

Command Sergeant Major Jacob Smith was born in Pocatello, Idaho on 24 July 1980. He entered the Army on 7 September 1999 from his hometown of Salt Lake City, Utah. He attended Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, Georgia where he was awarded the MOS 11C, Indirect Fire Infantryman.

Command Sergeant Major Smith's Assignment history includes the following: 2nd Ranger Battalion, JBLM, Washington where he served in every position from Ammunition Bearer to Platoon Sergeant within the Mortar Platoon; an International Special Missions Unit where he served as a Tactical Assault Breacher and Assault Section Commander; 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Georgia where he served as the Regimental Mortar Program Manager; 2-3 Infantry Regiment, JBLM, Washington where he served as a Company 1st Sergeant; 1-2 Stryker Brigade, JBLM, Washington where he served as an

Operations NCO; I Corps, JBLM, Washington where he served as the G33 Operations Sergeant Major; the Sergeants Majors Course in Fort Bliss, Texas where he attended as a student; Area Support Group - Afghanistan, Bagram, Afghanistan, where he served as the Senior Enlisted Leader and Bagram Senior Enlisted Leader. He currently serves as the Command Sergeant Major of 4-31 Infantry Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York.

Command Sergeant Major Smith's combat and hostile fire tours/incidents include fourteen combat tours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Freedoms Sentinel, one combat tour in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, a real-world counter-terror contingency operation, and a real-world domestic counter-terror operation.

Command Sergeant Major Smith is a graduate of Airborne School, Ranger Assessment and Selection Program I and II, Ranger School, Infantry Mortar Leaders Course (Honor Graduate), Basic Leaders Course (Commandants List), Special Forces Jumpmaster Course, Advanced Land Navigation Course, Military Free Fall School, Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat, SERE-C, Multiple Special Operations Breaching Courses, Master Breacher Course, Advanced Leaders Course (Honor Graduate, Leadership Award Recipient, Commandants List), Pathfinder, SERE 225, Senior Leaders Course, Australian Special Operators Training Course, Australian Military Free Fall School, Military Free Fall Jumpmaster Course, Commanders/1st Sergeants Course, Digital Master Gunner Course, and the Sergeants Major Course (Commandants List). Sergeant Major Smith holds a bachelor's degree in Leadership and Workforce Development. He is currently working on his masters degree in Organizational Leadership from the University of Massachusetts

Command Sergeant Major Smith's military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal 2nd Award, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal 3rd Award, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Combat Device, Army Commendation Medal 3rd Award, Army Achievement Medal 4th Award, Presidential Unit Commendation, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Valorous Unit Award 2nd award, Australian Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal 7th Award, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal 5th Award, Iraq Campaign Medal 2nd Award, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 5, Overseas Service Ribbon with Numeral 5, NATO Medal, Australian Service Medal with International Campaign Against Terror Device, Australian Active Service Medal with Counter Terrorism/Special Recovery Device, Australian Afghanistan Service Medal, Romanian Emblem of Merit for Partnered Defense

2nd Class, Ranger Tab, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Parachutists Badge, Master Parachutists Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Military Free Fall Parachutists Badge, Military Free Fall Master Parachutists Badge, and Australian Commando Parachutist Badge. He was awarded the Non-Commissioned Officers Association Vanguard Award in 2022 for exceptional heroism at severe risk of his own life in a non-combat environment

Command Sergeant Major Smith is married to Ms. Lauren Dempsey of Sydney, Australia, and has two children, Cole (16 years old) and Bianca (14 years old) of Seattle, Washington.