

# Gerald L. Smith, Colonel, USMC (Ret.)

## Vitae

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### EDUCATION

<b>Master of Science, Strategic Studies</b> <i>National War College, Washington, D.C.</i>	<b>June 2005</b>
<b>Master of Science, Military Studies</b> <i>U.S. Marine Corps Command &amp; Staff College, Quantico, VA</i> Awards/Honors include: Honor Graduate	<b>June 1997</b>
<b>Master of Arts, International Relations</b> <i>Troy State University, Rota, Spain</i>	<b>July 1988</b>
<b>Bachelor of Arts, Political Science</b> <i>Texas A&amp;M University, College Station</i> Awards/Honors include: Distinguished Military Graduate	<b>December 1982</b>

### MILITARY EDUCATION

The Basic School (Honor Graduate), Quantico, VA	1983
Field Artillery Officer Basic Course (Honor Graduate), Ft Sill, OK	1983
Amphibious Warfare School, (Non-Resident)	1988
Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course (Honor Graduate), Ft Sill, OK	1989

### PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Higher Education Veteran Affairs and Support; Student Affairs; Leadership Development and Mentoring Programs; Ethics and Ethical Leadership; Curriculum Development; Political and Military Affairs; International Relations; Strategic Studies; Military History; Terrorism; Soviet/Russian Civil-Military Relations; Afghanistan; Artillery; Joint Fire Support

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<b>Director, Texas A&amp;M University Veteran Resource &amp; Support Center</b>	<b>2012-Present</b>
<b>Professor of Naval Science, Naval ROTC Unit, Texas A&amp;M</b> <i>School of Military Science, Texas A&amp;M University, College Station</i>	<b>2008-2012</b>
<b>Leadership and Ethics Course Curriculum Coordinator</b> <i>Naval Education &amp; Training Command, Pensacola, FL</i>	<b>2009-2012</b>
<b>Seminar Instructor, U.S. Marine Corps Command &amp; Staff College</b> <i>Non-Resident Program, Okinawa, Japan</i>	<b>2007-2008</b>

<b>Warfighting Instructor, U.S. Marine Corps Command &amp; Staff College</b> <i>Resident Program, Quantico, VA</i>	<b>2003-2004</b>
<b>Assistant Professor of Naval Science, Naval ROTC Unit, Houston Consortium</b> <i>Rice University, Houston, TX</i> <i>Prairie View A&amp;M University, Prairie View, TX</i>	<b>1993-1996</b>
<b>Amphibious Warfare Course Curriculum Coordinator</b> <i>Naval Education &amp; Training Command, Pensacola, FL</i>	<b>1994-1996</b>
<b>U.S. Marine Corps Leadership Course Developer</b> <i>Naval Education &amp; Training Command, Pensacola, FL</i>	<b>1995-1996</b>
<b>Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI)</b> Open Water SCUBA Instructor (1991) Master SCUBA Diver Trainer (1992) Medic First Aid Instructor (1994) Master Instructor (1995)	<b>1991-2012</b>
<b>Anti-Terrorism Instructor</b> <i>Marine Corps Security Forces, Rota, Spain</i>	<b>1987-1989</b>

## PROFESSIONAL WORKS

### **Naval ROTC Capstone Course: "Leadership and Ethics"**

- Authored the complete revision of the three credit hour course curriculum guide for all Naval ROTC units across the country during the 2011-2012 Academic year.

### **"Texas A&M: The Military College of Texas."**

- Co-Author of an article published in the *Leatherneck Magazine*, October 2010 that highlights the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets, university traditions and the Naval ROTC unit.

### **"Why Do We Have 20th Century FSCM for a 21st Century Force?"**

- Author of an article published in the *Field Artillery Magazine*, May-June 2005 advocating new Fire Support procedures and tools.

### **"AFATDS: Successes and Challenges in the Marine Corps."**

- Author of an article published in the *Field Artillery Magazine*, July-August 2000 addressing the progress of a new automated Fire Support system during the field testing process.

## PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EXPERIENCE

1983-1984:	Student at Professional Military Schools
1984-1986:	Forward Observer, Platoon Commander, Fire Direction Officer, Battery Executive Officer, Twentynine Palms, CA

1986-1989: Guard Officer and Executive Officer, Marine Corps Security Force Company, Rota, Spain  
1989: Student at Professional Military School  
1989-1990: Battalion Operations Officer, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines, Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan  
1990: Battery Commander, Battery M, 4<sup>th</sup> Bn, 12<sup>th</sup> Marines, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division, Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan  
1991-1992: Battalion Logistics Officer, Hq Btry, 4<sup>th</sup> Bn, 12<sup>th</sup> Marines, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division, Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan  
1992-1993: HQ Battery Commander, 12<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment, Okinawa, Japan  
1993-1996: Marine Officer Instructor (NROTC), Houston, Texas  
1996-1997: Student, U.S. Marine Corps Command & Staff College, Quantico, VA  
1997-2000: Current Fires Officer, G-3, I MEF, Camp Pendleton, CA  
2000-2001: Operations Officer and Executive Officer, 11<sup>th</sup> Marines, 1st Marine Division Camp Pendleton, CA  
2001: Executive Officer, 11<sup>th</sup> Marines, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA  
2001-2003: Commanding Officer Artillery Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Bn, 11<sup>th</sup> Marines, Camp Pendleton, CA  
2003-2004: Warfighting Instructor, U.S. Marine Corps Command & Staff College, Quantico, VA  
2004-2005: Student, National War College, Washington, D.C.  
2005-2007: Commanding Officer, 12<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment, Okinawa, Japan  
2006-2007: Commanding Officer, Regional Security Advisor Corps, Kabul, Afghanistan  
2007-2008: Deputy Division Commander/Chief of Staff, 3D Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan  
2008-Present: Professor of Naval Science/Commanding Officer, Naval ROTC Unit, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX  
Leadership and Ethics Instructor

## **ACADEMIC AWARDS**

Spring 2011 Texas A&M University Excellence in Teaching Award

## **MILITARY AWARDS**

Legion of Merit (2 Awards)  
Bronze Star (with "V")  
Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars (4 Awards)  
Navy Commendation Medal  
Combat Action Ribbon