

 **United States Navy**
Biography →

CAPTAIN COURTNEY B. SMITH
COMMANDING OFFICER, NAVAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING
SECURITY ASSISTANCE FIELD ACTIVITY (NETSAFA)

Captain Courtney B. Smith is a native of Houston, Texas and a 1988 graduate of the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Arts in Government and was commissioned through the NROTC program.

Her career as a naval flight officer includes operational assignments with Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron Three-Four (VAQ 34), Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Six (VQ 6), Air Anti-Submarine Squadrons 32 (VS 32) and VS-24, and executive and commanding officer of VAQ 142 with two combat deployments to Al Asad, Iraq. She was also the air operations officer for Carrier Strike Group 5/commander, Task Force 70 forward based in Yokosuka, Japan.



Her assignments at shore and staff billets include Naval Aviation Schools Command, Training Squadron Ten (VT 10), the US Air Force Academy, and United States Strategic Command (Joint Forces Component Command Integrated Missile Defense). Her previous tour was as the executive assistant for commander Naval Education and Training Command.

Her awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Air Medal (9 Strike/Flight), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Air Force Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards) and various unit and theater awards. She has accumulated over 3,200 total flight hours in ten different aircraft and over 500 arrested landings.

She earned a Master of Arts degree from American Military University in 2010.

Captain Smith became the 13th Commanding Officer of NETSAFA on 19 May 2016.