



**COLONEL  
CHARLES K. SMITH  
CLASS 1-65**

Colonel Smith was first assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery at Fort Sill, where he served as a Battery Executive Officer before leaving active duty for a career in the United States Army Reserve. He initially served as a Supply Officer and then instructor/platoon leader and training officer in the 91st Division, San Jose, California before attending Rotary Wing Officer Flight School. He later became a Fixed Wing Instructor Pilot and a UH-1 Helicopter Instructor Pilot, a Rotary-wing Instrument examiner and a CH-47 Helicopter Pilot.

His assignments as a rotary wing aviator included, Assistant Aviation Officer and instructor pilot with the 91st Division. He later served as Aviation Division Commander 91st Division, Hamilton Field, California and Chief Maintenance Division, 124th US Army Reserve Command (ARCOM), Fort Lawton, Washington.

He also served as Commander of the 124th USARCOM Aviation Division, CH-47 Project Officer, Aviation Systems Command, St. Louis, Missouri and the 124th USARCOM Deputy Chief of Staff for Information Management. He culminated his career as Investigating Officer 124th USARCOM. In his Department of the Army Civilian occupation as Aviation Support Facilities Supervisor he managed two facilities with 98 employees and was responsible for training of more than 210 aircrew members and all aircraft maintenance.

Colonel Smith's decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Legion of Merit.