

Major Thomas Langston Reeves “Brim” Smith, USA (Retired), Ph. D. Major Smith was a career sailor and soldier. Enlisting in the U. S. Navy in 1976, he was an aviation structural mechanic. After one enlistment, he returned to college and earned a Regular Army commission in the Transportation Corps. Among his many assignments were tours of duty in Antarctica, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia. He was company commander of the Transportation Company of the Multinational Force and Observers, Sinai, Egypt. His last assignment was with the military intelligence brigade at Fort Lewis, Washington, retiring from the Army in 1998. His awards include five Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, Multinational Force and Observers Medal, the Southwest Asia Campaign Medal, and the Antarctic Service Medal.

After his military career, he worked for the Washington State Department of Transportation in several positions. He supervised the travel analysis section and edited the Annual Traffic Report. His next position was developing WSDOT’s mapping-grade Global Position System training program. His last 15 years with WSDOT was as an economist and editor of *The Hybrid Vehicle and Alternative Fuel Report*.

Currently, Brim can be found giving guided tours at the State Capitol or at the Lewis Army Museum at Joint Base Lewis McChord. Most recently, he wrote the Museum’s Docent Training Guide.

In 1999, he graduated from Syracuse University’s Master of Social Science program, an interdisciplinary degree in history, political science, and international relations. He received his Ph. D. from Gonzaga University in Leadership Studies. His dissertation was on celebrity politics. Dr. Smith has taught history, business communications, and managerial economics as an adjunct professor. He has written extensively on the life and work of the Anglo-American writer P. G. Wodehouse and is Past President of The Wodehouse Society, a literary society with international membership. He authored articles on Kurt Vonnegut, P. G. Wodehouse, and *Slaughterhouse-Five* for the *Encyclopedia of Prisoners of War and Internment*. He sings tenor with Masterworks Choral Ensemble and has sung several solos. He has been on stage in two Olympia Musical Theatre productions, *The Fantasticks!* and *She Loves Me*.

