

## **LtGen Eric M. Smith**

Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command / Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration (MCCDC/CD&I).

Lieutenant General Smith is from Plano, Texas and entered the Marine Corps in 1987 through the NROTC program at Texas A&M University. He has commanded Marines at the battalion, regiment, division, and Marine Expeditionary Force levels. Lieutenant General Smith participated in Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Assured Response, Iraqi Freedom, and Enduring Freedom. Between deployments, he has held key billets ranging from Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 Operations Officer to the Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense.

More recently, Lieutenant General Smith commanded Marine Corps Forces Southern Command, 1st Marine Division, and III MEF before assuming command of MCCDC/CD&I on 13 June 2019.

