



# Biography

## Department of the Army



**Thomas P. Smith, P.E.**  
**Director of Engineering and Construction;**  
**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**  
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Mr. Thomas P. Smith serves as the Director of Engineering and Construction for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Washington, D.C. providing technical engineering and construction oversight for all Military and Civil Works Programs with total budget influence over \$67B. Mr. Smith is the National Dam and Levee Safety Officer prioritizing a \$26B program to ensure public safety and flood management control across the United States. Mr. Smith serves as Functional Advisor for the Construction, Engineering, and Infrastructure Career Field (CEI-CF), supporting Army objectives for sustaining technical competency-based training and development of the civilian workforce. Mr. Smith also manages DoD-wide technical engineering activities during the planning, design, and construction phase; and provides technical direction for the worldwide military, civil works, environmental, support-to-others, federal agencies and foreign governments, and other construction missions assigned to USACE.

Prior to assuming these duties Mr. Smith had national oversight of the development, resourcing, and delivery of Operations and Maintenance programs for the Civil Works infrastructure portfolio including navigation, hydroelectric power, public recreation, environmental restoration, asset management, cybersecurity, and sustainability. Mr. Smith also had executive oversight of the Army's regulatory role over navigable waters of the United States and the Clean Water Act. In 2021, Mr. Smith performed a detail as the SES Director of Programs for the Southwestern Division, US Army Corps of Engineers, Dallas TX.

Mr. Smith was selected into the Senior Executive Service in July 2013 with assignment to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Plans. 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 infrastructure and complex water resource solutions. As the USACE G3, Mr. Smith coordinated nationally significant response events in both in CONUS and overseas. As Commander of the US Army Corps of Engineers Memphis District, he guided delivery of 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:**

- October 2024 – Present. Director of Engineering and Construction (SES), US Army Corps of Engineers (SES), Washington DC.
- July 2017 – September 2024. Chief Operations and Regulatory (SES), US Army Corps of Engineers, Washington DC.
- 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.
- May 2002 – June 2004: Commander and Senior Engineer (Lt Colonel), 11th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, GA, and Southwest Asia.
- June 2001 – May 2002: Engineer Brigade Executive Officer (Lt Colonel), 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, GA.
- June 1999 – June 2001: Senior Engineer Trainer (Lt Colonel), Combat Maneuver Training Center, Hohenfels, Germany.
- June 1994 – June 1997: Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering, United States Military Academy, West Point NY
- June 1984 – May 1994. Variety of command, staff assignments and schooling throughout the world.

**COLLEGE:**

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

**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:**

- Meritorious Presidential Rank Award
- 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