

COMMANDER EUGENE SMITH, JR.
MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS, UNITED STATES NAVY

Commander Eugene Smith, Jr. is a native of Fort Pierce, FL. He graduated from Lincoln Park Academy High School in 2000, and furthered his education to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Management in May 2004, Master of Healthcare Administration in December 2006, Master of Military Operational Art and Science in April 2021, and Doctorate of Healthcare Administration in August 2022.



Smith enlisted in the United States Navy as a First Class Petty Officer through Health Services Collegiate Scholarship Program, where he was meritoriously promoted to Chief Petty Officer before being commissioned in December 2006. Upon completion of Officer Indoctrination School, he reported to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA, where he served as Division Officer of the Plans Operations and Medical Intelligence, Patient Administration, Emergency Preparedness, Operations Management, and Security Departments. In 2009, he deployed as an Individual Augmentee in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, where he served as the mentor for the Afghanistan National Army's Director for Administration and heads of the Patient Administration, Logistics, Facilities, and Information Management Departments. In 2010, Smith reported to the USS George Washington (CVN 73) where he served as the Medical Administration Officer and Assistant Medical Department Head, completing two eight-month deployments. In 2013, he reported to Naval Hospital Jacksonville where he served as Head of Operations Management and Assistant Head of Facilities Management departments. In 2016, he reported to Bureau of Medicine and Surgery where he served as Deputy Director of Primary Care and Mental Health, and Branch Head of the Medical Home Port Program Management Office. In 2019, he reported to U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay, Cuba where he served as Interim Executive Officer, Director for Administration, and Director for Platform Support. In 2020, he reported to U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella, Italy where he served as Director for Administration, Director for Platform Support, and Director for Expeditionary Medicine. In 2022, he reported to Office of Secretary Defense where he currently serves as the Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

Smith is a board certified Fellow and District 6 Regent of the American College of Healthcare Executives, Certified Six Sigma Green Belt, JPME Phase 1 qualified, and is authorized to wear the Surface Warfare Medical Department Officer warfare device.

In addition to numerous unit and service awards, Smith's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (5), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3), Army Achievement Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, ACHE Regent's Junior Healthcare Executive of the Year Award, and the 2021 Navy Senior Healthcare Administrator of the Year Award.