



# Biography

Department of the Army



**Thomas P. Smith, P.E.**  
Chief, Operations and Regulatory /  
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Mr. Thomas P. Smith currently serves as the Chief of Operations and Regulatory for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Corps Headquarters in Washington, D.C. providing national oversight of the development, resourcing, and delivery of Operations and Maintenance programs for the Civil Works infrastructure portfolio such as navigation, hydroelectric power, public recreation, environmental restoration, asset management, cybersecurity and sustainability. Mr. Smith also has executive oversight of the Army's regulatory role over navigable waters of the United States and the Clean Water Act. Additionally, he provides executive integration for activities and programs within the Corps' Great Lakes and Ohio River Division and North Atlantic Division. From July 2021 through January 2022 Mr. Smith performed a detail as the SES Director of Programs for the Southwestern Division, US Army Corps of Engineers, Dallas TX. In this role Mr. Smith had executive leadership responsibility for direction, staff management, and program management of the Division's Civil Works, Military Missions, and Interagency Support Programs. He was selected into the Senior Executive Service in July 2013 with an initial assignment to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Prior to his assignment to the Army of Corps of Engineers, Mr. Smith served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Plans within DHS with additional responsibilities as the DHS Coordinator for the Campaign to Secure the Southern Border and Maritime Approaches to the United States. From May 2015 through October 2016, Mr. Smith performed duties as the Assistant Secretary for Strategy, Plans, Analysis and Risk with oversight of the Department's strategy, analysis, planning, and integration Processes. Mr. Smith has extensive executive, managerial, and leadership experience in the delivery and operation of large, complex water resource solutions. He coordinated nationally significant response events such as Hurricane Sandy in 2012, Mississippi and Missouri River flooding in 2011, and international contingency operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, Thailand, Pakistan, and Australia. As Commander of the Army Corps of Engineers Memphis District, he guided delivery of engineer programs projects, and services for flood risk management, navigation, environmental stewardship, and emergency operations for a six state region along the lower Mississippi River.

Mr. Smith served as the Chief of the Army Initiatives Group for the Army's senior operations officer at the Pentagon during the peak of the Army's war efforts in Iraq. He is a combat veteran and commanded the lead Army combat engineer battalion in the attack to Baghdad in 2003.

#### **CAREER CHRONOLOGY:**

- Position 1 July 2017 – Present: Chief Operations and Regulatory, US Army Corps of Engineers. (SES)
- July 2021 – January 2022: SES Program Director (Temporary Detail), US Army Corps of Engineers Southwestern Division, Dallas TX
- April 2014 – July 2017: Deputy Assistant Secretary and Acting Assistant Secretary for Strategy, Plans, Analysis and Risk (SES), Department of Homeland Security, Washington DC
- July 2013 – April 2014: Director, Plans Division and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Plans (SES), Department of Homeland Security, Washington DC
- July 2010 – June 2014: Chief, Operations, Plans, and Training (Colonel, G3), Army Corps of Engineers, Washington DC
- June 2007 – June 2010: District Engineer and Commander (Colonel), US Army Corps of Engineers, Memphis TN
- June 2004 – June 2006: Chief, Army Strategic Initiatives Group (Colonel), HQ US Army, Washington DC

#### **COLLEGE:**

- Master of Science in National Security Strategy, National War College, Washington DC 1997
- Master of Science, Civil Engineering, University of Missouri-Rolla, Rolla, Missouri 1994
- Bachelor of Science, Engineer Mechanics and Applied Math, United States Military Academy, West Point NY 1984

#### **SIGNIFICANT TRAINING:**

- Harvard University National Preparedness Leadership Initiative, 2014
- Data and Analytics for Army Executive Leaders

#### **CERTIFICATIONS:**

- Registered Professional Engineer, Commonwealth of Virginia
- Project Management Professional, Project Management Institute

#### **AWARDS AND HONORS:**

- Distinguished Service Medal
- Legion of Merit (3)
- Bronze Star Medal with Valor Device
- Presidential Unit Citation while Commander, 11th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division
- Silver DeFleury Medal

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS:**

- Society of American Military Engineers
- Project Management Institute
- Association of the US Army
- Army Engineer Association