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COL Joseph Smith was assigned as the Director, Army Foreign Liaison on August 15, 2010.

COL Smith was born in London, England and raised in Zaragoza, Spain. He graduated from Dillard University in New Orleans, LA where he was commissioned as a 2LT in the Military Intelligence Corps. He has served in a variety of command and staff positions in the continental United States and overseas. His previous assignments include Battalion S2 (2-30th Inf) and Brigade Assistant S2 (1st Bde/ 3rd ID); Military Intelligence Advisor in El Salvador, Battalion S3 and Company Commander at Fort Meade, MD (743rd and 742nd MI Bns); Brigade S2 (1st Bde/ 4th ID); Congressional Contact Affairs Officer for Department of the Army G3 (Force Development); Brigade S3 at Fort Meade, MD (704th MI Bde); USMILGRP Intelligence Officer (Bogota, Colombia); Deputy Team Chief (Iraq), JICCENT, J2, Deputy Executive Officer to Commander, USCENTCOM, and Deputy Director of Operations, JICCENT, J2 at USCENTCOM HQs, at MacDill AFB, FL; Executive Officer to the Deputy G2 of the Army; Director of Operations at the DoD Biometrics Task Force, and most recently as Chief, Task Force Biometrics in Afghanistan.

He is a graduate of the Military Intelligence Officers Basic and Advanced Courses, and Command and General Staff College.

COL Smith received a bachelor's degree in Biology/Pre-Med and Foreign Languages at Dillard University and a master's degree in International Relations (Western European Studies) from Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

COL Smith's decorations include the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Joint Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster. He is also authorized to wear the Airborne and Air Assault Badges and the Army Staff Identification Badge.