

DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE SA MILITARY HEALTH SERVICE, MAJ GEN L. J. SMITH

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Before being appointed as the Deputy Surgeon General of the SA Military Health Service, Major General L.J. Smith was the General Officer Commanding of the Tertiary Military Health Formation where he was responsible for the Military Hospitals, Animal Health Services, Aviation and Maritime Medicine, as well as the Military Psychological Institute that deals with organisational development and form the research nodal point of the South African Military Health Service.



Major General Smith started his career in the Department of Defence as a Medical Officer at 1 Military Hospital in Thaba Tshwane. Some of his other postings include:

- OC Medical Services Sector 70 Namibia (Eastern Caprivi)
- OC Medical Services Sector 20 Namibia (Kavango)
- Staff Officer Medical Services Southern Transvaal/ Witwatersrand Medical Command Johannesburg.
- OC 3 Military Hospital
- OC 2 Military Hospital
- General Officer Commanding Free State Medical Command
- General Officer Commanding Tertiary Military Health Formation

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Academic Qualifications:

MBChB – University of Pretoria
Diploma in Health Administration – University of the Free State
Diploma in Community Health – University of the Free State
Certificate in Public Management Senior Managers – University of Pretoria
Certificate in Loss Control Management
Certificate International Health Resource Management Programme – USA Defence
Certificate Senior Leadership Equal Opportunity Seminar – Defence
Equal Opportunity Management Institute USA

Military Courses:

Officer Formative Training
Junior Command & Staff Course
Senior Command and Staff Course (South African Navy)
Joint Staff Course (SA Defence College)

DECORATIONS, COMMENDATIONS AND MEDALS

Southern Cross Medal, Military Merit Medal, Good Service Medal Bronze and Silver, Unitas Medal, Tshumelo Ikatelaho medal and the Order of St John (Officers Class).