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Dr. Smith is currently employed as a Telecommunications Manager at the Defense Information Systems Agency Regional Field Command Pacific (DISA PAC) where he serves as the Chief of the Hawaii Field Office (PCC) located inside the Nimitz-MacArthur Pacific Command Center at Camp H. M. Smith. In this role, he provides DISA strategic, operational and technical support to HQs United States Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM) and all assigned Service Component commands. He has served in this role since October 2018. He also serves as the Senior Leader for consolidating DoDIN support in the Australian, New Zealand, Singapore, and India land masses.

Prior to assuming this position, Dr. Smith served as the Deputy Chief of the DISA PAC Network Operations Center (DNC PAC) located at Ford Island HI. In this role, he was the Senior Officer for the \$4.6 billion DoD Information Network (DoDIN) in the Pacific region. He led 25 Battle Captains in providing long term expertise and overall management for command and control decisions directly affecting the DoDIN. He also partnered with senior representatives at DISA Headquarters, Combatant Commands, the military component commands, other government agencies, and industry on matters concerning operations and defense of the DoDIN. Prior to this, Dr. Smith was dual hatted as the Technical Service Desk Lead and ManTech Site Manager for the Global Services Management Operations contract. In this role, he supervised 60 Network Analysts and Incident Managers in the operation and defense of the DoDIN which included; PACOM, EUCOM, CENTCOM, and AFRICOM regions. He oversaw Transport (ATM, Promina and OTN's), IP (classified and unclassified), Defense Video System, and Global Satellite Tactical Missions.

Before joining DISA, Dr. Smith served more than 28 years in the United States Air Force (AF) as a Cyber Systems Manager. His assignments included: Senior Advisor to the Chief Information Officer for the AF District of Washington D.C. Chief, Pacific Theater Network Operations Center for DISA PAC at Schofield Barracks. Superintendent and Information Systems Security Officer for the Pacific Air and Space Operations Center located at Hickam AFB, HI. Team Chief and IT Program Manager for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency in Alexandria VA. Operations Manager for the Andrews AFB MD Technical Control Facility. Section Chief of Satellite Operations located at Brandywine MD and Lead Communication Plans Manager for the Air Mobility Command Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott AFB IL. He also served in several combat communications and special operations units. Dr. Smith is a combat veteran of DESERT SHEILD and DESERT STORM.

Dr. Smith is a graduate of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Workforce Education and Development with a concentration in Information Systems. He is also a graduate of George Mason University and holds a Master of Science in Telecommunications. Dr. Smith completed a double PhD in Information Systems Security and Information Systems Sciences at Nova Southeastern University at Fort Lauderdale FL. He received a Doctoral Fellowship with the Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS). He is also a Distinguished Graduate of National Defense University's Chief Information Officer Certification Program.

Dr. Smith's civilian awards include the Chief Information Officer Distinguished Leadership Award. His honors and military decorations include two Department of Defense Meritorious Service Medals, four AF Meritorious Service Medals, two AF Commendation Medals, one Joint Service Achievement Medal and three AF Achievement Medals. Dr. Smith was congressionally honored for his military service in 2014.

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