



**Brigadier General George R. Smawley
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Brigadier General (BG) George R. Smawley was commissioned into the U.S. Army in 1988 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps. He deferred entry to active duty to attend the Beasley School of Law, Temple University, and entered the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps in 1992.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Policy Management Studies and English from Dickinson College, and completed visiting undergraduate and law school semester programs in London, Tel Aviv, and Vienna. He also holds a Masters in Military Law (LL.M) from the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's School and a Masters in Strategic Studies (MSS) from the U.S. Army War College.

BG Smawley most recently served as the Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Cyber Command, Fort Meade, MD. His previous assignments include: Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Pacific, Fort Shafter, HI; Staff Judge Advocate / NATO LEGAD for U.S. Forces-Afghanistan and Operation Freedom's Sentinel/ NATO Resolute Support Mission (Kabul, Afghanistan); Executive Officer to The Judge Advocate General of the Army; Staff Judge Advocate, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI, including as Staff Judge Advocate for U.S. Division-North (Tikrit, Iraq) and U.S. Division-Center (Baghdad, Iraq); Assistant Executive Officer to The Judge Advocate General of the Army; Staff Judge Advocate, 10th Mountain Division (Rear) and Fort Drum, NY; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 10th Mountain Division including Combined Joint Task Force – 76 (Bagram, Afghanistan); Plans Officer, Office of The Judge Advocate General; Legal Advisor, U.S. Army Special Operations Command and 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC; Chief, Claims and Senior Trial Counsel, Fort Benning, GA; Chief, Claims, Trial Counsel, and Operational/ Administrative Law Attorney, 6th Infantry Division, Fort Wainwright, AK.

BG Smawley's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Achievement Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2 stars), and the Iraq Campaign Medal (2 stars). He is entitled to wear the Ranger tab, the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

BG Smawley has published on a variety of topics, including leadership, military history, senior leader ethics, and military justice. He has been recognized as one of the American Bar Association's Outstanding Career Judge Advocates.

BG Smawley's wife, Donna, is a nurse practitioner and retired Army Nurse Corps Officer. They have been married for 26 years and have a 16-year old daughter.