



BRIGADIER GENERAL SHANNON D. SMITH

Brig. Gen. Shannon D. Smith is the Commander of the Idaho Air National Guard and Assistant Adjutant General - Air at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho. As the Commander and Assistant Adjutant General, he ensures the continued readiness of more than 1,200 Airmen, supporting both the State and Federal mission. The organization's primary missions are close air support and forward air control to combat troops from all services in support of combat operations abroad, agile combat mission support, defensive cyber effects ensuring dominance in and through cyberspace, and providing high fidelity electronic simulations of ground-based air defense threat systems for cutting edge combat training. The organization is also responsible for providing ready Airmen to respond to stateside emergencies when called upon.

The General entered the Air Force in May 1992 through ROTC from Montana State University. He then served 10 years on active duty before transitioning to the Air National Guard. General Smith is a graduate of the USAF Weapons School later returning as an instructor. He has served over 24 years as an Air National Guardsman. The General has over 12 years of command experience including squadron, group and wing level. Prior to his current position, the General was the Chief of Staff, Idaho Air National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters, Boise, Idaho.



General Smith has multiple combat deployments in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. The General has held national positions as Air National Guard A-10 Weapon System Council Chair, and Fighter Weapon System Council Chair, and National Guard Association of the United States, Combat Air Forces Task Force Chair providing subject matter expertise on fighter force structure, modernization, and recapitalization. Additionally, General Smith serves as the Vice Chair of the Director of the Air National Guard's Advisory Council Executive Board. Furthermore, General Smith is a commissioner on the Boise Airport Commission.

EDUCATION

- 1992 Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, Montana State University, Bozeman, Mont.
- 1998 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1998 USAF Fighter Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- 2005 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2009 Aircraft Mishap Investigation Course, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
- 2010 USAF Safety/Accident Investigation Board President Course, Portland Air National Guard Base, Ore.
- 2012 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2013 Reserve Component National Security Course, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2016 ANG Commander Development Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
- 2018 Executive Master of Business Administration, Boise State University, Boise, Idaho
- 2019 Joint Task Force Commander Training Course, USNORTHCOM, Peterson AFB, Colo.
- 2020 Dual-Status Commander Qualification Program, USNORTHCOM, Peterson AFB, Colo.
- 2021 Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification, Project Management Institute





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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

2023 General and Flag Officer Homeland Security Executive Seminar, Harvard Kennedy School-Executive Education, Mass.
2023 USAF Senior Leader Orientation Course (SLOC), Joint Base Andrews, Md.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1993 – May 1994, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, 80th Flying Training Wing, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
2. May 1994 – March 1997, A-10 Fighter Pilot, 75th Fighter Squadron, Pope AFB, N.C.
(May 1994 – July 1994, Student, Intro to Fighter Fundamentals, 80th Flying Training Wing, Sheppard AFB, Texas)
(September 1994 – March 1995, A-10 Qualification Training, 357th Fighter Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.)
(September 1995 – December 1995, A-10 Fighter Pilot, Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait)
3. March 1997 – April 1998, A-10 Instructor Pilot, Chief of Squadron Plans, 355th Fighter Squadron, Eielson AFB, Alaska
4. April 1998 – November 2000, A-10 Instructor Pilot, Chief of Squadron Weapons & Tactics, and Flight Commander, 355th Fighter Squadron, Eielson AFB, Alaska
(July 1998 – December 1998, Weapons Instructor Upgrade, 98BIV, USAF Fighter Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.)
(April 1999 – July 1999, A-10 Weapons Officer, Al Jaber AB, Kuwait)
5. November 2000 – April 2002, Flight Commander, A-10 Weapons Instructor, USAFWS, Nellis AFB, Nev.
6. April 2002 – February 2009, A-10 Chief of Training, Weapons Officer, 190th Fighter Squadron, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho
(December 2002 – May 2003, Air Expeditionary Group Weapons Officer, 438th Air Expeditionary Group, Al Jaber AB, Kuwait)
(April 2007 – July 2007, Expeditionary Group Weapons Officer, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group, Al-Asad AB, Iraq)
(April 2008 – July 2008, Expeditionary Group Weapons Officer, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group, Bagram AB, Afghanistan)
7. February 2009 – February 2011, Chief of Safety, 124th Fighter Wing, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho
8. February 2011 – February 2012, Director of Operations, 190th Fighter Squadron, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho
9. February 2012 – February 2014, Commander, 190th Fighter Squadron, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho
(May 2013 – October 2013, Deputy Commander, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group, Bagram AB, Afghanistan)
10. February 2014 – July 2014, Deputy Commander, 124th Operations Group, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho
11. July 2014 – June 2015, Commander, 124th Maintenance Group, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho
12. June 2015 – May 2019, Commander, 124th Operations Group, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho
13. May 2019 – November 2021, Commander, 124th Fighter Wing, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho
(May 2019 – November 2021, Installation Commander, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho)
14. November 2021 – June 2022, Director of Operations, Idaho Air National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho
15. June 2022 – July 2022, Chief of Staff, Idaho Air National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho
16. July 2022 – May 2024, Commander, 113th Wing, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
(August 2023 – May 2024, Performing the Duties of Deputy Commanding General – Air, District of Columbia National Guard, Washington D.C.)
17. June 2024, Chief of Staff, Idaho Air National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho
18. June 2024 – Present, Commander, Idaho Air National Guard and Assistant Adjutant General - Air, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,600 (500 combat)

Aircraft flown: C-40C, F-16C, A-10C, A-10A+, A-10A, T-38, and T-37

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters





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Air Medal with eight oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V" device and three oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1992 Distinguished Graduate, Reserve Officer Training Corps
1995 Distinguished Graduate, A-10 Qualification Training
1996 U.S. Army Airborne Course Graduate
1998 Academic, Flying, and Outstanding Graduate Awards, USAF Fighter Weapons School
2000 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Member, National Guard Association of the United States
Member, Air and Space Force Association

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant October 28, 1992
First Lieutenant October 28, 1994
Captain October 28, 1996
Major August 4, 2002
Lieutenant Colonel October 22, 2008
Colonel August 21, 2014
Brigadier General May 31, 2022

(Current as of March 2026)

