

**CDR Michael W. Smith Jr.**  
**PMS 377 Deputy Acquisition Program Manager, LHA(R)**  
**LHA 6 Post Delivery Manager**

Commander Michael Willet Smith Jr. of Eden, North Carolina enlisted in the U.S. Navy in March 1990 as an Electronics Technician. In October 1992, he reported to the USS FRANK CABLE (AS-40). Shortly after reporting onboard, Petty Officer 3rd Class Smith was selected for the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) program in San Diego, CA. Upon the successful completion of BOOST Program, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Southern A&M University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and received a reserve commission in May 1998.



After attending the Surface Warfare Officer's School (SWOS) in Newport, RI, he was assigned to USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55) as the Strike Warfare Officer, where he launched Tomahawk Cruise Missiles in Operations Allied Force and Noble Anvil during the Kosovo Campaign. In the fall of 2000, LCDR Smith exercised the Engineering Duty Officer (EDO) Option, joined the EDO community, and graduated with distinction from Naval Postgraduate School Master of Science degree in Applied Physics with an emphasis in Weapons.

LCDR Smith's first Engineering Duty Officer assignment was with the Supervisor of Shipbuilding Gulf Coast (SSGC) in New Orleans, Louisiana on his qualification tour as the Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC) Project Officer and Program Manager's Representative (PMR) for PMS 377 (Amphibious Warfare Program), where he delivered the first two Service Life Extension Program (SLEP) LCACs ahead of schedule and under budget. In June of 2004, LCDR Smith transferred to the LPD 17 Program, where he served as the LPD 17 Class Test Officer, responsible for all testing leading to the delivery of each vessel, specifically the successful delivery of LPD 17, the first ship of the San Antonio Class.

In 2005, LCDR Smith volunteered to be assigned as the Assistant Officer-In-Charge for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Maintenance Center (MARMC) Detachment in Bahrain where he was responsible for all hull cleanings and dockings in the Fifth Fleet. This was followed by a tour at PHNSY & IMF in Pearl Harbor, HI, where he augmented to Active Duty and served as Shipyard Docking Officer for the docking of the USS MISSOURI "Mighty Mo". In 2010, LCDR Smith transferred to NAVSEA in the Washington Navy Yard, DC, where he served as the Post Delivery Test & Trials Officer for PEO LCS, helping LCS 1 successfully complete a first of Class Final Contract Trial. In 2012, CDR Smith served as the LPD 17 Class PMR and was responsible for the deliveries of LPD 23-25. The USS Arlington (LPD-25) was the first surface combatant in the last 30 years and the first LPD to be delivered to the Navy with zero Starred Cards for Major Deficiencies noted by the Board of Inspection and Survey. Since April 2015, CDR Smith has been serving as the Post Deliver Manager for PMS 377 and is responsible for the successful execution of a \$56M Post Shakedown Availability for one of the Nation's newest national assets, the USS America (LHA-6).

CDR Smith's decorations include the Navy Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (six awards), Navy Achievement Medal (two awards), and the Navy Marksman Pistol Medal.