



# BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



## LIEUTENANT COLONEL DEAN A. SMITH

Lieutenant Colonel Dean A. Smith is the Commander, 341st Recruiting Squadron, San Antonio, TX. He leads a squadron of nine flights and 109 people across Texas and Louisiana, covering 125,000 square miles. He partners with military, civic, community and educational organizations to develop future Airmen and Guardians to deliver airpower anytime, anywhere for America. He manages a \$1.2 million budget, 80 vehicles, and 46 recruiting offices. The squadron's mission is to inspire, engage, and recruit diverse, highly qualified applicants to ensure our Nation's continued Total Force dominance through Air, Space, and Cyberspace.

Lieutenant Colonel Smith entered the Air Force in 2004 after graduating from the US Air Force Academy. He has served in a variety of operations, intelligence, staff, and cyber assignments. Prior to his current position, he served as Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 16th Air Force at Joint Base San Antonio, TX.



### EDUCATION

2004 Bachelor of Science, Foreign Area Studies, United States Air Force Academy, CO  
2010 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, AL  
2011 United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV  
2012 Masters of Arts, Strategic Intelligence, American Military University, WV  
2013 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2004 – August 2005, Squadron Duty Officer, 4th Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, WA
2. August 2005 – December 2007, Executive Officer 17th Mission Support Group and Student, Intelligence Officer Course, Goodfellow AFB, TX
3. December 2007 – November 2009, Chief of Analysis and Chief of Standardization & Evaluations, 18th Operations Support Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
4. November 2009 – January 2011, Chief of Intelligence, 67th Fighter Squadron Kadena AB, Japan
5. January 2011 – June 2011, Student, United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV
6. June 2011 – July 2014, Flight Commander and Chief of Intelligence, 366 Operations Support Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, ID
7. July 2014 – July 2017, Director of Operations, Foreign Materiel Exploitation Squadron, National Air and Space Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
8. July 2017 – October 2020, Branch Chief, Weapons and Tactics, Intelligence Directorate, Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA
9. October 2020 – June 2021, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 16th Air Force, Joint Base San Antonio, TX
10. June 2021 – Present, Commander, 341 Recruiting Squadron, San Antonio, TX

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

National Defense Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one bronze star

Iraq Campaign Medal with one bronze star

Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal with one bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

NATO Medal

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant, June 2, 2004

First Lieutenant, June 2, 2006

Captain, June 2, 2008

Major, August 1, 2014

Lieutenant Colonel, March 1, 2019

(Current as of June 2021)