

In-processing Commander Ends Two-year Tour



Time has wound down for Lt. Col. Craig Smith, officer-in-charge, Mobilizing Unit In-processing Center (MUIC), as he finishes up two years as a mobilized Soldier on post. Next week Smith will demobilize and return to his home unit, and on May 16 he will be deactivated from active-duty status.

Since being mobilized to Fort Dix in May 2004, Smith has served with the Transportation Office demobilizing freight; worked in the Directorate of Operations office; and for the past year served at the MUIC.

“Observing the amount of troops that were processed through the MUIC during mobilization and demobilization and working with the Chenega contractors are things that stick out in my mind from my time spent here. The Chenega people are excellent here,” said Smith.

Smith has served the Army for more than 26 years – six on active duty, the rest as a Reserve Soldier. His assignments have included two years at the Panama Canal, recruiter service in Pittsburgh, Pa., 1185th Transportation Terminal Brigade in Lancaster, Pa., three years with 358th Civil Affairs Brigade, and five years with the 656th Area Support Group.

During his time in the Reserve, Smith has been mobilized twice; once during Desert Storm and now during the Global War on Terrorism.

“If I had to pick highlights in my career I would have to list my time as brigade S1 with the 656th, the time I served as a vessel officer during Desert Storm, and my time as brigade S4 with the 358th,” said Smith.

“I am very happy with how my career went. I developed as a person and I am very happy with the Army,” he added.

“Retiring from the Army is a strong possibility. I have three kids and three dogs; I will concentrate on taking care of them,” Smith replied when asked what his future plans were.

“Of course, I will return to my civilian job; working in supply management at Wyeth Pharmaceuticals in Collegeville, Pa.,” he concluded.

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