

**D.I. Smith**  
**Colonel, U.S. Army-Ret**

Colonel D.I. Smith, USA-Ret., served in the United States Army for thirty years in a variety of leadership and staff positions. During his tenure in the U.S. Army, his duties included personnel and administrative management, training and operations, financial management, resource management, and research and development. He has over 6 years command experience in Field Artillery and Aviation including combat in Vietnam and the Republic of Panama. During his career in the Army, he received numerous awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Air Medal. He has also earned Master Aviator Wings, Senior Parachutist badge, and the coveted black and gold RANGER tab.

After completing his service to our country he has served as Chief Operations Officer of a new start up wireless technology company; and is currently serving the residents of Dinsmor subdivision, Ridgeland, MS, as the On-Site Property Manager.

He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, The Army War College, and has a B.S. degree in Business from the University of Southern Mississippi and an MBA from Troy State University.

He is a member of Military Officers Association of America, Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, Army Aviation Association of America, Association of the U.S. Army, the Army War College Alumni Association, the American Legion, the Jackson Metro Cyclists, the Jackson Triathlon Club, and the Mississippi Track Club. He has also done extensive research, writing and speaking about programs affecting the military.

D. I. and his wife, Linda, are members of Highland Colony Baptist Church, Ridgeland, MS; where DI also serves as a Deacon.

He and Linda are originally from Sidon, MS, and currently reside in Ridgeland; and they have two daughters and six grandchildren.