A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH A MAJOR FRENCH AND SPANISH FROM THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY. HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE INFANTRY BASIC OFFICER LEADER'S COURSE, THE MANEUVER CAPTAIN'S CAREER COURSE, AND THE MECHANIZED LEADER'S COURSE. HIS AWARDS AND DECORATIONS INCLUDE: THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SECOND AWARD), THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL, THE ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, THE EXPERT INFANTRYMAN'S BADGE, THE PARACHUTIST BADGE, THE AIR ASSAULT BADGE, AND THE RANGER TAB.

HE IS MARRIED TO MRS. REBECCA ST. CLAIR, OF NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

