



Roderick F. Smith

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Mr. Rod Smith earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the US Naval Academy in 1974, and upon graduation he reported to the USS HORNE (CG-30) for duty as both the Damage Control Assistant and Communications Division Head. In 1978, he earned a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. He was accepted into the Engineering Duty Officer program during this tour.

He reported to the Naval Ocean Systems Center (NOSC) in 1981 and became the project manager for the C³I specification development effort, targeted for the DDGX class destroyer, until 1983 when he became the Ship and Shore Communications Division Head. He reported to Guam in 1984 and assumed the charge of the Naval Electronics Engineering Activity where he directed numerous communication systems upgrades at facilities around the Southern and Western Pacific. He left active duty in 1986 and was appointed as a reservist where he subsequently retired at the rank of Captain, having served as commanding officer of three units. He also became a senior engineer working for the Federal Electronics division of General Electronic in Valley Forge, Pa.

In 1987, Smith accepted a position at NOSC in San Diego as the Joint Tactical Information Distribution System (JTIDS) Program Deputy Project Manager. Within a short period, he assumed the responsibility for coordinating and conducting a successful development of the Tactical Data Link Systems Integration Facility. Smith directed Test and Evaluation activities including Joint Air Defense Operations/Joint Engagement Zone exercises, developmental testing of integrated Link-16, strike training exercises in Fallon, Nev., and C⁴I System Integration Testing planning and execution for the USS CARL VINSON Battle Group, an event considered to be the precursor of the Battle Group System Integration Test process.

Smith was appointed as Deputy for Business, Integration and Interoperability Division in 1993. In 1995 he was appointed as the Head of the Division and the entire tactical data links business unit for the Center. In support of the Navy International Programs Office, he also served as Technical Project Officer for Command, Control and Combat Systems and led USN-to-Foreign Navy technical data exchange agreements for multiple North Atlantic Treaty Organization and Pacific Rim countries.

In July 1997, he was appointed to the Senior Executive Service and was named Head of the Command and Control Department at Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center San Diego (SSC)

SD), a team of nearly 700 professionals located in San Diego, Hawaii, Philadelphia, Pa. and Norfolk, Va. He oversaw nearly \$500M in revenue annually to perform research and development, integration engineering, test and evaluation, and delivery of integrated Navy and Joint command and control capabilities. In October 2003, Smith was selected to be the SSC SD Executive Director, leading efforts of more than 3,500 employees working on approximately \$1.4 B of C4ISR Projects across Navy, Department of Defense, Agency and coalition organizations.

In July 2005, Smith was appointed to his current position as Deputy Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command.